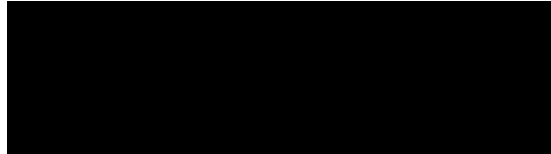


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Dear Sir

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")

1. As you will be aware from previous correspondence, we act for First Corporate Shipping Limited, trading as The Bristol Port Company ("BPC"). This letter is BPC's response to the Secretary of State's request, made on 2 September 2022, for any comments from interested parties on the Applicant's letter dated 12 August 2022.
2. The Applicant's letter enclosed a revised form of draft Development Consent Order, incorporating changes requested by the Applicant to the Secretary of State's modified form of Development Consent Order as published with the SoS's letter of 19 April 2022. The Applicant's requested changes included the correction of various typographical errors in the text of Part 5 of Schedule 16 (Protection for First Corporate Shipping Limited).
3. We agree with the changes to Part 5 of Schedule 16 requested by the Applicant in its 12 August letter, but note that there are two further minor typographical errors in the Part that should also be corrected.
 - 3.1 In paragraph 43, in the definition of the expression "BPC's property", the sub-paragraphs should be "(a)" and "(b)" (not "(e)" and "(f)" as currently appears).
 - 3.2 In paragraph 55(3)(a), the opening words "in respect of all or any of Work No. 1C on BPC's Property....." should instead appear as "in respect of all or any of Work No. 1C on BPC's property....." [our emphasis of the lower case initial letter added], in order to be consistent with the defined expression "BPC's property" in paragraph 43.

Yours faithfully



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