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To: Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

**Application by North Somerset District Council (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent to construct a new railway on the trackbed of the former branch line from Bristol to Portishead including associated works (“the Proposed Development”)**

### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Secretary of State would like to invite comments to the Applicant’s response to the Secretary of States letter of 9 November 2021. A copy of this can be found at the following link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/portishead-branch-line-metrowest-phase-1/?ipcsection=docs>

**The deadline for any response is 1 December 2021**

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to [Metrowest1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:Metrowest1@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Given the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, the Planning Inspectorate is currently unable to accept hard copies of consultation responses.

Your response will be published on the project page for the Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1 on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-west/portishead-branch-line-metrowest-phase-1/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1 and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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