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To: Interested Parties

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 INTERESTED PARTIES

The Secretary of State notes the Applicant’s [letter dated 12 August 2022](#) and the updated funding statement ([4.2 Funding Statement \(version 2\)](#)) in relation to the Proposed Development and invites any comments that Interested Parties might wish to make.

The deadline for any response is 16 September 2022

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to 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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