

Section 48 Planning Act 2008
Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure)
Regulations 2009

PORTISHEAD BRANCH LINE (METROWEST PHASE 1) ORDER
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER

Notice is hereby given that North Somerset District Council (**the Applicant**), of Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1UJ, proposes to apply to the Secretary of State under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 for the above-mentioned Development Consent Order (**the Application**).

The Application relates to the re-opening for passenger services of the railway branch line between Portishead and Pill, North Somerset, and to works to improve the existing railway line between Pill and Ashton Junction, Bristol (**the Project**). The Project is part of the MetroWest Phase 1 programme to enhance the West of England's local rail network. The Applicant is the promoter of the Project on behalf of itself and Bristol City Council, Bath & North East Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council.

The proposed Development Consent Order will, amongst other things, authorise:

1. Construction of a 5.4km railway line from Portishead to Pill;
2. A new railway station at Portishead, including a car park, pedestrian and cycle access, and associated highways works;
3. A pedestrian bridge over the Portishead branch line near Trinity Anglican Methodist Primary School, Portishead;
4. A permanent compound and rail access point at Sheepway, on the northern side of the Portishead branch line and western side of Sheepway;
5. A temporary compound and haul road south of the Portishead branch line and north of the Portbury Hundred highway;
6. Works to the existing bridleway forming part of National Cycle Network Route 26 between Portishead and Pill;
7. Temporary compounds and haul roads north of the Portishead branch line on the north side of and beneath the M5 Motorway;
8. A temporary compound and haul road between the Portishead branch line and Lodway Close, Pill;
9. Re-opening the railway station at Pill, including a car park, pedestrian and cycle access, and associated highways works;
10. Works to the existing Portbury Freight Line between Royal Portbury Dock and Ashton Junction, Bristol, including repairs and/or modifications to bridges, tunnels, culverts and retaining walls, as well as replacement of track, sleepers and ballast;
11. A permanent compound at Chapel Pill Lane, Ham Green, Pill;
12. A new compound and permanent railway access at Clanage Road, Bower Ashton;
13. A new pedestrian ramp next to the existing railway in the vicinity of the existing Ashton Vale Road level crossing;
14. Closure of the footpath crossing over the existing railway at Barons Close in Bristol;
15. The permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition of land and/or rights for the Project;
16. Powers for temporary and permanent traffic regulation orders on highways and streets;
17. Overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land for the Project;
18. Extinguishment of accommodation crossings;
19. The application and/or disapplication of legislation relevant to the Project including legislation relating to compulsory purchase;

20. Such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, permits or consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment (**EIA**) development, and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application.

The Applicant is consulting on its proposals for the Project. The consultation will take place from Monday 23 October 2017 to Monday 4 December 2017. The following consultation documents will be available for inspection free of charge from 23 October 2017 to 4 December 2017 at the locations and during the hours set out below:

1. **MetroWest Stage 2 Consultation Leaflet** outlining the proposals for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.
2. **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**, including a Non-Technical Summary of PEIR's assessment of MetroWest Phase 1's potential environmental impacts.
3. **Land Plan** showing the land required for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
4. **Works Plan** illustrating the proposed works for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
5. **Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Plan** showing the temporary TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
6. **Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Plan** showing the permanent TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
7. **Public Rights of Way (PROWs) Diversions Plan** showing the PROWs to be diverted or stopped-up as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
8. **Visualisations** illustrating what the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals will look like at Portishead Station, Pill Station and Ashton Vale once the Portishead branch line has been re-opened.
9. **A Non-Technical Summary of the draft Development Consent Order** for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Castlewood North Somerset Council Office, Tickenham Road, Clevedon BS21 6FW	08-30 to 17-00	08-30 to 17-00	08-30 to 17-00	08-30 to 17-00	08-30 to 17-00	Closed	Closed

Long Ashton Library, Lovelinch Gardens, Long Ashton BS41 9AH	Closed	*09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00 (*10-00 on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month)	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	Closed	09-30 to 13-00	Closed
Pill Library, Crockerne House, Underbanks, Pill BS20 0AT	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	Closed	Closed	09-30 to 12-30; 13-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 13-00	Closed
Portishead Library, Horatio House, 24 Harbour Road, Portishead BS20 7AL	Closed	*09-30 to 17-00 (*10-00 on the 2 nd Tuesday of the month)	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 17-00	09-30 to 13-00	10-30 to 14-30
Weston-super-Mare Library, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 20-00	08-30 to 19-00	Closed
Bedminster Library, 4 St Peter's Court, Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4AQ	10-00 to 19-00	Closed	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	Closed
Bristol Central Library, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TL	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 19-00	Closed	10-00 to 19-00	10-00 to 17-00	10-00 to 17-00	13-00 to 17-00
Marksbury Road Library, Marksbury Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	11-00 to 17-00	Closed

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Citizen Service Point , Bristol City Council, 100 Temple Street, BS1 6AG	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	09-00 to 17-00	Closed	Closed

The PEIR and other consultation documents will be available online from 23 October 2017 at www.travelwest.info/metrowest. Paper copies of the consultation documents can be obtained by contacting the Applicant by email at metrowest@westofengland.org, by telephone on 0117 922 4513, or by writing to James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER. A reasonable copying charge may apply, up to a maximum of £500 for the full suite of documents and £5 for an electronic copy on USB flash drive.

During the consultation period, members of the Project team will be available to answer queries at public information events being held by the Applicant at the following locations and times:

Location	Event	Date / Time
Somerset Hall , The Precinct, High Street, Portishead BS20 6AH	Public Information Day	Friday 10 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Engine Shed , Station Approach, Temple Meads, Bristol BS1 6QH	Public Information Day	Wednesday 15 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Trinity Anglican Methodist Primary School , Marjoram Way, Portishead, Bristol BS20 7JF	Public Information Day	Tuesday 21 November between 1.30pm – 7.30pm
Ashton Gate Stadium , Ashton Road, Bristol BS3 2EJ	Public Information Day	Wednesday 22 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Long Ashton Community Centre , Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol, BS41 9DP	Public Information Day	Thursday 23 November between 3.30pm – 7.30pm
Pill Community Centre , Church Place, Pill, Bristol, BS20 0AE	Public Information Day	Friday 24 November between 12.30pm – 7.30pm
Citizen Service Point , Bristol City Council, 100 Temple St, Bristol BS1 6HT	Unmanned Public Information Exhibition	Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December between 9.00am – 5.00pm

If you have any responses to this consultation, or any other representations you would like make or discuss in respect of the Project, you can submit your views in a number of ways:

- by completing the online feedback form at www.travelwest.info/metrowest;

- by email to metrowest@westofengland.org;
- by completing the paper feedback form available at the locations and public information events during the consultation period as listed in the tables above; or
- by post addressed to James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER.

Any responses to or other representations in respect of the Project MUST (i) be received by the Applicant **on or before 4 December 2017**; (ii) be made in writing; (iii) state the grounds of the response or representation; (iv) indicate who is making the response or representation; and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the response or representation may be sent.

Responses and other representations will be made public; comments will not be attributed to individuals and no personal details will be made public.

James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager, 19 October 2017.