



MetroWest+

Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

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Applicant: North Somerset District Council

8.6 – Letter from Colin Medus, North Somerset Council re: Offsite planting on the A369 Portbury Hundred dated 12 September 2019

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Dear James

**The Proposed Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) Order
Offsite planting on the A369 Portbury Hundred**

You have provided to me plans prepared by the MetroWest Phase 1 project team indicating proposed planting within the boundary of the highway of the Portbury Hundred.

I understand this proposed planting (which is shown on plans 467470.BQ.04.20-610 to 613 enclosed with this letter) is required to provide an alternative bat commuting corridor in addition to that currently provided by the disused railway.

I can confirm that all of the proposed planting shown on the plans referred to above is within the public highway and the sum of tree planting totals 0.52 hectares. The following tree species would not be acceptable; willow and poplar. The types of tree species we would accept are field maple, hawthorn and hornbeam. A tree planting list can be agreed at the detailed design stage.

I can also confirm that North Somerset Council as local highway authority is content to, at the relevant time, grant licence to the MetroWest project and its contractors to provide the proposed planting in accordance with the plans referred to above, subject to agreement at the detailed design stage on the planting list.

I understand this letter may be provided to the Planning Inspectorate and the Examining Authority appointed to consider the draft Development Consent Order for the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals and am content for the letter to be provided as evidence of the local Highway Authority's agreement in principle to the proposed planting.

Details for the access required to highway land for the proposed planting can be agreed in due course.

Yours sincerely



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