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Hello,

Please find my responses to your email dated 21st Sept.

We are not opposed to the opening of the railway line however an alternative to old diesel trains must be used.

The climate impacts and studies that you have conducted are out of date and don't take into account a) the governments ban on new petrol and diesel cars in 2030, b) North Somerset's aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 and c) the impact of Covid and the increase in home working. This will have a major impact on passenger numbers. It needs to be reassessed in light of the latest developments.

The use of diesel trains is in breach of the Paris Agreement 2015 and will lead to a net increase of overall carbon emissions. By 2030 it will be better for the environment to drive an electric car into Bristol than use a high polluting diesel train.

North Somerset declared a climate emergency in 2019 and the operation of diesel trains is in breach of your aims to become carbon neutral by 2030.

Diesel trains will be parked right next to a primary school with the associated health and air quality impacts this will have on children's health.

Regards,

Mr. L. Bonham.



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