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Subject: Portishead Branch Line - MetroWest Phase 1 - Points of Clarification to the Applicant
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Dear Lily,

I write to you in response to your email of 17 August 2021 that attached the Applicant's email of the same day seeking points of clarification to the Secretary of State's letter dated 13 August 2021.

In respect to item 3 in the letter, the Secretary of State notes that it is unlikely that fully updated plans can be provided by 27 August but that these can be provided by 20 September. The Secretary of State is satisfied to receive all updated plans, which should include consequential changes, by 20 September, although would welcome them sooner if that is possible. The Secretary of State would invite consideration by the Applicant on whether the changes reflected in the updated plans would necessitate amendments to the draft DCO; and if so, would request an amended version of the draft Order

In respect to an updated Book of Reference (BoR), the Examining Authority has raised the issue of anomalies in the BoR to the Secretary of State.

In order to clarify the nature of the anomalies being referred to, a non-exhaustive list is provided in a table below, by reference to the latest Compulsory Acquisition (CA) schedule provided as Annex 5 in the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's 26 July letter and the BoR.

CA Schedule

AG-32- Alvis Brothers Ltd listed as having an interest in 12 plots – the BoR has them listed as having an interest in 35 plots

AG-34- Freightliner listed as having an interest in 3 plots – the BoR has them listed as having an interest in 4 plots (and this is what was discussed at the CA hearings)

AG-68 – Colin Crossman listed as having an interest in 13 plots – the BoR has him listed as having an interest in 17 plots

AG-89 – Bimcorp listed as having an interest in 4 plots – the BoR has them listed as having an interest in 6 plots

PP-12 – Bristol Port Company listed as having an interest in 45 plots – the BoR has them listed as having an interest in 57 plots

BoR

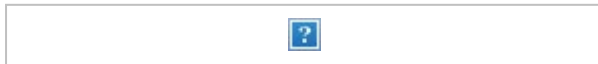
Plot 05/95 has the BPC listed as having a Cat 2 interest, but the Applicant [Appendix 7, REP7-042] indicates that the BPC has no interests in these plots.

In response to the ExA's Rule 17 request [REP7-048] National Grid at Para 2.5 states the 'further 50 plots along the line where NGET is listed as either having a Cat 1 or Cat 2 interest do not represent actual subsisting land interests or assets owned by NGET'.

The Secretary of State recognises that in a working document the size of the BoR irregularities may be found until fully finalised. However, it is essential that the entries in the final version of the BoR are up to date and accurate. Therefore, the Secretary of State is satisfied for a full and final update to be provided by 20 September.

Finally, please could the Applicant's email dated 17 August, including this response, be published on the Portishead Branch Line project page on the Planning Inspectorates website.

Kind regards
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