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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

I write in response to the 'minded to' letter of 19th April 2022 from your colleague Natasha Kopala.

I am now able to confirm that the Applicant, together with its delivery partners, have secured additional funding for the delivery of the scheme. Please find attached an updated Funding Statement (Funding Statement version 2 - clean and tracked versions), which sets out in detail the revised estimated cost of the scheme and details confirming that the funding needed for delivery, has been secured. The updated Funding Statement also addresses all the points set out in paragraph 7 of your letter of 19th April 2022.

The letter of 19th April 2022 also contained some intended DfT changes to the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO). While the majority of these changes do not present any issues for the Applicant and its delivery partners, our position is that some of the changes require modification to enable the scheme to be successfully delivered. Our comments on the changes relate to Articles 9, 21, 27, Requirements 14 and 30, and Schedules 6 part 2, 16 and 17. Please find attached a note summarising our comments along with our rationale for why some modifications to the changes are needed. Also attached is a tracked version of the dDCO (with our suggested changes to the DfT's modified version 11), a clean Master version of the dDCO, the accompanying validation documents and a comparison version showing changes from SOS DCO -v- Master DCO.

Our expectation is that the DCO decision can now be made no later than 14th November 2022. From a scheme delivery perspective, a DCO decision sooner than 14th November 2022 would be helpful.

I'd be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "James Willcock".

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Enc Funding Statement (version 2) – clean
Funding Statement (version 2) – tracked
Note of Applicants comments on changes to the DfT's modified version 11
Tracked version of the dDCO (our suggested changes to the DfT's modified version 11)
Clean version of the dDCO (Master version)
Validation Report
Email confirming validation
Comparison showing changes from SOS DCO -v- Master DCO