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Dear resident

Portishead Branch Line - Lodway Farm construction compound information

I write to provide an update for the Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) project ("the Project"). As you may be aware North Somerset District Council ("NSDC") are promoting a scheme to re-open the railway line between Portishead and Pill which will enable the operation of a passenger service to run into Bristol.

To obtain consent to construct and operate the new section of railway, NSDC submitted a Development Consent Order ("DCO") application to the Planning Inspectorate on 15th November 2019 which was accepted by them on the 12th December. A decision on whether the project can go ahead is expected in approximately 18 months from the date of acceptance. The application is current progressing towards the examination in public stage which should start in the spring.

In the meantime, it has been brought to my team's attention that a number of residents have raised concerns regarding the proposals for a construction compound at Lodway Farm, which forms part of the project's DCO application. We have therefore prepared a FAQ which we hope you find useful and help address concerns that have been raised with us. Please find the FAQ enclosed with this letter, as well as a location plan for the compound.

We understand that residents may have further concerns with the proposals that we would be happy to answer directly. This can be done by email to metrowest@westofengland.org, telephone on 01934 426414, or by post using the address above. Further information can also be found in the DCO application online at www.travelwest.info/metrowest or by viewing the printed version at the Pill Resource Centre.

Please note that some residents directly affected by the proposals may have recently been contacted by the Planning Inspectorate regarding Section 56, a part of the DCO application process. Our correspondence is unrelated to this as it is a separate process run by the Planning Inspectorate and contact should continue directly with them if necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosed:

1. FAQ
2. Location Plan