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## Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1)

TR040011

Applicant: North Somerset Council

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Dear Mr O'Hanlon

**Applicant: North Somerset District Council**  
**Development Consent Order application for Portishead Branch Line – MetroWest Phase 1**  
**Application Reference: TR040011**

**Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's letter of 30 November 2021 requesting updated information**

I write in response to your letter letters of 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, in connection with our response of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 to your request for further information set out in your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

The Applicant encloses its response to a Submission by Mr B Cash and Others, received By Secretary of State on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021.

The Applicant notes the consultation of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 is on one precise matter. The consultation letter states:

*Please could the **Applicant** provide an assessment of the impact of the scheme against the third, fourth and fifth carbon budgets, or explain why it does not think this is appropriate.*

The Submission by Mr B Cash and Others does not, at any point in seven pages, address this question.

The Submission instead seeks to make further submissions on issues outside of the consultation of the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and to reopen issues addressed at the Examination into the Order.

Despite this, the Applicant has fully reviewed, at considerable expense, the Submission, to provide a response. Whilst it finds nothing of substance in the Submission that could not have been dealt with during the Examination, the Applicant has sought to respond to each of the points raised, in order to assist the Secretary of State in reaching his determination.

As the Applicant for the Order, the Applicant should be the person entitled to make the final round of submissions on the Order. Given that nothing has been raised in the Submission that could not have

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fully been dealt with at the Examination, and largely repeats previous submissions, the Applicant would not expect there to be any further round of submissions by B Cash and PG Virden on the Applicant's responses to the Submission.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and enclosures.

Yours sincerely



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