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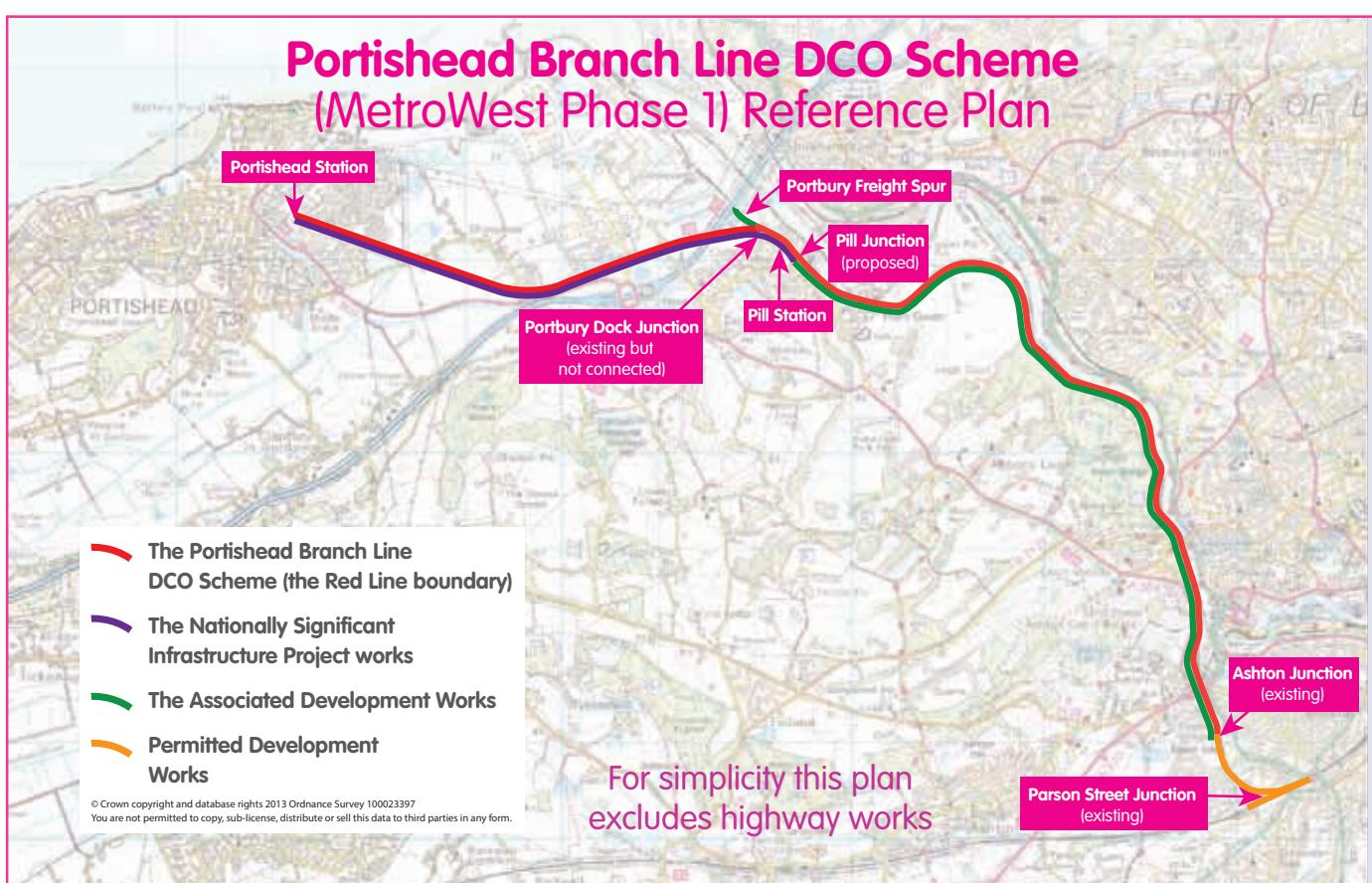
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# Stage 2 Consultation on re-opening the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

23 October to 4 December 2017

## This Public Consultation

North Somerset District Council (NSDC) are consulting the local community, land/property owners, statutory bodies, government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders on our plans to re-open the Portishead branch line and re-introduce passenger train services, as part of MetroWest Phase 1. Re-opening the Portishead branch line requires development consent from the Secretary of State for Transport through a Development Consent Order (DCO). The geographic extent of the DCO application is shown in the plan below, and we are formally consulting on this part of the MetroWest Phase 1 project, through this consultation. Details of our proposals are set out in the pink pages from page 11 to 23 inclusive – these pink pages explain our proposals for the DCO scheme on which we are seeking your views. The wider MetroWest Phase 1 proposals also entail increasing the frequency of trains for the Severn Beach Line and the Bath Spa to Bristol line, however this does not require any development consent. This consultation is about our proposal to apply for a DCO to re-open the Portishead branch line. Details of how to respond to this consultation are set out on page 27.



Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) – Indicative Red Line Boundary

## Re-opening the Portishead Branch Line

The purpose of this consultation is to consult on our proposals to seek consent for re-opening the Portishead branch line for scheduled passenger train services. The branch line was closed to passengers in 1964 under the Beeching cuts. Since then the population of Portishead has more than quadrupled. Our proposals for the branch line entail re-opening 5 km of disused railway (from Portishead to Pill) and minor works to 9 km of existing operational railway (Portbury Freight Line from Pill to Parson Street). Two new stations are proposed; Portishead and Pill. The train service will also serve Parson Street, Bedminster and Bristol Temple Meads stations. The re-opened branch line will be owned and maintained by Network Rail as part of the national rail network. The train service will be operated by the local train operator, currently Great Western Railway.

## The Development Consent Order Process

Re-opening the Portishead branch line is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it entails railway works of over 2km, outside Network Rail's existing operational railway network. All NSIPs are required by the 2008 Planning Act to use the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for powers to build and operate the scheme. The DCO process is overseen by the Planning Inspectorate. Independent planning inspectors are appointed for the examination in public, who then report their recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The DCO process requires the applicant to meet various requirements on engagement and consultation, to identify all the land needed to build and operate the scheme and to produce a Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The applicant must consider responses it receives during the pre-application consultation process. When the DCO application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, it takes up to 18 months to complete the remaining stages culminating in a decision by the Secretary of State. During this time the applicant will continue to negotiate with land owners on the acquisition of land needed, both the permanent land and temporary land for construction. If agreement cannot be reached with land owners, the DCO if made is likely to provide powers for compulsory acquisition of land.

## Development Consent Order Timescales

Summer 2015	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Autumn 2018	Autumn 2019	Winter 2019/20	Spring 2020
<b>Stage 1</b> Consultation	<b>Stage 2</b> Consultation (this consultation)	Submit DCO Application	Examination	Decision by Secretary of State	Discharge planning conditions, legal and contractual processes and mobilisation of construction contractor	Start construction of principal works*

\* We aim to undertake some enabling works such as setting up some of the temporary construction compounds, in Autumn 2019 subject to securing the land, any planning consent and funding approval.



### The MetroWest Programme

The four West of England councils (North Somerset District Council, Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, and South Gloucestershire Council) are working together on proposals to upgrade the local rail network fit for a city region with a population of over 1.1 million. Railways are complex systems and have to be designed with the safety of passengers, industry personnel and the public as the first priority. The complexity means the delivery of rail schemes can take longer than many highway and other transport schemes the councils typically deliver.

The aim of the MetroWest programme is to introduce fast and frequent metro rail services across the local area, by making better use of existing railway lines and re-opening viable disused lines.

MetroWest Phase 1 will provide the foundation on which further enhancements can be developed over the medium term.

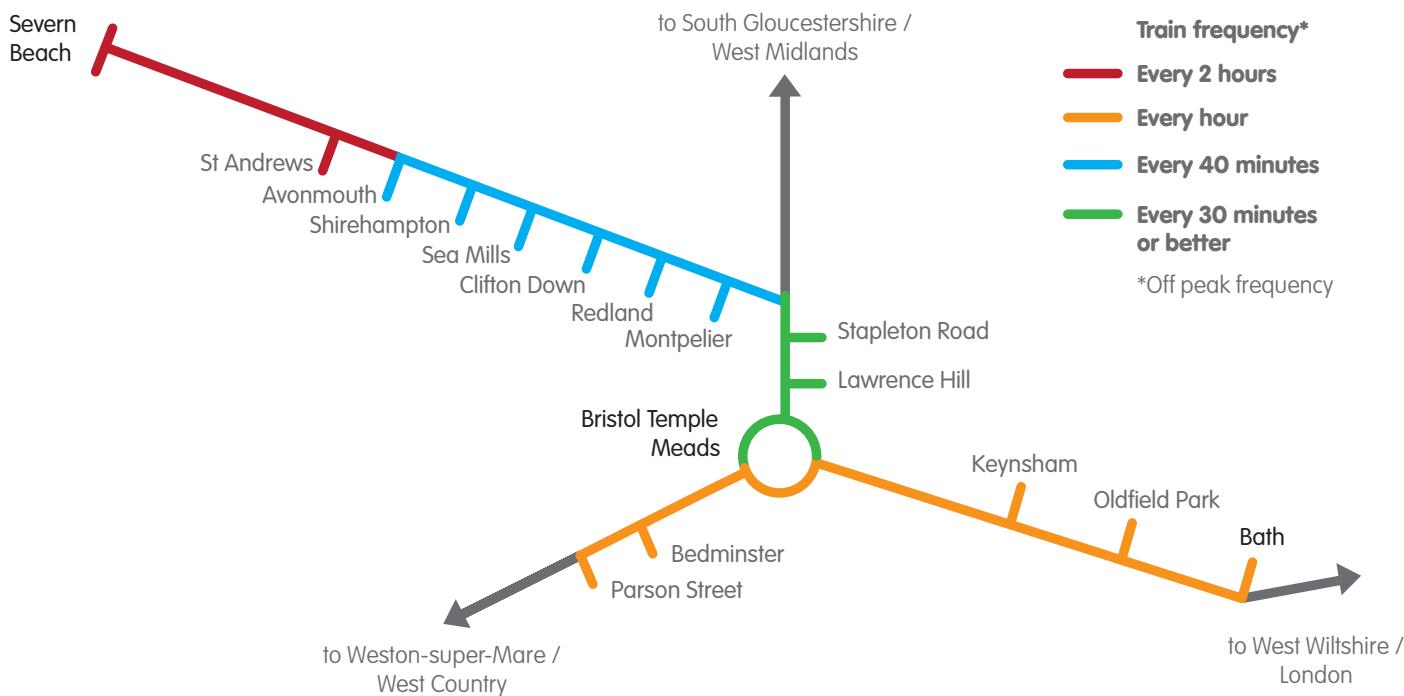
#### MetroWest Phase 1 includes:

- Re-opening the Portishead branch line including stations at Portishead and Pill, with an hourly train service\* to Bristol Temple Meads, stopping at Parson Street and Bedminster stations.
- Upgrading the Severn Beach line with a half hourly train service for all stations to Avonmouth (hourly for St Andrews Road and Severn Beach stations).
- Upgrading the Bath Spa to Bristol line with a half hourly train service for Keynsham and Oldfield Park stations.

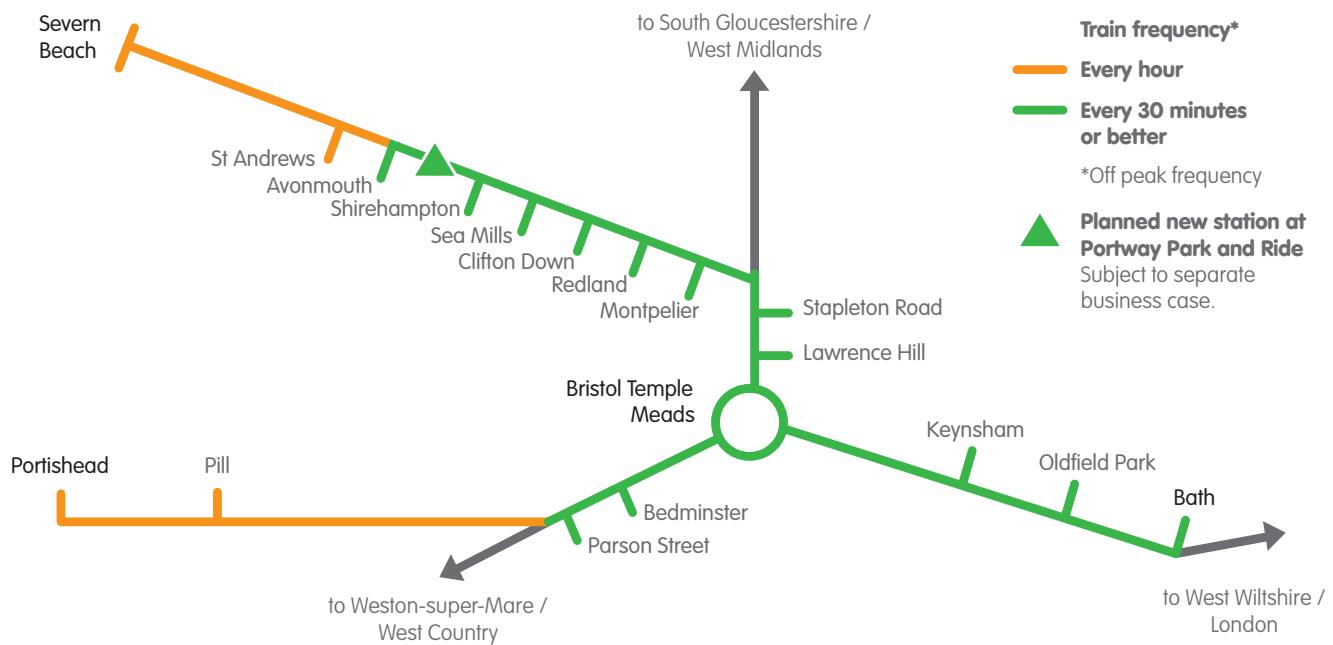
\* An hourly service operating approximately 18 trains in each direction per day (Mon-Sat, less on Sundays) or an hourly service plus with additional trains in the AM and PM peak period entailing approximately 20 trains in each direction per day (Mon-Sat, less on Sundays).

A separate scheme, MetroWest Phase 2 entails upgrading the Henbury freight line for scheduled passenger train services with new stations at Henbury, North Filton and Ashley Down, along with upgrading the train service from Yate to Bristol Temple Meads to a half hourly service.

### Existing MetroWest Phase 1 Network (Not currently MetroWest branded)



## Proposed MetroWest Phase 1 Network



### Scheme Objectives

#### MetroWest Phase 1 principal business objectives are:

- To support economic growth
- To deliver a more resilient transport offer
- To improve accessibility to the rail network
- To make a positive contribution to social well-being

#### MetroWest Phase 1 supporting objectives are:

- To contribute to reducing traffic congestion
- To contribute to enhancing the capacity of the local rail network
- To contribute to reducing the overall environmental impact of the transport network

### Scheme Benefits

The pressures on our transport network are considerable as travel demand continues to increase year on year. With our road and rail network becoming increasingly congested and overcrowded, we need to invest across all modes of transport, and particularly in the modes that can help us to sustain economic growth and reduce environmental impacts.

MetroWest Phase 1 will reduce journey times which will not erode over time. MetroWest Phase 1 will also increase the number of people living within 30 minutes' travel time of key employment areas such as the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone and the sub-region's Enterprise Areas. This will generate a series of wider economic benefits, such as helping to increase business confidence and assisting in job creation, including:

- Gross Value Added (GVA) of £264m in the first ten years of the railway opening;
- 514 net new permanent jobs;
- Providing £3 of quantified benefits for every £1 invested to deliver the scheme.

After an initial period of revenue support in the early years after opening, the scheme is forecast to generate a revenue surplus every year from year 6 onwards. MetroWest Phase 1 will also enhance the accessibility of the rail network, and bring an additional 50,000+ people within the immediate catchment of the network with the new stations at Portishead and Pill. Furthermore, the upgrade to train services at 16 existing stations across the sub-region, will serve a combined catchment of 180,000 within 1km of the stations.

MetroWest Phase 1 and the wider MetroWest Programme will integrate with Network Rail's Western Route Modernisation Programme, which includes schemes such as the electrification of the Great Western main line, four tracking of Filton Bank, and many other capacity enhancement and renewal schemes. The improved access to the local rail network provided by MetroWest Phase 1 will consequently extend the benefits of the schemes being delivered by Network Rail, through the Western Route Modernisation Programme.

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### Infrastructure Overview

#### The construction works for the Portishead branch line in summary include:

- 5km of new permanent way and civil engineering works for the disused line (Portishead to Pill)
- Portishead station including platform, station building, forecourt, car parks and highway alterations
- A footbridge linking to Trinity Primary School
- Three permanent maintenance compounds and various highway access points for the railway
- Minor alterations to the bridleway / National Cycle Network route 26 between Portbury and Pill including an extension north of the M5 underbridge to connect with Pill
- Replacing the existing rail bridge over the Avon Road / Lodway Close pedestrian and cycle underpass in Pill with a wider bridge to support a new double track section of railway, and embankment works
- Pill station on the site of the existing disused southern platform, with new access ramp, passenger shelter, forecourt and car park located on Monmouth Road
- Double tracking works through Pill with a new railway Junction (Pill Junction) east of Pill Viaduct
- Temporary diversion of National Cycle Network Route 26 between Marsh Lane and Pill, and Route 41 between Pill and Avonmouth during construction
- Minor works within the Avon Gorge to upgrade the Portbury freight line for passenger services including replacement of sections of track, sleepers, and ballast; minor works to bridges and structures; and minor modifications to the vertical and horizontal alignment of the railway
- New signaling and lineside equipment; and new telecommunications including a GSMS (radio communications) mast in Avon Gorge, with repeater aerials at Pill Tunnel and Portishead station
- Ashton Junction (Ashton Vale Road) highway level crossing will remain operational. The level crossing equipment may be replaced. No alterations will be undertaken to the level crossing itself. To reduce the highway impacts of increased use of the crossing, the left hand lane on Winterstoke Road will be extended, traffic signals optimised, and a ramp constructed to the north of the level crossing to connect pedestrians and cyclists from Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road
- Ashton Containers (Barons Close) pedestrian crossing will be closed permanently, with the public right of way diverted north using a new path under construction by the MetroBus Project. This will connect to a new pedestrian and cycle ramp parallel to the railway linking Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works.

A more detailed description of what we are consulting on is between pages 11 - 23.

#### Additional works for the MetroWest Phase 1 in summary include:

The following additional elements are required for operation of the MetroWest Phase 1 train service, but are outside the scope of the DCO Scheme. All are within Network Rail's operational boundary and can be implemented using their Permitted Development rights:

- Liberty Lane Freight Depot – A buffer stop and trap points are required
- Parson Street Junction – junction renewal and upgrade of some signaling equipment
- Parson Street Station – minor platform and drainage works are required to platform 3
- Bedminster Down Relief Line – approximately 1km of the Down Carriage Line running from Bristol Temple Meads will be reinstated to enable the regulation of freight trains before entering the branch line;
- Avonmouth and Severn Beach signaling - minor signaling works are required to enable a longer layover period for passenger trains at Avonmouth and Severn Beach stations; and
- Bathampton Turnback - a new crossover allowing trains terminating at Bath Spa (from Bristol) to reverse at Bathampton.

As these works will be carried out by Network Rail on its operational railway land using their Permitted Development Rights, comments are not sought on these elements.

## Scheme Design and Technical Processes

Before the construction works can begin the following technical work has to be completed along with achieving development consent:

- The final design of the Portishead Branch Line including the rail engineering design and the highway engineering / urban design and technical approval
- Powers to build and operate the railway are needed via a Development Consent Order
- The Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment
- The Business Case and funding approval process
- The acquisition of land, including permanent land, temporary land and land rights
- The procurement of the construction works and the procurement of the train operator
- Legal and contractual processes

Each of these processes have detailed specific requirements that have to be met. For instance, the railway engineering design is undertaken through Network Rail's GRIP process (Governance for Railway Investment Projects). The GRIP process also encompasses railway project management, technical approval and interfaces with the wider scheme. GRIP is an 8 stage process, with construction at stage 6 (programmed to commence Spring 2020).

## Evolution of the Scheme

The MetroWest Phase 1 scheme commenced in 2013. GRIP stages 1&2 (Feasibility) were completed in 2015 along with the Preliminary Business Case. GRIP stage 3 (Option Selection / Outline Design) for a two trains per hour service to Portishead and Pill was completed in early 2017, alongside the highway outline design and the draft Environmental Assessment. However the estimated capital cost of the Scheme in early 2017 was substantially greater than the available budget. The four councils have now decided to take a staged approach to the delivery of the scheme. The proposals for the Severn Beach Line and the Bath Spa to Bristol Line remain unchanged. The proposals for the Portishead Line now entail the delivery of an initial hourly service or hourly service plus. The hourly service may be upgraded to a 1/2 hourly service at some point in the future but this would be a separate project with separate funding, business case and major processes.

The design and technical development of the scheme has been informed by various public consultations. To date the following public consultations have taken place:

- Portishead station location consultation - June 2014
- Formal Stage 1 Scheme Consultation - June 2015
- Pill Station Consultation - February 2016
- Ashton Vale Road Consultation Round 1 - February 2016
- Ashton Vale Road Consultation Round 2 - November 2016

In parallel with the above, we are engaging with land/property owners, statutory bodies, government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders.



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In summary, this process of engagement and consultation has informed the evolution of the scheme as follows.

Scheme Element	Details	Outcome
<b>Portishead station location</b>	<p>A total of 6 options were considered for the station location. Some of the options required a level crossing at Quays Avenue but the Office of Rail and Road ruled this out. 3 shortlisted options were included in the June 2014 consultation.</p>	<p>Some of the 3 options had constraints including highway issues, or required demolition of buildings, or had a lack of space for station facilities and parking. Further detail is set out in the Consultation Report which is available at: <a href="http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest">www.travelwest.info/metrowest</a></p> <p>The option with the greatest support, which also had the least constraints, was option 2B. A decision to proceed with option 2B was made by the North Somerset Council Executive in March 2015.</p>
<b>Footbridge linking to Trinity Primary School</b>	<p>The existing permissive pedestrian/cycle crossing over the railway will have to be closed for safety reasons. The crossing is highly used by local residents and the diversion route via Quays Avenue (re-aligned) would increase the walking distance by around 600 metres.</p>	<p>A footbridge is proposed and indicative details were set out in the June 2015 consultation. The footbridge has to conform to accessibility standards. The visual impact of the bridge has been softened, using earth bunds on the northern side along with landscaping on both sides of the railway.</p>
<b>Portishead &amp; Pill station platform length</b>	<p>The initial design was for a 105 metre (4 train carriages) platform length. Further engagement with the current train operator identified a need in the medium term to operate trains with up to 5 carriages.</p>	<p>The design for the Portishead and Pill station platforms was increased from 105 metres to 130 metres.</p>
<b>National Cycle Network &amp; bridleway Portishead to Pill</b>	<p>The existing NCN26 links using the railway underbridges at Royal Portbury Dock Road, Marsh Lane and M5 Railway underbridge, are to be retained as permissive paths.</p> <p>In addition various enhancements are proposed, including an extension to the existing bridleway from the western side of the M5 to the eastern side.</p>	<p>The bridleway extension will provide an alternative link under the M5 bridge and connect onto the NCN26 linking into Pill village. The extension will provide a route for horses and other bridleway users, away from the railway.</p>
<b>Pill station</b>	<p>The feasibility design (GRIP2) for Pill station initially entailed a footbridge over the railway with a pedestrian entrance on Monmouth Road. During the outline design (GRIP3) an alternative option came to light entailing the acquisition and demolition of Pill station house. The alternative option provided space for a station forecourt and didn't require a footbridge. A consultation was undertaken in February 2016 on four options.</p>	<p>There was very strong support for option 4. This option entails demolishing Pill station house and creating a station forecourt with highway access entering via Sambourne Lane and existing via Station Road.</p>

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<b>Maintenance Compounds</b>	An additional permanent maintenance compound is needed at Sheepway and another at the southern end of Avon Gorge (Clanage Road). The design for the previously proposed compound at Pill Tunnel Eastern Portal has been modified to site the compound on the northern side of the railway.	The outline designs for all three permanent maintenance compounds, plus other highway access points for the railway. The three permanent compounds will also be used during construction and a number of other temporary compounds and haul routes will also be required. Further details of the construction phase are set out on page 22.
<b>Works to Upgrade the Portbury Freight Line</b>	The works required to upgrade the Portbury Freight Line for an hourly or hourly plus passenger service are less than those required by the earlier outline design (GRIP 3) for two trains per hour. Works to retain the line speed at 30mph are minimal, retaining much of the track and sleepers, with some works required to bridges, tunnels, culverts, and retaining walls. Upgrades are required to signaling and lineside equipment, a GSMR communications mast will be built near to Clifton Tunnel no. 1, aerials installed at Pill Tunnel, and landscaping, fencing, and environmental mitigation works will occur throughout. Small welfare and materials compounds will be needed during construction.	The emerging design includes all of this additional infrastructure. There is no highway access for the section of railway through Avon Gorge, therefore the proposal for small compounds is essential to undertake the works.
<b>Ashton Vale Road highway and pedestrian access</b>	<p>During the development of the outline design for a half hourly service, it became apparent that the traffic impact of the increased operation of the Ashton Vale Road highway level crossing would be severe, with the barriers being down for up to 20 minutes each hour. In February 2016 the scheme undertook a consultation entailing six options for alternative access to the neighbouring industrial estate. Further technical work was undertaken and in November 2016 a further round of consultation was undertaken on three options. A pedestrian and cycle ramp was also proposed, linking Ashton Vale Road with Ashton Road providing alternative connecting pedestrian and cycle routes.</p> <p>However it has since been determined that for an hourly or hourly plus service plus the level crossing can remain in situ given that barrier down time is unlikely to exceed 4 minutes, and therefore an alternative highway is no longer required.</p>	The November 2016 consultation resulted in support for two of the three highway options. However these are not required for the proposed hourly or hourly plus service and have been removed from the scheme. The level crossing will remain operational. The equipment may be replaced but no alterations will be undertaken to the level crossing itself. To reduce highway impacts from the more frequent barrier down times, the left hand queuing lane from Winterstoke Road will be extended and the traffic signals will be optimised. The new pedestrian and cycle ramp remains part of the scheme and will provide an alternative route for non-motorised users when the level crossing is closed.

## DCO Scheme design revisions

In March 2017 the DCO scheme's outline design including GRIP3 (Option Selection) for a half hourly service was completed along with an updated scheme capital cost estimate. The amount of works required for a half hourly service made the scheme unaffordable and it was decided to reduce the service to an hourly or hourly service plus, reducing the amount of works and infrastructure, principally in the Avon Gorge.

### The key drivers for the additional cost were:

- Works through the Avon Gorge in order to meet modern safety standards to deliver the necessary line speeds to achieve a half hourly service aspiration.
- The poor access to the railway in the Gorge reducing construction productivity.
- The impact on the Ashton Vale Level crossing of a half hourly service all day plus existing freight paths resulting in the need to consider an alternative highway access to the neighbouring industrial estate.
- The consequential impact from the above on the amount of land needed to be acquired, DCO (planning) requirements and environmental mitigation needed for the DCO scheme.

Since then, we have reduced the scope of the scheme to an hourly or hourly service plus which has reduced the amount of infrastructure works required to deliver an initial passenger service on the Portishead Branch Line.

## Highlights of work completed over the last two years:

- The outline design for the highway works has been completed which includes works in Portishead, Ashton Vale and various maintenance compounds along the branch line.
- Environmental assessment has progressed for both the disused section of railway and the existing operational freight railway. The freight railway passes through the Avon Gorge which has multiple environmental protection designations.
- We have set out our initial assessment of the environmental impacts in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (see [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)).
- Some strategically important parcels of land have been bought, and negotiations on both the permanent and temporary land requirements are progressing.
- We are engaging with train operators and the Department for Transport to secure the train services, including the rolling stock and operational resources.
- Discussions on our proposals are progressing with affected parties such as local property owners, utility companies, statutory bodies / government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders, feeding into the DCO application.
- Development of the business case continues, which includes the forecast passenger demand and the quantified wider economic benefits. This work shows the scheme 'value for money' remains high.



# Portishead Branch Line Proposals

The next 13 pages set out an overview of our proposals for re-opening the Portishead branch line, starting at Portishead, with sections of the line covering the 14km to Ashton Vale.

**Section 1** Portishead to Royal Portbury Dock

**Section 2** Royal Portbury Dock to east of M5 (Pill)

**Section 3** Pill to Ham Green

**Section 4** Ham Green to Avon Gorge North

**Section 5** Avon Gorge North to Bower Ashton

**Section 6** Bower Ashton to Ashton Vale

## Section 1 Portishead to Royal Portbury Dock

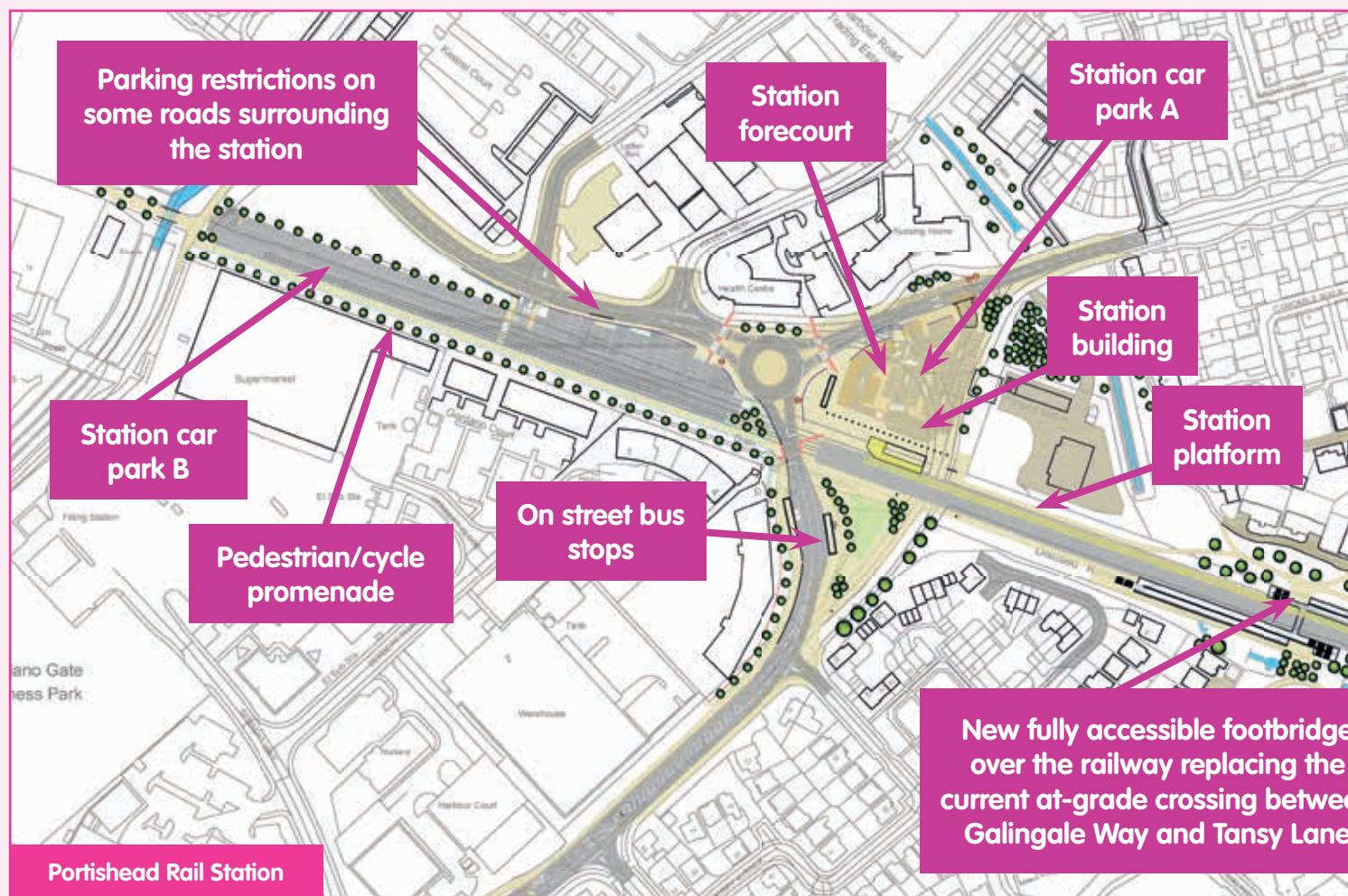


### Our proposals in summary include:

- Re-alignment of Quays Avenue to the west and a relocated roundabout where Quays Avenue meets Harbour Road and Phoenix Way
- A single platform, lighting, passenger information departure displays and audible information with a canopy over part of the platform
- A station building with roof mounted communications aerial, a ticket office, waiting area, toilets and space for a retail concession
- A multi-modal station forecourt with seating, cycle parking, taxi rank, disabled parking, bus stop, lighting and a car park (car park A) with up to 70 car parking spaces
- A highway access point at Quays Avenue for Portishead station maintenance
- A larger car park opposite the station accessed from Harbour Road (car park B) with up to 210 car parking spaces. Associated facilities include lighting, a signal controlled pedestrian & cycle crossing on Quays Avenue and various informal pedestrian crossing points on all sides of the new roundabout.
- A 300 metre pedestrian & cycle boulevard with lighting, linking towards the town centre, the marina and Old Mill Lane (which has been identified for potential re-development)
- On-street bus stops with lighting, immediately in front of the station on Quays Avenue
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works

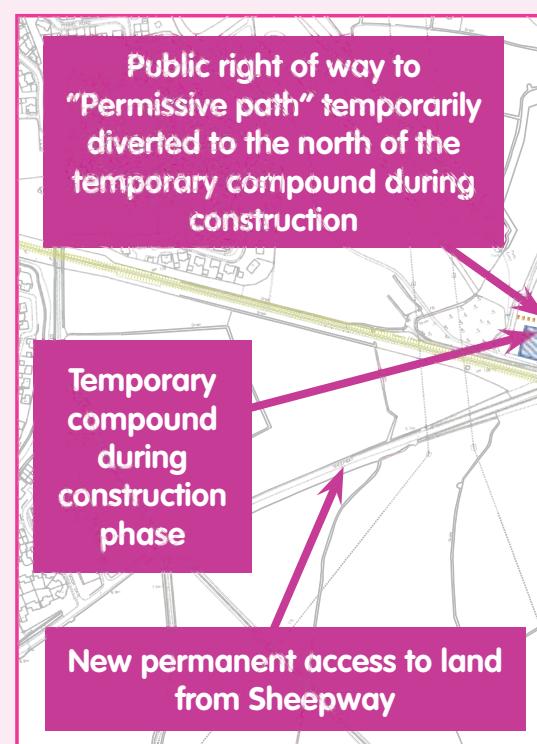
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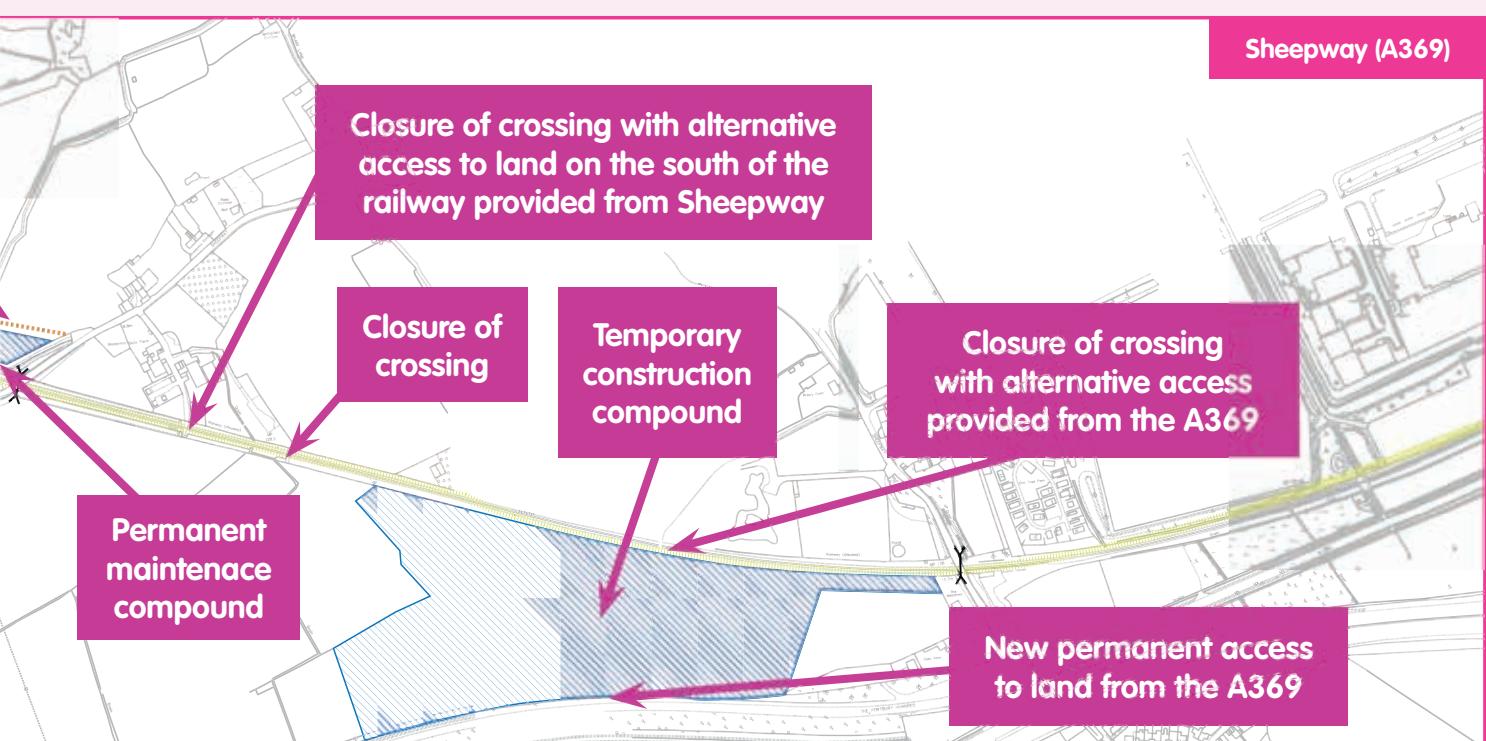
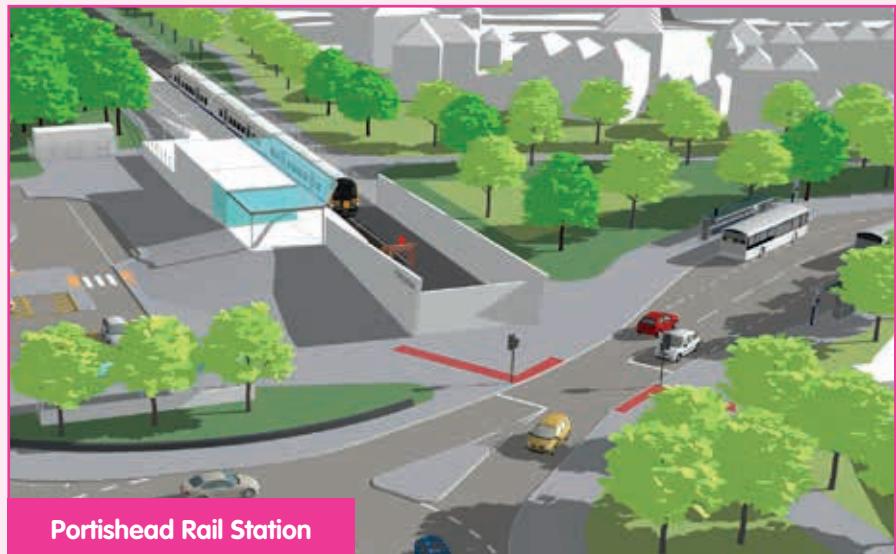
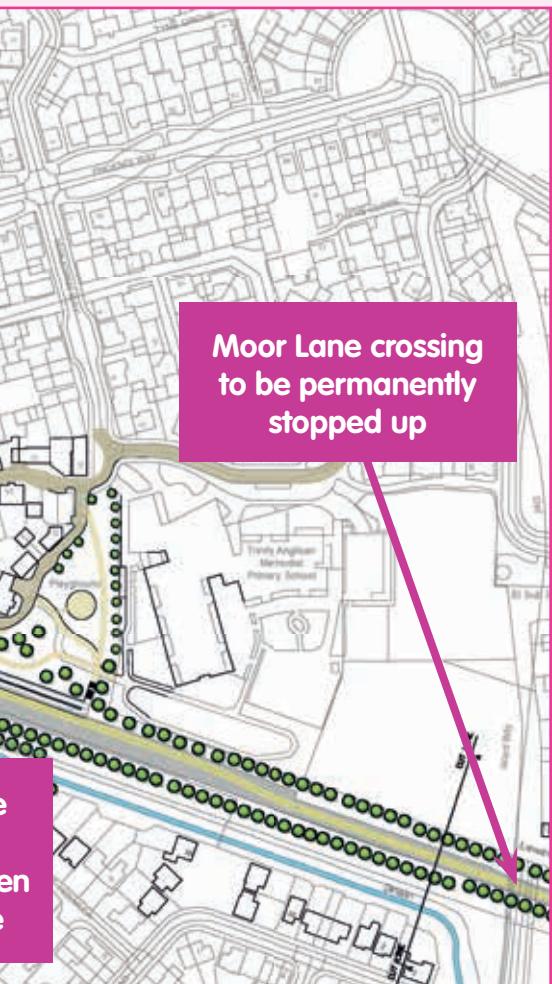
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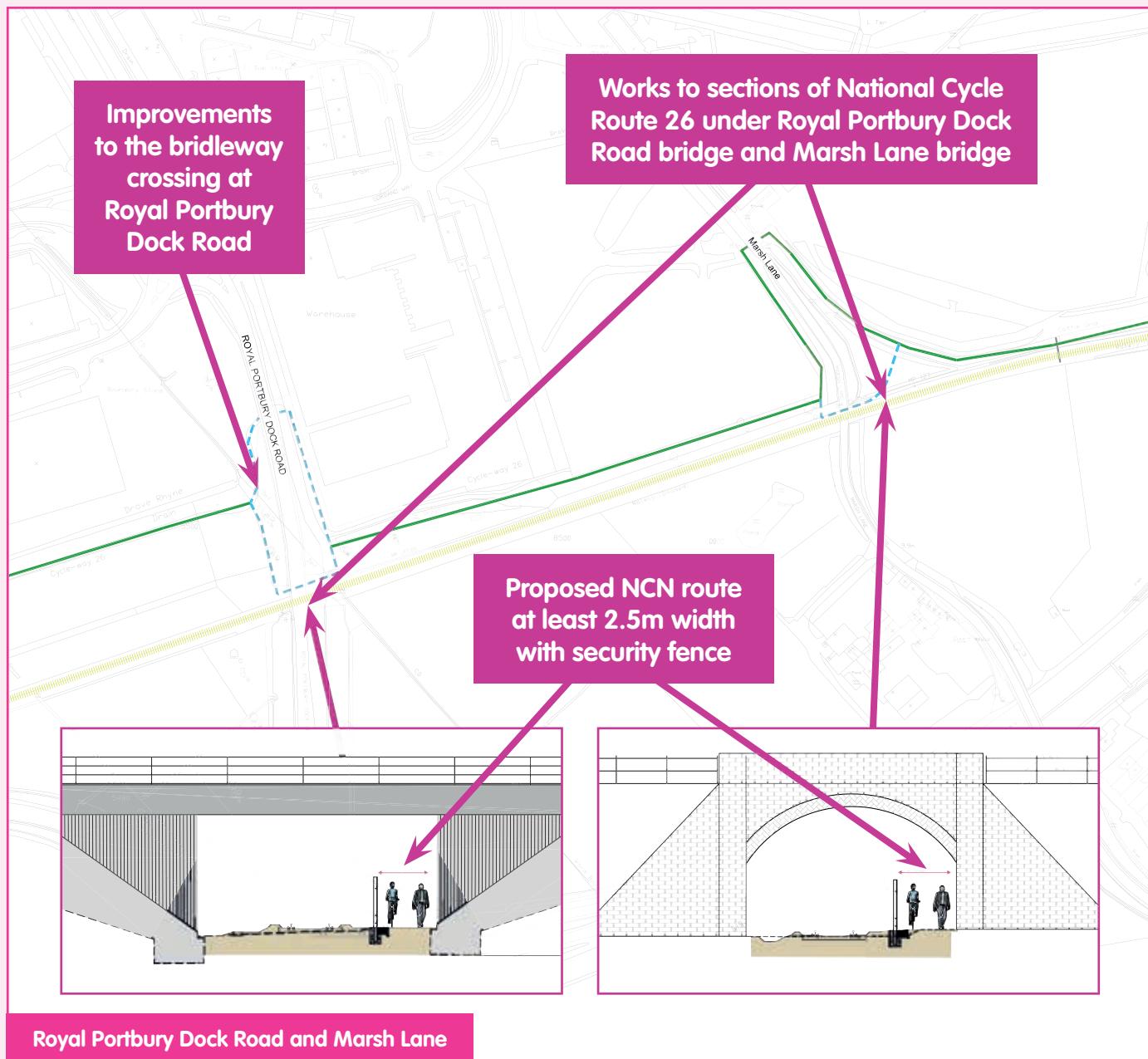
- Portishead station (see page 11)
- A footbridge linking to Trinity Primary School and footpath links
- Formal closure of historic level crossings and permissive level crossings
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts and bridges
- Track and lineside equipment works
- A permanent maintenance compound at Sheepway
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- Relaying the single line railway and associated civil engineering works
- A temporary compound at Sheepway during the construction phase, becoming a permanent maintenance compound
- A temporary HGV haul route adjacent to the railway during the construction phase
- Introduction of some on-street parking restrictions on some roads surrounding the station. For further information see the TRO plans online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or come along to one of the exhibition events (see page 26)
- New access to the Portbury Hundred for agricultural access to neighbouring field





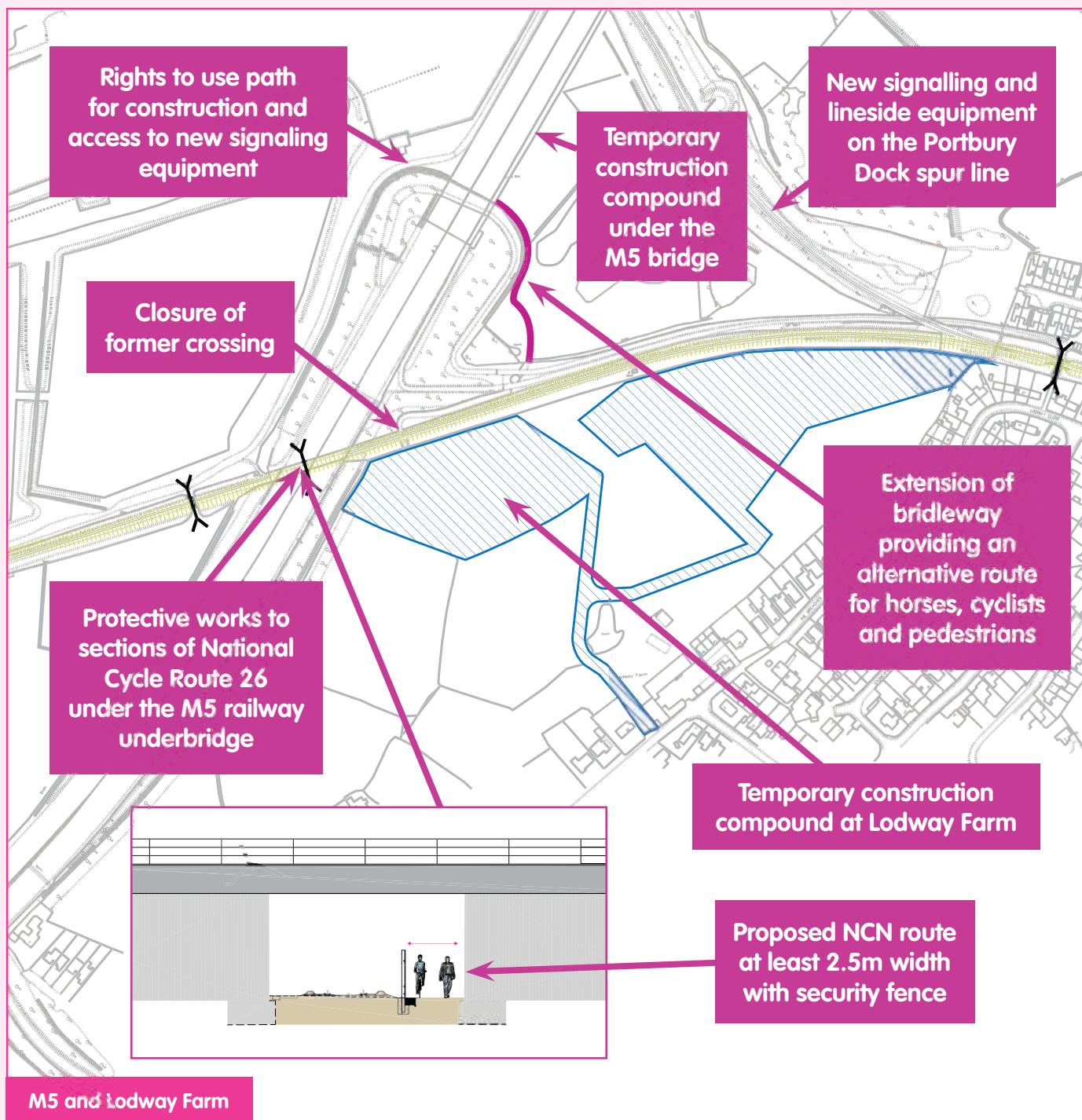
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## Section 2 Royal Portbury Dock to east of the M5 (Pill)



### Our proposals in summary include:

- Relaying the single line railway
- Formal closure of historic level crossings
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts and bridges
- Track and lineside equipment works
- Works to sections of National Cycle Route 26 under Royal Portbury Dock Road bridge and Marsh Lane bridge
- Improvements to the bridleway crossing of Royal Portbury Dock Road
- Formal closure of historic level crossing at Lodway
- Works to sections of National Cycle Route 26 under the M5 railway underbridge
- New permanent rail access from Portbury Hundred at the Wessex Water pumping station



- Extension of a bridleway west of the M5 to east of the M5 providing an alternative route for horses, cyclists and pedestrians, avoiding the M5 railway underbridge
- Signalling and lineside equipment for the spur line leading to Portbury Dock
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- Temporary compounds at Lodway Farm and under the M5 Avonmouth Bridge during the construction phase
- A temporary HGV haul route adjacent to the railway during the construction phase from Marsh Lane to Lodway Farm compound
- Temporary diversion of sections of National Cycle Route 26 and 41 during the construction phase (see page 23 for further details)

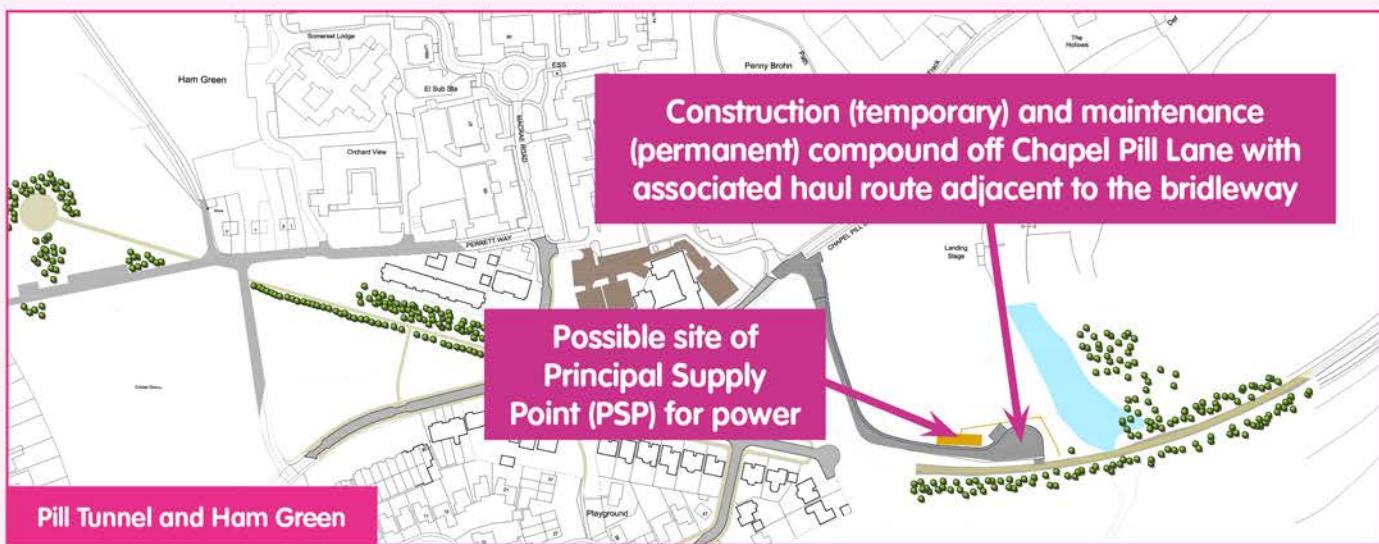
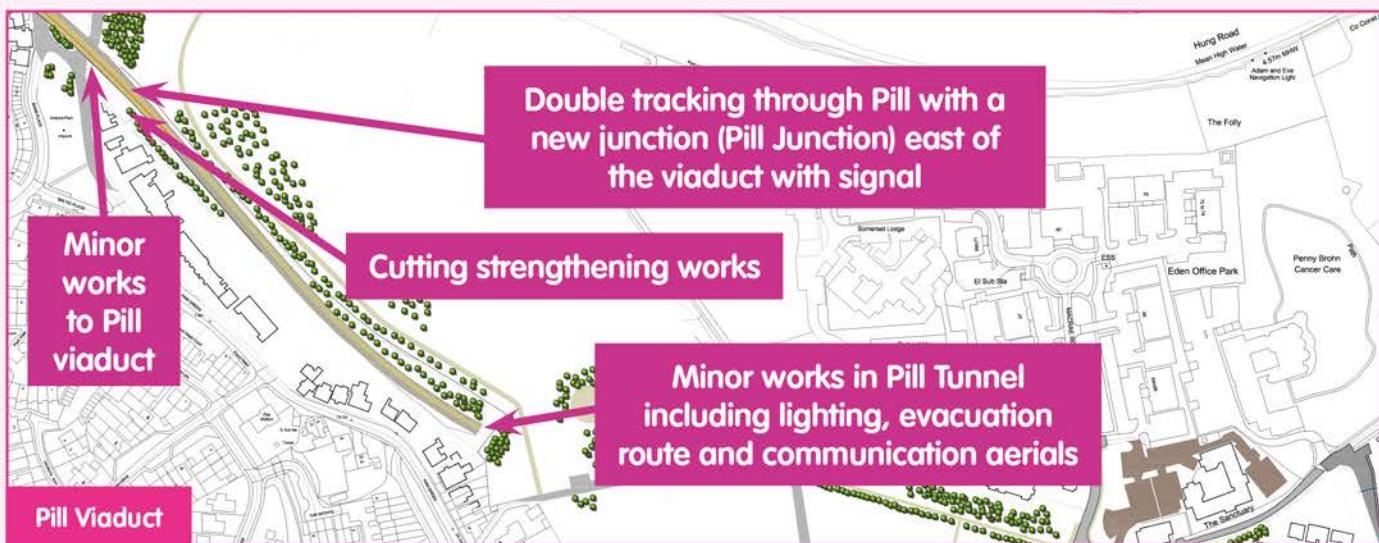
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## Section 3 Pill to Ham Green



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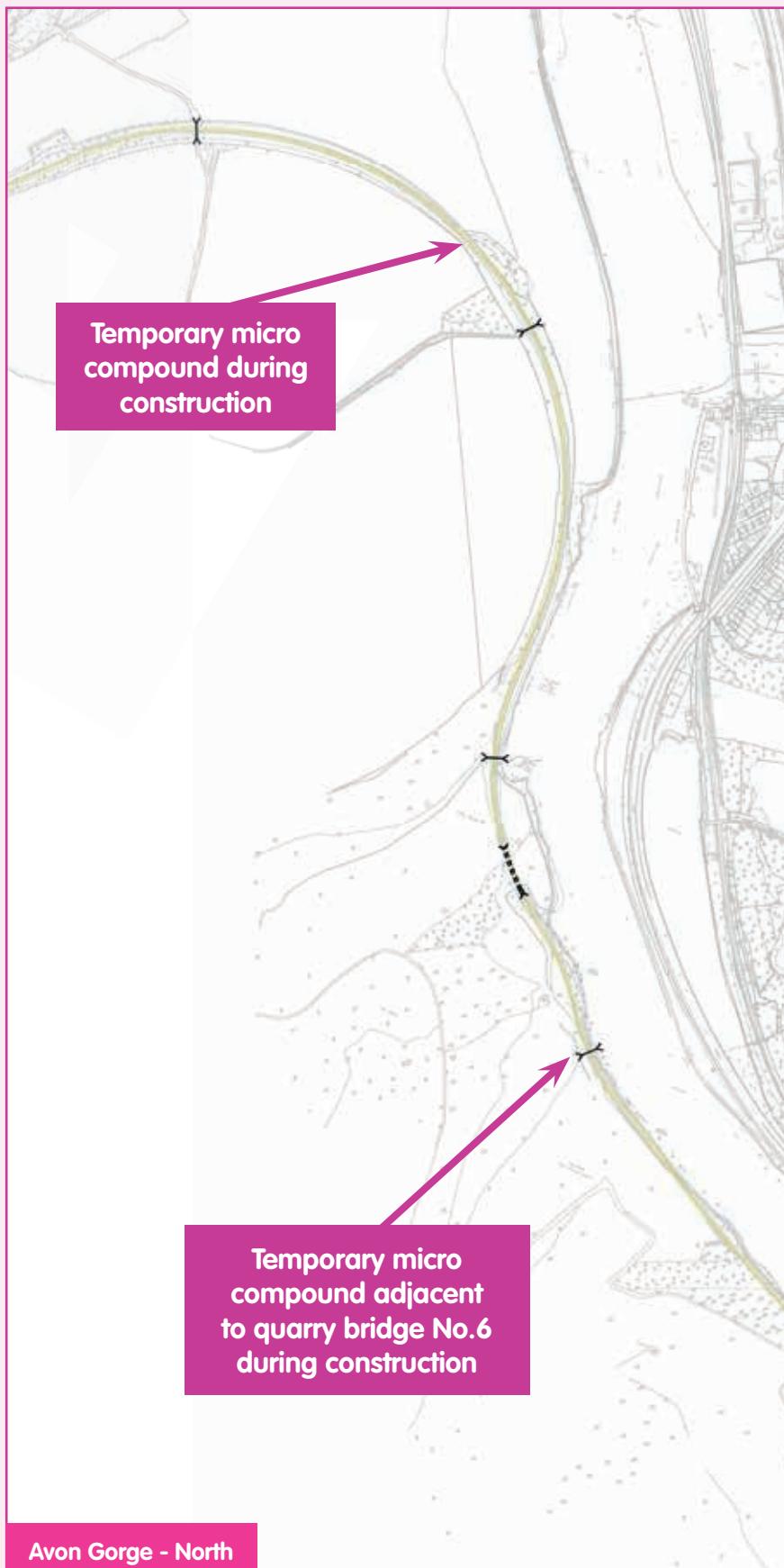
- Laying a new single line railway which will run parallel to the existing railway line from Portbury Dock
- Replacing Avon Road/Lodway railway bridge and embankment works
- Pill station including new platform, access ramp (and earthworks), passenger shelter, forecourt, and car park with up to 65 car parking spaces
- Demolition of existing Pill station house to create space for station forecourt
- Installation of a Principal Supply Point (PSP) power supply building in Pill station car park
- Introduction of some on-street parking restrictions on some roads surrounding the station. For further information see the TRO plans online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or come along to one of the exhibition events (see page 26)
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts, bridges and earthworks (cuttings and embankments)
- Double tracking works through Pill with a new railway Junction (Pill Junction) east of Pill Viaduct with signal
- Other track and lineside equipment works
- Small, temporary compound near Pill library



- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- A permanent maintenance compound at Pill Tunnel Eastern Portal (off Chapel Pill Lane)
- Minor works to Pill Tunnel including emergency lighting, evacuation route and repeater aerials
- A temporary compound at Pill Tunnel Eastern Portal (off Chapel Pill Lane) during the construction phase and possible site of Principal Supply Point (for power)
- Other temporary works in Pill village, during the construction phase

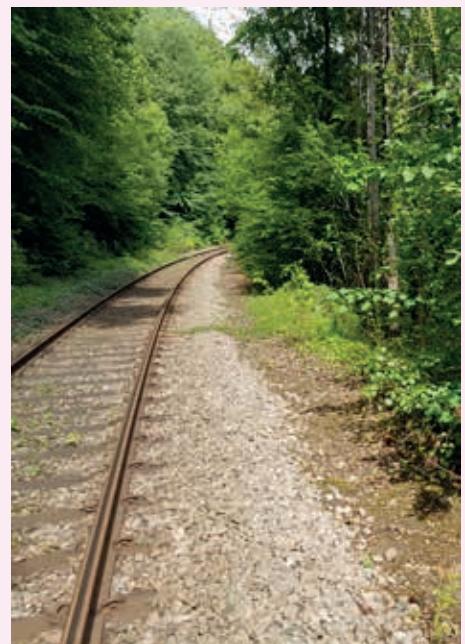
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## Section 4 Ham Green to Avon Gorge North



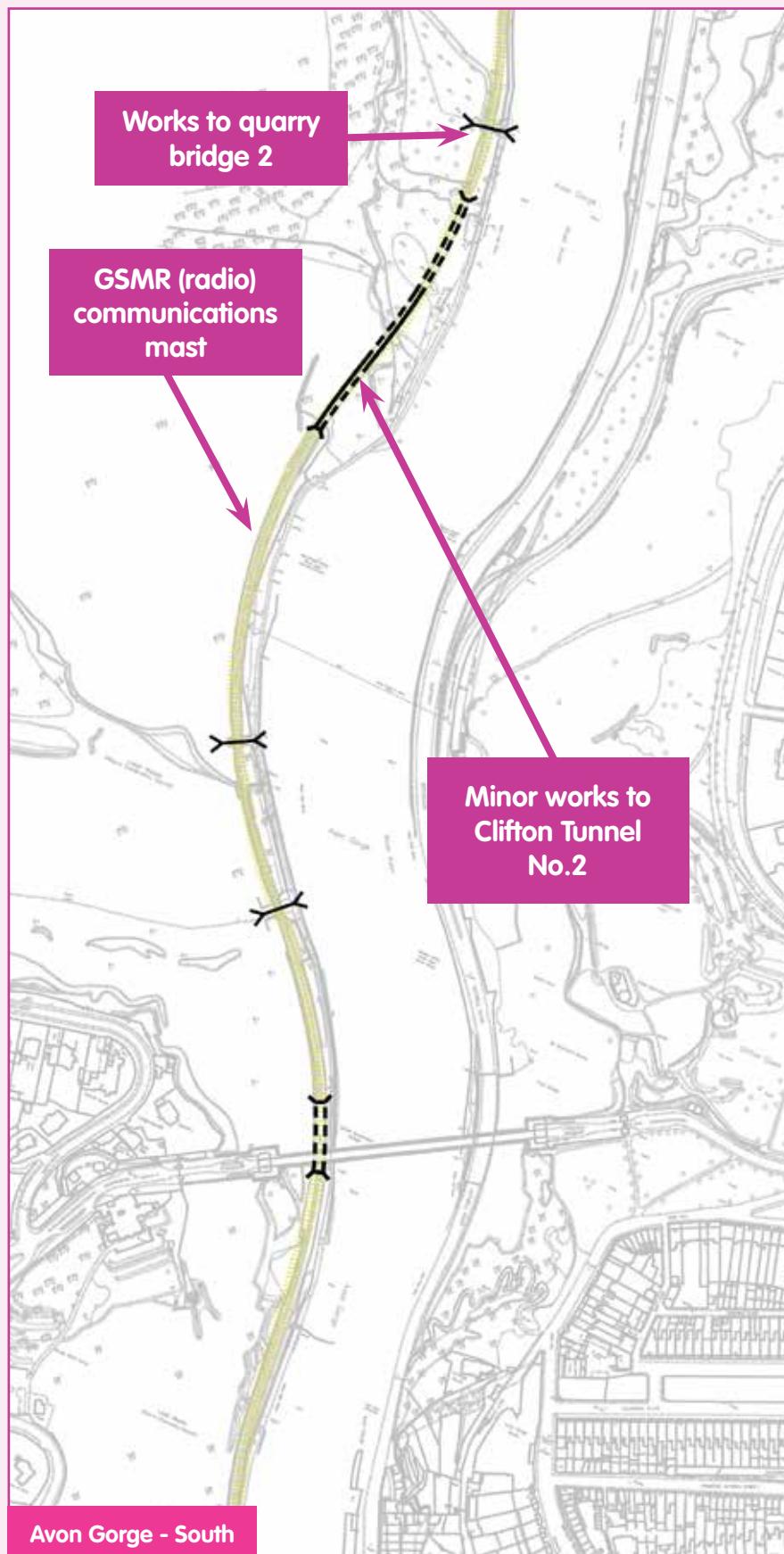
### Our proposals in summary include:

- Civil engineering works including works to culverts, bridges, and retaining walls
- Replacement of sections of track, sleepers and ballast
- Lineside equipment works
- Intermediate signal
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- A temporary micro compound at Chapel Pill Farm and quarry bridge No.6, during the construction phase
- Temporary welfare sites next to the railway for contractor staff during the construction phase
- Temporary closure of sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path during the construction phase (see page 23 for further details)



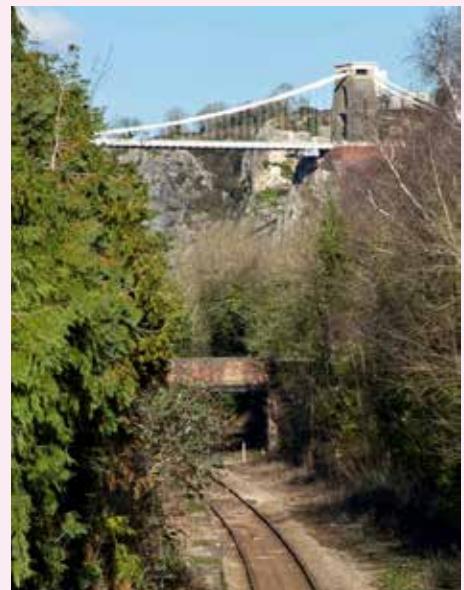
# Portishead Branch Line Proposals

## Section 5 Avon Gorge North to Bower Ashton



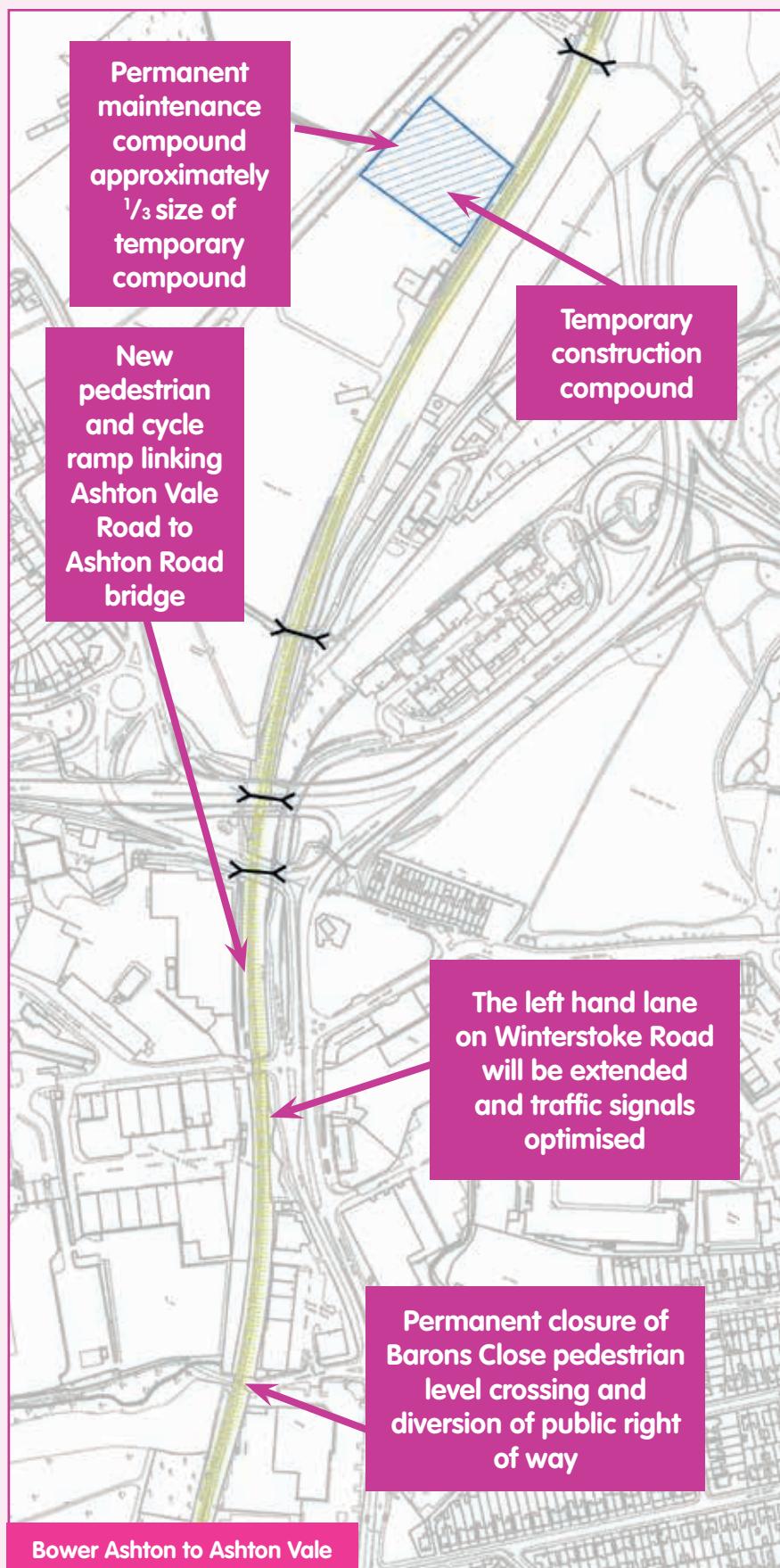
### Our proposals in summary include:

- Civil engineering works including works to culverts, bridges, retaining walls and earthworks
- Replacement of sections of track, sleepers and ballast
- Lineside equipment works
- Minor works to Clifton Tunnel No1 and Clifton Tunnel No.2
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- GSMR (radio communications) repeater mast south of Clifton Tunnel No.2
- Temporary welfare sites next to the railway for contractor staff during the construction phase
- Temporary closure of sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path during the construction phase (see page 23 for further details)
- Works to Quarry Underbridge 2



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## Section 6 Bower Ashton to Ashton Vale

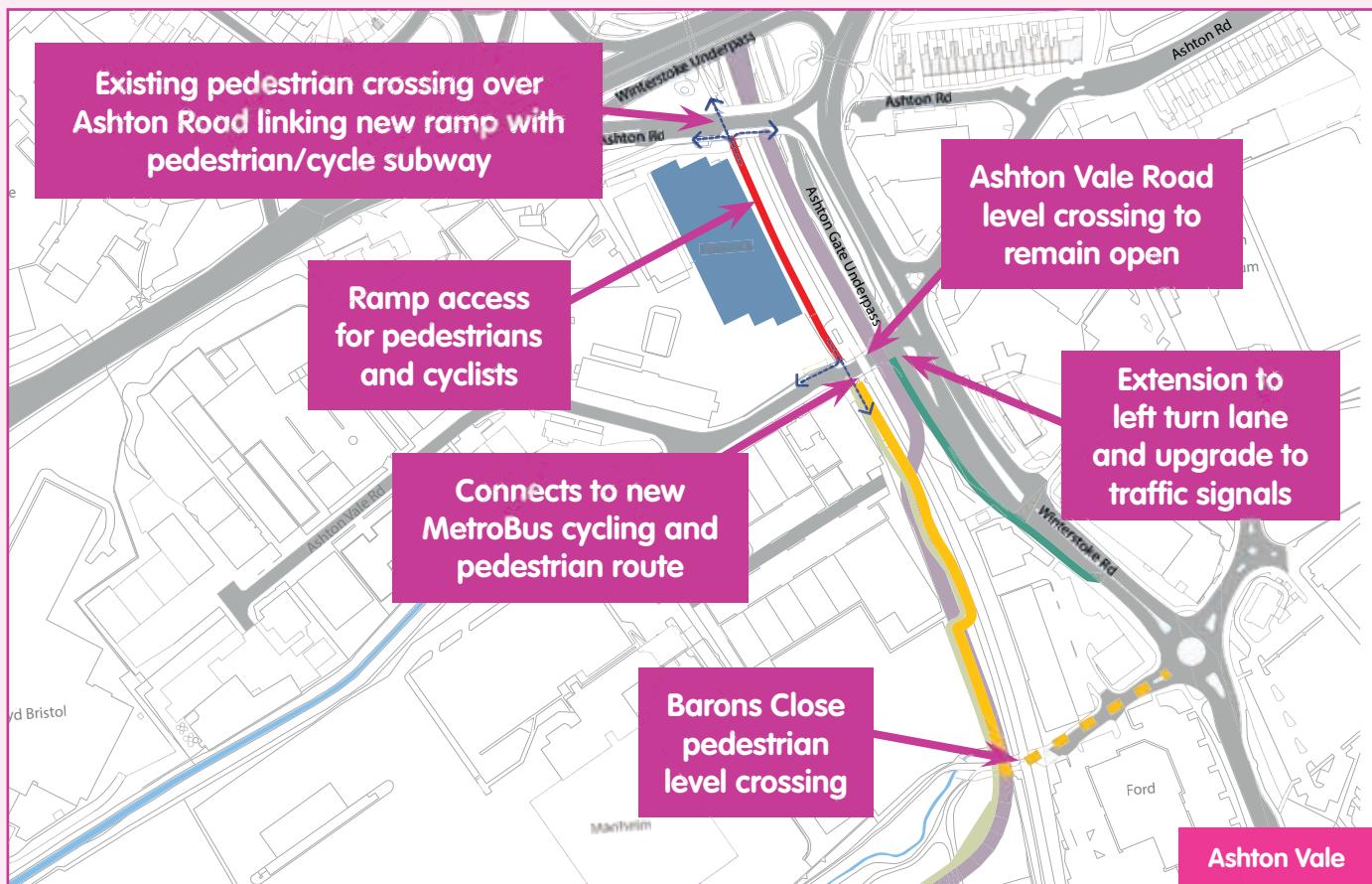


### Our proposals in summary include:

- Civil engineering works including works to culverts, bridges and earthworks
- Replacement of sections of track, sleepers and ballast
- Lineside equipment works
- A temporary compound at Clange Road, during the construction phase
- A permanent maintenance compound at Clange Road approximately  $\frac{1}{3}$  size of temporary compound
- Alternative pedestrian / cycle access linking to Ashton Road
- Ashton Vale Road level crossing will remain operational, with no alterations undertaken to the level crossing itself. To reduce the highway impacts the left hand lane on Winterstoke Road will be extended and traffic signals optimised
- Permanent closure of Ashton Containers (Barons Close) pedestrian crossing, diverting the public right of way north to a new pedestrian and cycle ramp running parallel to the railway linking Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- Temporary welfare sites next to the railway for contractor staff during the construction phase
- Temporary closure of sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path during the construction phase (see page 23 for further details)

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# Ashton Vale



## New Pedestrian Access At Ashton Vale and Closure of the Container Crossing (Barons Close) Pedestrian Level Crossing

There is a pedestrian crossing at Barons Close in Ashton Vale (called Container Crossing) that was closed temporarily during the construction of the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus project. MetroWest Phase 1 is proposing to close this crossing permanently as part of the DCO Scheme.

Alternative pedestrian access will be provided via a new pedestrian and cycle link currently under construction by the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads MetroBus project, north from the existing level crossing to the carriageway of Ashton Vale Road next to the existing Ashton Vale Road level crossing. The route will then be extended north by the construction of a pedestrian and cycle ramp parallel to the railway to link Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road. The ramp forms part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO Scheme which also includes designating part of the MetroBus pedestrian and cycle link as a public right of way.

## Ashton Junction (Ashton Vale Road) Highway Level Crossing

Ashton Vale Road level crossing will remain operational. No alterations will be undertaken to the level crossing itself, however the following works are proposed to reduce the highway traffic impact from the increased use of the level crossing:

- Extension of the left turn flair lane on Winterstoke Road;
- Optimisation of the Ashton Vale Road signals and upgrade of signals to 'MOVA' (computerised system responsive to traffic conditions); and
- Provision of a ramp to the north of the level crossing to connect pedestrians and cyclists from Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road.

## Information about the Construction of the Scheme

The construction works will take approximately 18 months to complete. Some of the works can only be undertaken at certain times of the year and if the slot is missed for whatever reason the construction works would take longer to complete. For example, the works to build a new platform and access ramp for Pill station and the replacement of the nearby Avon Road/Lodway railway bridge, embankment works and double tracking works, require the existing freight line to be closed for 4 weeks. This is likely to be in August 2020 and August 2021 as the volume of goods and freight to and from Royal Portbury Dock, moved by freight train tends to be lower than the rest of the year.

Outside of August, most of the works to upgrade the freight line will mainly be carried out during the day and night at weekends during line possessions throughout the 18 month construction period. With the freight line in daily use during weekdays, there are not sufficient windows of time available during the weekdays for all but the most basic construction activity. Where the construction work is close to residential property, the contractor will be required to engage with residents on the timing of works that are likely to be particularly noisy. The contractor will also be required to put in place practical measures to reduce construction noise as far as possible.

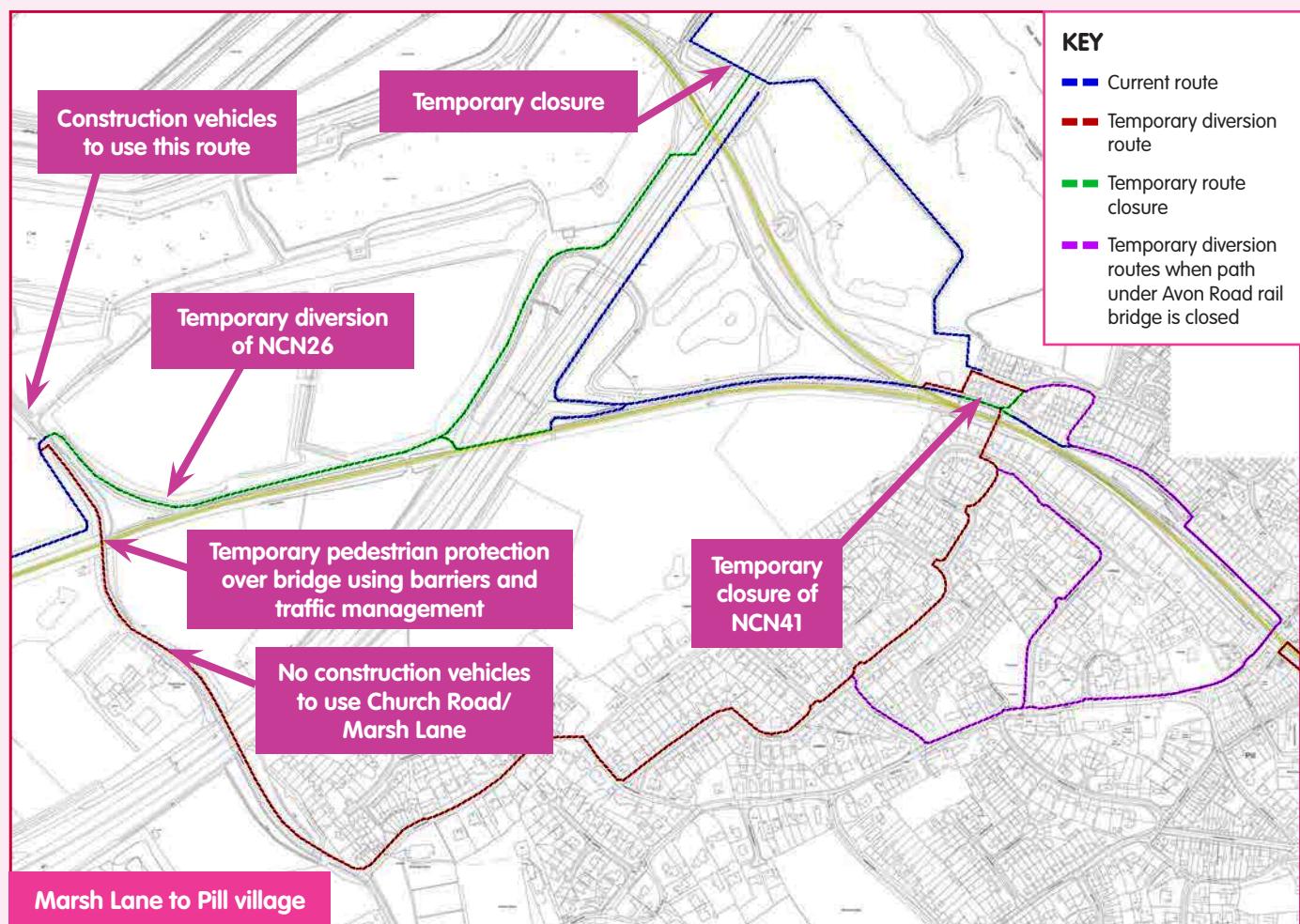
Construction works on the disused line will be mostly done in daytime hours on weekdays and Saturdays but some additional weekend working may be necessary. With no existing train service to work around, there are fewer access constraints for the contractor, however where works are undertaken close to residential property, the contractor will be required to engage with residents. The highway construction works will be undertaken mainly during daytime hours on weekdays, but some weekend and night working may be necessary. For example where new sections of highway are connected into the existing highway network, road closures may be needed. To minimise the impact of this on highway users, these works may be done at night, when traffic volumes are very light.



## Temporary closure of Public Rights of Way and permissive pedestrian and cycle paths

There are a number of public rights of way and permissive paths very close and in some cases immediately next to the disused railway / freight line, and for safety reasons it will be necessary to close sections of these paths during the construction of the scheme. In some cases there are very close alternative routes available so the inconvenience can be minimised. However, a section of bridleway, which also forms part of National Cycle Network Route 26 between Marsh Lane and the M5, will need to be closed for up to 18 months, and a temporary diversion route will be way marked as shown in the plan below. A section of NCN Route 41 will be temporarily closed during work to Avon Road Bridge and a temporary diversion route will be way marked as shown in the plan below. The diversion routes are via public highway, which is not part of a major through route and has a 30mph speed limit. Advance signing and advertising of the closures will be undertaken.

It is also proposed that there will be closures of some sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path to enable works and repairs to railway retaining walls, culverts and bridges. The closures are likely to be limited to a few hours of a day at a time, and some closures of a few days at a time. Due to the local topography there are limited options for path diversions, however advance advertising of the closures will be undertaken including advance notices on the tow path.



## Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)

Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) govern or restrict the use of public roads and are required to construct and operate the railway. Both temporary and permanent TROs are proposed, mainly affecting routes around Portishead and Pill, but also on the surrounding highway network to assist construction traffic travelling to and from the railway. Permanent TROs are predominantly proposed around the Portishead and Pill station sites and may include parking restrictions such as double yellow lines to control parking. Temporary TROs will mainly be used during the construction period and may include banned turns on construction traffic routes.

Plans showing the TRO proposals are available online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) and will be available to view at the exhibitions detailed on page 26.

## Strategic Planning

The West of England councils are currently preparing a Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study for next 20 years. The West of England Region is a growing area, both economically and demographically. It is projected the West of England population will grow by 185,500 (16.4%) and there will be an increase of 82,500 jobs and employment over the next 20 years.

It is therefore essential to continue to invest in the quantity and quality of our housing stock and the infrastructure needed to support sustainable communities to house, train and employ this growing population and provide a good quality of life. The emerging plans identify the need for the expansion of the local rail network as part of an integrated and sustainable approach to meeting our transport challenges. MetroWest Phase 1 and MetroWest Phase 2 will provide the foundation on which further enhancements can be developed over the medium term.

## Improving the Existing Stations

MetroWest Phase 1 includes 16 existing stations which we are planning to refresh leading up to the introduction of improved train services. This includes new passenger shelters, improved information systems, improved CCTV and access improvements, subject to the availability of funding. These works will be carried out under Network Rail's Permitted Development Rights.



## Trains, train operator and fares

The trains used for MetroWest services will be diesel multiple units, as used across the existing local rail network. Initially the trains are likely to operate using three carriages but more carriages could be added in the future. In the longer term the local rail network may be electrified as part of the rail industry and central Government future investment plans but there are no current plans for this. The train operator for MetroWest Phase 1 is yet to be determined. The franchise for the existing train operator, Great Western Railway runs until 2019, or 2020 if extended by the Department for Transport. Leading up to 2019 the Department for Transport will be undertaking a competitive re-franchising process and we will work with the successful train operator for the franchise post April 2019, to deliver the train service. The fares for the re-opened Portishead line are yet to be determined, but are likely to be similar to comparative fares across the rest of the local network, except the Severn Beach line which has zoned fares. The full range of standard rail card discounts will be available, as MetroWest Phase 1 will form part of the national rail network.

## The Environment

MetroWest Phase 1 will provide a greater choice of sustainable travel options which will result in overall long term environmental benefits. The scheme will also result in some localised impacts, some of which will be temporary (during the construction phase only), while some will be permanent. The scheme passes through a number of environmentally sensitive areas including the Avon Gorge Special Area of Conservation (SAC), a number of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and a number of local wildlife sites. Our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) assesses these benefits and impacts. The PEIR assessment includes the impacts of the infrastructure works that require development consent and also considers the cumulative impacts of the wider MetroWest Phase 1 scheme. The PEIR will then be developed further to form the basis for our Environmental Statement (ES) which will set out in detail the likely environmental impacts and how we will implement measures to reduce adverse impacts. Our ES will accompany the application for development consent. The PEIR document is available from [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)

## Facts & Figures

### MetroWest Phase 1:

- will increase the UK national passenger network by 14 km and add two new stations
- will upgrade the existing train service frequency at 16 stations across 3 rail corridors: from the South East at Bath Spa to Bristol; from the North West and from the South at Parson Street to Bristol, directly benefiting 180,000 people
- will bring an additional 50,000+ people within the immediate catchment of the national rail network with new stations at Portishead and Pill
- includes works to 4 tunnels, 3 viaducts, 12 under bridges, 14 over bridges and 3 km of retaining walls
- includes some environmentally important areas along the railway alignment, including Avon Gorge which is a Special Area of Conservation
- includes 16 km of railway works and 1 km of highway works
- will provide £3 of quantified benefits for every £1 invested to deliver the scheme
- will provide a journey time from Portishead to Bristol Temple Meads of around 23 minutes
- will have a line speed of 75 mph between Portishead and Pill and 30 mph from Pill to Ashton Vale
- will be operated with modern diesel trains, with three carriages initially, with up to 270 seats
- will enhance the regional economy by £264m in the first ten years and will create 514 permanent new jobs

## Further Technical Information

Please visit [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or come along to one of the exhibition events (see page 26)

# Have your say on the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals

We are holding six exhibitions at the following dates and venues:

- **Friday 10 November** – Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead, BS20 6AH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **Wednesday 15 November** – Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol BS1 6QH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **Tuesday 21 November** – Trinity Anglican Primary School (Community Hall), Marjoram Way, Portishead, BS20 7JF (13.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **Wednesday 22 November** – Ashton Gate Stadium, Ashton Rd, Bristol BS3 2EJ (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **Thursday 23 November** – Long Ashton Community Centre, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, BS41 9DP (3.30pm – 7.30pm)
- **Friday 24 November** – Community Centre, Church Place, Pill, BS20 0AE (12.30pm - 7.30pm)

The railway, highway design and associated proposals will be displayed at all exhibitions. Members of the MetroWest project team will be on hand to answer any questions.

Following the exhibitions, the plans will go on display from:

- **Week commencing Monday 27 November**

100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT  
9am - 5pm

We will publish a summary of the consultation responses later this year on our website:  
[www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)

The councils will use your views to inform their decisions on the scheme.

## How to comment

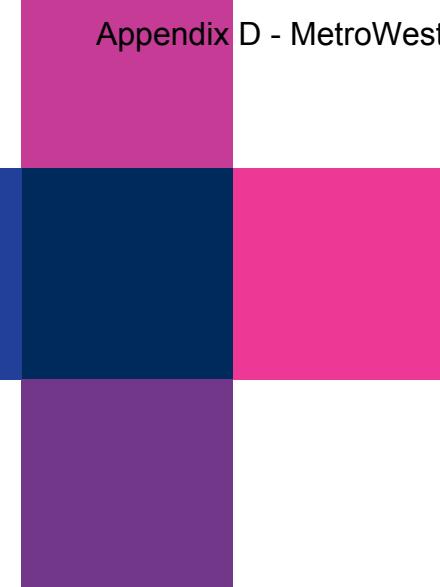
Complete the online questionnaire at  
[www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)

If you do not have internet access, paper copies will be available at the exhibition events or by calling  
**0117 922 4513.**

Completed paper copies of questionnaires should be handed to us at one of the manned exhibition events or returned to West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER

If you require the questionnaire in any other format, let us know at one of the manned exhibition events or email us at [metrowest@westofengland.org](mailto:metrowest@westofengland.org)

**The consultation starts on 23 October 2017 and runs for six weeks. Please respond by 4 December 2017.**



## What happens next

We will consider all consultation responses and where appropriate, changes to the DCO scheme will be made. The Outline Business Case will then be completed, to support the technical case for funding the whole scheme and also to support the DCO process. Subject to securing the remaining funding to deliver the scheme, the DCO application will be submitted in spring 2018 and the process for obtaining development consent will be fully underway. See page 3 for further information about the Development Consent Order process and timescales.

## Working with partners

The West of England councils are working with Network Rail, CH2M, Arup, Bond Dickinson, Ardent and Great Western Railway to deliver MetroWest Phase 1.

## More information

If you want to receive regular MetroWest updates email us at [metrowest@westofengland.org](mailto:metrowest@westofengland.org)

For further information about MetroWest Phase 1 go to:

[www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) • [www.n-somerset.gov.uk/prs](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/prs)

## Contact us

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## Stage 2

# Consultation on reopening the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1



## Have your say

We would like to hear your views on our proposals to reopen the Portishead branch line, as part of MetroWest Phase 1.

The consultation opens on **Monday 23 October 2017** and runs for six weeks. Please respond by **Monday 4 December 2017**. Come along to one of our exhibitions:

- **Friday 10 November, 12.30-7.30pm**  
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Citizen Service Point, 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT

## Consultation on reopening the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

MetroWest Phase 1 will reopen the Portishead branch line with an hourly train service to Bristol Temple Meads, and new stations at Portishead and Pill stopping at Parson Street and Bedminster stations. The project also entails half hourly services on the Severn Beach line (hourly service for St. Andrews Road station and Severn Beach station), and half hourly services for Keynsham station and Oldfield Park station, on the Bath Spa to Bristol line.

We are consulting the local community, land/property owners, statutory bodies, government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders on our plans to re-open the Portishead branch line and reintroduce passenger train services, as part of MetroWest Phase 1. Reopening the Portishead branch line requires a major planning application through the Development Consent Order process. MetroWest Phase 1 also entails other physical works to upgrade the frequency of trains for the Severn Beach line and the Bath Spa to Bristol line, but this does not require planning consent.

You can also view our proposals and submit your comments online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) The consultation opens on **Monday 23 October** and lasts for six weeks, so please respond by **Monday 4 December 2017**.

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## Have your say

We are holding six exhibitions and would like your views. You can view the proposals in detail, talk with the MetroWest project team and give your feedback on:

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## Section 47(6) Planning Act 2008

## METROWEST PHASE 1

**NOTICE OF DEPOSIT – REVISED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**  
North Somerset District Council (the **Council**) has placed on deposit for inspection (free of charge) at the locations listed below a revised Statement of Community Consultation (**Revised SoCC**). This is for the proposed reopening of the Portishead railway line for passenger services and associated works (part of Phase 1 of the MetroWest proposals) (the **Project**). The Revised SoCC explains how the Council will consult on the Project with the local community, residents, businesses and organisations in the area, provides updates on the changes to the Project since June 2015, summarises the first round of statutory consultation under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 and provides details of the second round of statutory consultation from Monday 23 October to Monday 4 December 2017. As the Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the Council will apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008. The Council is required to consult with local communities before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Council is also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how the public's views have been taken into consideration and how the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 have been complied with. MetroWest Phase 1 is an Environmental Impact Assessment (**EIA**) development and so the Council will prepare an Environmental Statement to accompany the application to the Planning Inspectorate. Preliminary Environmental Information will be made available for people to inspect at the locations listed below, as well as at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest). Where the Revised SoCC can be viewed from Monday 18 September to Monday 4 December 2017

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 – 12-30; 13-30 – 17-00 (*10-00 3rd Tuesday in the month)	Closed	09-30 – 12-30; 13-30 – 17-00	Closed	09-30 – 13-00	Closed
Pill Library, Crockerne House, Underbanks, Pill BS20 0AT	Closed	09-30 to 12-30	13-30 to 17-00	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 2nd 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 19-00	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 5LG	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	10-00 to 17-00	Closed	11-00 to 17-00	Closed
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 Revised SoCC is also available on the MetroWest Phase 1 website at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest).

## Public Exhibitions

Members of the Project team will be available to answer queries on the second round of statutory consultation under Section 47 at public information events being held by the Council 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 12-30 – 19-30
Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol, BS1 6QH	Public Information Day	Wednesday 15 November between 12-30 – 19-30
Trinity Anglican Primary School, Marjoram Way, Portishead, BS20 7JF	Public Information Day	Tuesday 21 November between 13-30 – 19-30
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Pill Community Centre, Church Place, Pill, Bristol BS20 0AE	Public Information Day	Friday 24 November between 12-30 – 19-30
Citizen Service Point, Bristol City Council, 100 Temple St, Bristol BS1 6HT	Unmanned exhibition	Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December between 09-00 – 17-00

## Have your say

Whilst your views are welcomed throughout the development of the Project, responses should be received from the start of the second round of statutory consultation under Section 47 on **23 October 2017** to the end of the consultation period on **4 December 2017**.

In response to the statutory consultation, you can submit your views in a number of ways. You can complete the online feedback form at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest), and you can complete a feedback form (on paper) available either at the public exhibitions or at the locations listed above, before returning your feedback form to:

West of England Councils MetroWest

3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER

Responses can also be emailed to [metrowest@westofengland.org](mailto:metrowest@westofengland.org)

Following the consultation, the plans will be finalised and an application is expected to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in Spring/Summer 2018.

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Project Manager MetroWest Phase 1

North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ

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## Public Notices

## Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

## Notice under Article 13

## Planning (Listed Building &amp; Conservation Areas) Act 1990

## Notice under Section 67 &amp; 73

You may inspect copies of plans and documents of the following applications and make representations on line at [www.nsomersey.gov.uk/planning](http://www.nsomersey.gov.uk/planning). Or you can submit your comments in writing to: Development Management, Post point 15, North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1UJ. All comments should be received by us within 21 days of this publication and will be displayed in full on the Council's website. You should not submit comments which are offensive or defamatory in any way. If we refuse permission there may be no further opportunity to object to an appeal on a householder application.

## Application in a Conservation Area

17/P/2112/F - Construction of conservatory in enclosed courtyard at 3 Coach House Mews, Bracken Hill, North Road, Leigh Woods 17/P/2134/F - Single storey rear extension at 75 Woodacre, Portishead

## Listed Building Application

17/P/2100/LB - Listed building consent for internal and external alterations to convert an outbuilding/garage to create residential accommodation to be annexed to the main dwelling at South Common Farm, Netherton Wood Lane, Nailsea

17/P/2122/F & 17/P/2123/LB - Adapting the existing external steel stair to the rear; removal of another external steel stair and replacement with a masonry stair and various associated minor alterations; alteration of a door to a window to the front elevation; removal of existing fence to rear of buildings and replacement with roughcast rendered blockwork wall with stone coping and new wooden gate; erection of a gazebo; external hard and soft landscaping proposals at Battleaxes Inn, Bristol Road, Wraxall Major Application affects a Public Right of Way

17/P/2111/O - Outline planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment to provide up to 47no. dwellings with associated hard/soft landscape works, access improvements, parking and drainage. All matters reserved except access at Former Western Trade Centre, Knightcott Road, Banwell

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## LANGFORD LANE, LANGFORD, NORTH SOMERSET

## (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY VEHICLES)

## ORDER 2017

Notice is hereby given that North Somerset District Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, have made an order the effect of which will be to close, temporarily, to vehicles the lengths of roads specified in the Schedule to this Notice.

This order was required because of the likelihood of danger to the public consequent upon work by Wessex Water to carry out sewer renovation works.

This will become operative on the 2 October 2017 for a maximum period of eighteen months. However, the closures may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only as necessitated by the works which are anticipated to be of five days in duration.

## ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

Langford Road (part unaffected), Bath Road (A368), Bristol Road (A38), Bypass (A38) and vice versa.

## N P BRAIN

Head of Legal and Democratic Services  
Town Hall  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1UJ

Tel No: (01934) 888802

Ref: T17-116

## SCHEDULE

LANGFORD LANE – from its junction with Bypass (A38) for approximately two hundred and eighty metres in a southerly direction to property Langford Court Lodge.

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## ORDER 2017

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This order is required because of the likelihood of danger to the public consequent upon work by Wales and West Utilities to carry out gas mains replacement works.

This will become operative on the 23 October 2017 for a maximum period of eighteen months. However, the closures may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only as necessitated by the works which are anticipated to be of five days in duration.

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North Somerset District Council (the Council) has placed on deposit for inspection (free of charge) at the locations listed below a revised Statement of Community Consultation (Revised SoCC). This is the proposed, regarding the Portishead railway line for passenger services and associated works part of Phase 1 of the MetroWest proposals (the Project). The Revised SoCC explains how the Council will consult on the Project with local community, residents, businesses and organisations and provides updates on the changes to the Project since June 2015, summarises the first round of statutory consultation under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008 and provides details of the second round of statutory consultation from Monday 23 October to Monday 4 December 2017.

As the Project is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, the Council will apply to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order under the requirements of the Planning Act 2008.

The Council is required to consult with local communities before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The Council is also required to produce a Consultation Report detailing how the public's views have been taken into consideration and how the consultation requirements of the Planning Act 2008 have been complied with.

The Council will prepare an Environmental Statement to accompany the application to the Planning Inspectorate. Preliminary Environmental Information will be made available for people to inspect at the locations listed below, as well as at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest).

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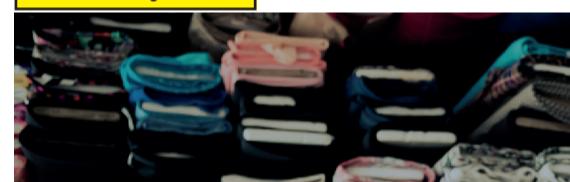
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### SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL

#### RAYSFIELD SCHOOL AREA, CHIPPING SODBURY – TRAFFIC ORDERS

Details of the proposed changes  
NOTICE is hereby given that South Gloucestershire District Council proposes to make the following orders under provisions contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.  
1. Ref L3/STOP/PT5722 – The South Gloucestershire Council (Finch Road and Heron Way, Chipping Sodbury) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2011 – under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1) and 4(2) to the said Act the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles waiting at any time in lengths of **Finch Road and Heron Way** in the vicinity of Raysfield School, Chipping Sodbury. Exemptions in the order permit any vehicle to wait for the purpose of boarding or alighting; loading or unloading goods; delivering postal packets; maintenance of the road; supply of gas, water or electricity; the pursuance of statutory powers or duties; taking in petrol, oil, water or air from any garage; weddings or funerals and in accordance with the current provisions for vehicles displaying a disabled person's badge.

2. Ref L3/STOP/PT5733 – The South Gloucestershire Council (Finch Road, Chipping Sodbury – Protection of School Entrances) (Prohibition of Stopping) Order 2011 – under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1) and 4(2) of Part V of Schedule 9 to the said Act the effect of which will be to protect areas marked with school entrance markings in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 in lengths of **Finch Road**, Chipping Sodbury by prohibiting any vehicle stopping during the restricted hours which will be the hours shown on traffic signs placed at that location.

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Full details of the proposal are contained in the draft orders. If you would like to see copies of the draft orders, a map, any orders to be varied/revised and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the orders, you can do so at **Yate One Stop Shop** (next to the Leisure Centre), Kennedy Way, Yate and at Chipping Sodbury Public Library, Old Grammar School, High Street, Chipping Sodbury during normal opening hours. You can also view plans relating to this notice on the Council's website at [www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation)

#### What if I want to send a letter about the proposals?

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#### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE

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#### (SHAYMOOR LANE, PILNING) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY VEHICLES) ORDER 2017

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#### ALTERNATIVE ROUTE – No alternative route available

#### WILLOWHERB ROAD AND HOWSMOOR LANE, EMERSONS GREEN – TRAFFIC ORDERS

Details of the proposed changes  
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1. Ref L3/STOP/PT5728 – The South Gloucestershire Council (Howsmoor Lane, Emersons Green) (Prohibition of Driving) Order 2011 – under sections 1(1) and 2(1) to 3 to the said Act the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle entering, proceeding or waiting in the length of **Howsmoor Lane** from its junction with Willowherb Road to the new sports facility access.

Exemptions are contained in the order for vehicles to be used for building, industrial or demolition operations; the removal of any obstruction to traffic; the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of the road; the laying, erection, alteration or removal in or about adjacent to the road of any pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity or any telecommunication apparatus; in the name of a local authority, for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes in exercise of official duties and for the purpose of gaining access to premises accessible only from that length of road. A further exemption will be included for pedil cycles.

2. Ref L3/STOP/PT5721 – The South Gloucestershire Council (Willowherb Road, Emersons Green) (Prohibition of School Entrances – No Stopping) Order 2011 – under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 4(1) and 4(2) to the said Act the effect of which will be to protect areas marked with school entrance markings in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 in the length of **Willowherb Road**, Emersons Green by prohibiting any vehicle stopping during the restricted hours which will be the hours shown on traffic signs placed at that location.

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Dated: 23 October 2017

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A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at The Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne, Monday to Friday 9am - 2pm until 21st November 2017. A copy of the application form and any accompanying documents may be obtained by writing to Winterbourne Parish Council, The Greenfield Centre, Park Avenue, Winterbourne, Bristol, BS36 1NU.

Any representations should be sent in writing, ON or BEFORE that date to the Planning Inspectorate, Commons Team at 3rd Floor, 125 Strand, London, WC2R 0EP or [commanderscasework@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:commanderscasework@pins.gsi.gov.uk). Representations sent to the Planning Inspectorate cannot be treated as confidential and may be copied to the applicant and possibly to other interested parties.

South Gloucestershire Council. 23rd October 2017

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## Section 48 Planning Act 2008

### Regulation 4 Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009

#### PORISHEAD 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 Clange 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 **Monday 23 October 2017** to **Monday 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.

## Stage 2 Consultation on re-opening the Portishead Branch Line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

Location	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Castlewood</b> <b>North Somerset Council Office</b> , Tickenham Road, Clevedon BS21 6FW	8.30am-5pm	8.30am-5pm	8.30am-5pm	8.30am-5pm	8.30am-5pm	Closed	Closed
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# MetroWest

## Stage 2

Consultation on re-opening the Portishead Branch Line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

### Section 48 Planning Act 2008

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# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

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Neil Hemington, Chief Planner, Planning Directorate, Department for Economy, Skills and Natural Resources, Welsh Government (2891245)

## Planning

### TOWN PLANNING

#### DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT

#### TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

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S Zamenzadeh, Casework Manager

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**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN) ORDER 2017**

NOTICE is hereby given that South Gloucestershire District Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended intends to make an order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle proceeding in the road specified in column 1 of the Schedule to this notice from making a left turn into the road specified in relation to that road in column 2 of the said Schedule.

This order is required in connection with the need to restrict and regulate traffic consequent upon works being carried out to the Church Heath Viaduct and will be operative from the 13 November 2017 for a maximum period of eighteen months. The closure however may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only for so long as is necessitated by the works which are anticipated to be of 8 MONTHS duration.

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Proposed development at land at Severn Edge, Avonmouth. Notice is hereby given that an application is being made to South Gloucestershire Council for a Gas fuelled capacity mechanism embedded generation plant to support the National Grid by Mr David Sheppard at GPF II Ltd. Any owner of the land (namely a person with a freehold interest or leasehold interest with at least 7 years to run) and/or agricultural tenant will wish to make representations to South Gloucestershire Council about the application should do so within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice to: Department for Environment and Community Services, South Gloucestershire Council, PO BOX 299, Strategic Planning, Civic Centre, High Street, Bristol, BS15 0DR. Please forward a copy of the advertisement with your application. Signed by Mr David Sheppard On behalf of GPF II Ltd. Dated: 26/10/2017

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Notice is hereby given that on 23 October 2017 South Gloucestershire District Council made an order under sections 6(2), 6(3) and 6(4) and 1(2) and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended the effect of which is to:

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b) consolidate other speed limits in the area.

The order will come into operation on 6 November 2017 and a copy thereof, together with a copy of the order to be varied/revoked and a copy of the Council's Statement of Reasons for making the order, may be inspected at Marshfield Post Office, 59 High Street, Marshfield, Chippenham, and at Yate One Stop Shop (next to the Leisure Centre), Kennedy Way, Yate during normal opening hours.

**(OLD GLOUCESTER ROAD, EARTHcott GREEN) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF USE BY VEHICLES) ORDER 2017**

Notice is hereby given that South Gloucestershire District Council in pursuance of the provisions of section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended intends to make an order the effect of which will be to close, temporarily to vehicles, that length of Old Gloucester Road which extends from a point 650 metres from its junction with Church Road for a distance of 200 metres southwards. This order is required and will be operative from the 25 November 2017 for a maximum period of eighteen months. The closure however may not be implemented for the whole of the period but only when signs are in position and only for so long as is necessitated by the works which are anticipated to be of 2 DAYS duration.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 257**  
**SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL (FOOTPATH LSG 22 (PART) AT STOKE GIFFORD) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2016**

Notice is hereby given that the provisions of Article 2 of the above order made on 24 August 2016 and confirmed on 8 November 2016 have now been compiled with. The order became operative from 24 October 2017.

John McCormick, Monitoring Officer and Head of Legal, Governance and Democratic Services, PO Box 1953, Bristol, BS37 0DB

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# MetroWest

Stage 2

Consultation on re-opening the Portishead Branch Line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

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Long Ashton Library Lovelinch Gardens, Long Ashton BS41 9AH	Closed	*9.30am-12.30pm; 1.30-5pm (*10am on the 3rd Tuesday of the month)	Closed	9.30am-12.30pm; 1.30-5pm	Closed	9.30am-1pm	Closed
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Pill Library Crockerne House, Underbanks, Pill BS20 0AT	Closed	9.30am-12.30pm; 1.30-5pm	Closed	9.30am-12.30pm; 1.30-5pm	Closed	9.30am-1pm	Closed
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Weston-super-Mare Library Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-8pm	8.30am-7pm	Closed
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Long Ashton Community Centre Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton, Bristol BS41 9DP	Public Information Day	Thursday 23 November between 3.30-7.30pm
Pill Community Centre Church Place, Pill, Bristol BS20 0AE	Public Information Day	Friday 24 November between 12.30-7.30pm
Citizen Service Point Bristol City Council 100 Temple St, Bristol BS1 6HT	Unmanned Public Information Exhibition	Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December between 9am-5pm

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

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

# MetroWest

## Stage 2

### Consultation on re-opening the Portishead Branch Line as part of MetroWest Phase 1

#### 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 Clange 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 **Monday 23 October 2017 to Monday 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.
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7. **Public Rights of Way (PROWs) Diversion 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.

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**James Willcock, MetroWest Phase 1 Project Manager**  
**26 October 2017.**

STARTS

## Press release: Next stage of consultation on reopening the Portishead branch line begins

Residents are being invited to have their say as the next stage of consultation on plans to reopen the Portishead branch line and reintroduce passenger train services as part of MetroWest Phase 1 begins on Monday.

People have until 4 December 2017 to give their feedback. There will be six staffed public exhibitions and an additional unmanned exhibition during the consultation period. Responses can be submitted through an online questionnaire at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or by completing a paper questionnaire at one of the exhibitions.

North Somerset Council is the lead authority for MetroWest Phase 1 on behalf of the four West of England councils.

Cllr Elfan Ap Rees, Deputy Leader of North Somerset Council, said:

*"This is an important milestone for this key project. The last nine months have been very challenging with considerable unexpected cost increases, particularly in relation to our proposals to re-open the Portishead Line. Our proposals to upgrade the Severn Beach Line and the Bath Spa to Bristol Line remain unchanged, with the delivery of a half-hourly train service. An examination of costs and scope for the Portishead Line has resulted in considerable cost savings for an initial hourly service, using larger three carriage trains and then in the future up to five carriage trains. We would hope to increase this frequency in due course "*

### About the MetroWest Phase 1 proposals

The MetroWest Phase 1 proposals comprise reopening the railway line from Portishead to Parson Street Junction in Bristol for passenger services, as well as new facilities for services to turn back at Bathampton (north-east of Bath), allowing trains terminating at Bath from Bristol to reverse at Bathampton. Other associated works include new and enhanced signalling at Avonmouth and on the Severn Beach Line.

North Somerset Council, Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, and South Gloucestershire Council are working with Network Rail, Great Western Railway and the freight train operators to deliver the MetroWest programme. North Somerset Council is the lead authority for MetroWest Phase 1 and will therefore be applying for consent for the works as necessary and where required.

### About the consultation

The consultation will run from Monday 23 October to Monday 4 December. Responses can be submitted through an online questionnaire at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or by completing a paper questionnaire at one of the exhibitions.

## Appendix D - MetroWest press release

Staffed public exhibitions will be held in the following locations:

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- Friday 24 November, 12.30pm - 7.30pm – Pill Community Centre, Pill, BS20 0AE

Exhibition boards will then be on display at an unmanned exhibition at:

- Monday 27 November – Friday 1 December, 9am - 5pm – 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6AG

The consultation will be asking people for their views on a range of topics including:

- design proposals for stations in Portishead and Pill
- proposed highway changes in Portishead
- a proposed new footbridge near Trinity Primary School in Portishead
- works affecting the Avon Gorge and its natural habitats
- proposed changes to Ashton Vale Road crossing and the closure of Barons Close pedestrian crossing in Ashton Vale
- the scheme's likely environmental impacts and appropriate mitigation proposals.

ENDS

Issued by:

**Gary Cockram**  
MetroWest Communications

## Portishead rail line to Bristol consultation begins - Clevedon, Portishead and Nailsea news

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### Consultation over Portishead railway begins

**PUBLISHED:** 16:15 23 October 2017 | **UPDATED:** 17:15 23 October 2017

[Tom Wright](#)



An artist's impression of what Pill station would look like once built. Picture: MetroWest.

**Consultation over plans to reopen the Portishead to Bristol train line begins today (Monday) – and campaigners believe this is the chance for the town to make its voice heard.**

#### Timetable

MetroWest's planned timescales:

\* Autumn 2017 – Public consultation.

\* Spring 2018 – Submit Development Consent Order to Secretary of State for Transport.

## Appendix D - press coverage examples

\* Autumn 2018 – Order examined.

\* Autumn 2019 – Decision by Secretary of State.

\* Spring 2020 – Start construction which is due to take about 18 months.

Rising costs and engineering difficulties have caused setbacks for the project, but this round of consultation by MetroWest aims to get the Government's approval for the scheme.

Design proposals for new stations at Pill and Portishead have been revealed, along with plans for the frequency of trains travelling to Bristol.

It had been hoped by both MetroWest and North Somerset Council that a half-hourly service would be operated, but the costs of allowing trains to travel quickly enough to make that possible mean it has been revised.



*An artist's impression of what Portishead station would look like once built. Picture: MetroWest.*

Options being considered now are for one train every 45 or 60 minutes on Mondays to Saturdays, with 10 services in each direction on a Sunday.

Portishead Railway Group (PRG) believes it is vital the town gets a Bristol rail link.

Vice chairman Colin Howells told the Times: "Recent events on the M5 and the A369 have shown that any incidents on these vital highways can lead to gridlock, both in and out of Portishead."

"Portishead is in desperate need of an alternative transport route into Bristol and PRG believes the train offers the best alternative. The proposals by MetroWest offer the best, quickest and most practical solution to having trains running again from Portishead to Bristol and beyond."

He urged people to say the town needs a station as it adds weight to the proposals.

## Appendix D - press coverage examples

MetroWest meanwhile says the West of England's economy prosperity is 'constrained by its transport network'.



*An artist's impression of what Pill station would look like once built. Picture: MetroWest.*

## Appendix D - press coverage examples



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*An artist's impression of what Portishead station would look like once built. Picture: MetroWest.*

## **MetroWest consultation**

The consultation will run until December 4 and exhibitions will take place next month.

The plans can be viewed from 12.30-7.30pm (unless stated otherwise) at:

- \* November 10 - Somerset Hall in Portishead.
- \* November 21 - Trinity Primary School in Portishead.
- \* November 23 - Long Ashton Community Centre from 3.30-7.30pm.
- \* November 24 - Pill Community Centre.

Online questionnaires about the scheme can be filled out at [www.travelwest.info](http://www.travelwest.info). Paper copies will be available at exhibition events and can be posted to West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER.

## New consultation launched on whether to reopen Portishead train line

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A new consultation on whether to reopen the train line between Portishead and Bristol Temple Meads has been launched.

Spoken about for years, but first considered as a serious possibility in 2008 – the MetroWest project has rumbled on for almost a decade with seemingly little progress made.

The latest consultation – which will open on Monday, October 23 – seeks to gauge a reaction to the prospect of having an hourly train service between Portishead and Bristol Temple Meads, rather than the half-hourly service initially proposed.

It comes after an updated budget in March revealed the [first phase of the project had trebled](#) in cost from £58million to between £145 and £175million.

Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, has previously promised the line will reopen and the West of England Combined Authority – which includes Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) – Metro Mayor, Tim Bowles has made positive noises about the scheme.

### Read More

- [This is where 105,000 new homes will be built in and around Bristol](#)



A railway tunnel on the Portishead Line near the Clifton Suspension Bridge

While there is widespread support for the project, it is still unclear where the extra funding will come from, leading many to question whether the line will ever reopen.

## Appendix D - press coverage examples

The financial uncertainties have slowed down on works on the line - which was originally set to start operating in 2019 – and it now appears that works on the track will not properly begin until 2020 at the earliest.

Portishead is one of the fastest growing towns in the South West and its population has risen by more than 3,000 since 2001 and is expected to increase by a further 8,000 in the coming decade.

The A369 and M5 roads – the main commuter routes in to Bristol – are regularly [congested during peak times](#), and when one or both are blocked it makes it almost impossible for people to drive to and from the city.

TravelWest – the umbrella organisation for Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council, North Somerset Council and B&NES – estimate that the reopened line will provide a £264million boost to the local economy over the next decade.



The Portishead Line near Pill

The consultation document states: “MetroWest Phase 1 will reduce journey times which will not erode over time.

“MetroWest Phase 1 will also increase the number of people living within 30 minutes’ travel time of key employment areas such as the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone and the sub-region’s Enterprise Areas.

“This will generate a series of wider economic benefits, such as helping to increase business confidence and assisting in job creation.”

The Portishead line was closed to passengers in 1964 under the Beeching cuts. Some 9km of the track is still used for freight services and only “minor works” are required to enable passenger services to run.

However 5km of the track – which are not currently in use – will need greater investment to make it operational.

Two new stations at [Portishead](#) and Pill are proposed under MetroWest phase one plans, and train services will also serve Parson Street, Bedminster, and Bristol Temple Meads stations.

If successfully reopened, the branch line will be owned and maintained by Network Rail and the train service will be operated by the local train operator which is currently Great Western Railway.

## Appendix D - press coverage examples

Alongside the Portishead line, phase one of the MetroWest project includes running half-hourly trains on the Severn Beach Line and to Keynsham and Bath Spa.

### Read More

- [GWR's new high speed trains return to Paddington route after first day problems are fixed](#)

Phase two of the project will see the [Henbury Spur](#) route reopen and improvements made to the Yate corridor.

Once the consultation has concluded on Monday, December 4, a final plan will be drawn up for the Metro West scheme. If additional funding for the scheme is secured, the plan will then be submitted to central government in the spring.

It will take around 18 months for the plan to be assessed and formally approved or rejected by government. If approved works could begin in early 2020.



New consultation launched on whether to reopen Portishead train line (Image: Matt Cardy/Getty Images)

### Information about the consultation

The consultation will open on Monday, October 23 and close on December 4.

Consultation documents and questionnaires are available on the TravelWest website or can be requested by calling 0117 922 4513.

#### **A number of public exhibitions on the scheme will take place on the following days:**

Friday, November 10 – Between 12.30pm and 7.30pm at Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead,

Wednesday, November 15 – Between 12.30pm and 7.30pm at the Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol, BS1 6QH

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Tuesday, November 21 – Between 1.30pm and 7.30pm at Trinity Anglican Primary School (Community Hall), Marjoram Way, Portishead, BS20 7JF

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Following the exhibitions, the plans will go on display from:

Monday, November 27 – Between 9am and 5pm at 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT

## Consultation- Portishead Railway Group

portisheadrailwaygroup.org

PRG Logo

Portishead Railway Group

23 October 2017:

The next stage of the project to reopen the Portishead line is underway. This is the public consultation for the Development Consent Order, a legal requirement for the next, critical step towards trains running.

The aim of the consultation is to collect public opinion about the proposed line and train service as a whole, as currently planned. It is NOT about choices over what stations, what service levels or what extra features need to be added in. We are past that stage!

Even if you completely agree with the current proposal, it is really important that you respond to the public consultation and comment to that effect.

When:

The consultation opens on 23 October and closes on 4 December 2017.

Where:

Fri 10 Nov 12.30 - 19.30 – Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead, BS20 6AH

Wed 15 Nov 12.30 - 19.30 – Engine Shed, Station Approach, Temple Meads, BS1 6QH

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Following the exhibitions, the plans will go on display from 27 November 2017 at:

100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT from 9.00 to 17.00

[Consultation booklet >>](#)

You will be able to respond by letter, online, e-mail or filling out the paper or online questionnaire about the consultation.

Link to online [Questionnaire](#). Please read consultation booklet before doing questionnaire.

Results of the consultation will be published in early 2018.

# Consultation opens about passenger trains from Portishead

Proposals to re-launch passenger trains from Portishead are moving forward and a public consultation is now being held on the next stage of planning.

North Somerset Council is working with the other West of England councils on an ambitious programme of rail improvements over the next 10 years, known as MetroWest.

Phase One includes re-opening the Portishead branch line with new stations at Portishead and Pill, with a new passenger train service to Bristol Temple Meads which also stops at Parson Street and Bedminster stations.

In March this year the scheme's outline design for a half-hourly service was completed, along with an updated capital cost estimate.

The amount of work required for this frequency made the scheme unaffordable so it was decided to provide an initial hourly service with the possibility of some additional peak time trains.

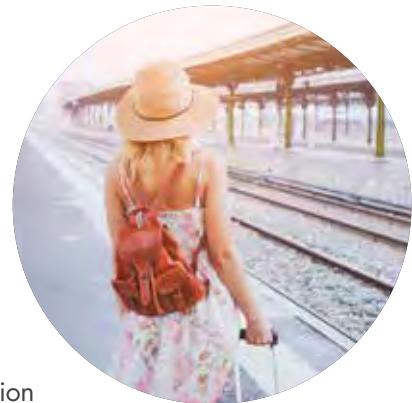
This reduces the amount of infrastructure works required, which in turn lessens the impact on the sensitive environmental areas, while still meeting modern safety standards.

Re-opening the disused section between Portishead and Pill requires planning consent through a Development Consent Order and a formal consultation is now under way.

The rest of the scheme won't need consent as it is already within the existing operational railway.

## Progress so far:

- outline design for the road changes required has been completed
- outline design for the railway works is under way
- environmental assessment has started for both the disused section of railway and existing operational freight railway which passes through Avon Gorge, which has multiple environmental protection designations
- an initial assessment of the environmental impact, with the proposed mitigations, has been made in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report - available at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)
- strategically important parcels of land have been purchased, with negotiations on others progressing
- continued talks with train operators and the Department for Transport to secure the train services, including the rolling stock and operational resources
- discussions continue with affected parties, such as local land and property owners, utility companies, statutory bodies, government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders
- development of the business case continues, which continues to show the scheme's 'value for money' remains high, providing £3 of benefits for every £1 invested.



## Timescales

**Autumn 2017** – formal consultation

**Spring 2018** – submit Development Consent Order

**Autumn 2018** – examination in public

**Autumn 2019** – decision by Secretary of State

**Winter 2019** – sign off planning conditions and mobilise contractors

**Spring 2020** – start construction of principal works



## MetroWest+ Phase 1



### Have your say Six exhibitions will be held in November for people to find out more and have their say:

**Friday 10** – 12.30-7.30pm, Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead

**Wednesday 15** – 12.30-7.30pm, Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol

**Tuesday 21** – 1.30-7.30pm, Trinity Anglican Primary School (community hall), Marjoram Way, Portishead

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**Friday 24** – 12.30-7.30pm, Community Centre, Church Place, Pill

Following the exhibitions, plans will be on display for a week from Monday 27 November, from 9am-5pm, at the Citizen Service Point, 100 Temple Street, Bristol.

### MetroWest Phase One will...

- run through some environmentally-important areas such as Avon Gorge, a Special Area of Conservation
- enable passengers to get from Portishead to Bristol Temple Meads in about 23 minutes
- have a line speed of 75mph between Portishead and Pill, and 30mph from Pill to Bower Ashton
- have modern diesel trains, with three carriages initially with up to 270 seats
- include 16km of railway works and 1km of highway works.
- increase the UK national rail network (passenger trains) by 14km
- bring an additional 50,000 people within the immediate catchment of the rail network
- include work to four tunnels, three viaducts, 12 under-bridges, 14 over-bridges and 3km of retaining walls



For more information and how you can take part in the consultation, visit [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) • Responses needed by Monday 4 December.



Edition 4 – 28th September 2017



[www.trinityprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.trinityprimaryschool.co.uk)

We always start our weekly newsletter with a celebration of those children who have achieved 'Golden Book' status. This means that they have received three green cards, with each green card being achieved due to excellent behavior or learning. We look forward to seeing the more names in the following weeks.

### **Gordano Open Evening TONIGHT 6pm**

Lack of parking on site due to building works on site.

#### **End of school**

Please could parents ensure they are with their children when they go through the school gates after they have been collected from class. If your children do go on ahead, please remind them to wait for you by the white line at the gate. We have had a number of children separated from their adults at the end of the day recently and would like to work together to do everything we can to ensure the children's safety.

#### **Children's summer reports from the last academic year**

As we have had a few parents asking for copies of last year's reports for their children, we will open the link for you to print them out for 1 week starting today. We cannot regenerate passwords or logins, so please have a look for them and save or print the report before next Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **Change to your email addresses**

If sending data forms back and your email has changed please remember YOU need to change it in Parentpay. Thank you.

#### **Data collection forms – return by TOMORROW Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Each child from Year 1 to Year 6 has received an envelope with the data sheet and a fair processing letter and consent form this week. Reception children will receive theirs shortly. Please carefully check the details we hold for your child/ren and return the form with amendments if needed. Please also return the consent form for local trips/ photographs and google apps.

#### **Year 6 School Nurse forms – return forms by TOMORROW Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Children in Y6 were all given an envelope from the school nurses regarding the health check. Please return the forms in the envelope provided by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** so we can hand to the North Somerset School Nursing Team.

#### **Scholastic book orders**

There are **only 4 days left to order** from our latest **Scholastic Book Club**. Just go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/trinity-anglican-methodist> to browse the latest books and place your order. Please place your **order online by October 2nd, 2017**. **Every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will earn **25p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards.

## School dinner menu change - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October - fish and chips!

Three times a year every school provides information to the DfE, most of the information creates funding for the school. One of the factors is Universal Free School Meals – we have to inform the DfE on how many school meals were taken up on a particular day from children in Reception – Year 2. This impacts on what funding the school receives. The more children who have a school dinner on our census days assists the school with funding. If numbers are low, then the school can have funding withdrawn. We have therefore arranged for the menu to be changed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October to Fish and Chips as this is a firm favourite. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October will be roast dinner. Please could you encourage your child to have a school dinner on Fish and Chip Thursday! Many thanks.

## Dogs

As a reminder, dogs are not permitted on school property, so any 'mess' you may see on the playground is likely to be due to foxes. Luna is taken off site for toileting and has responsible owners to pick up after her.



## NEW: Mathematics Presentation Workshops – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2pm

We are committed to ensuring our maths results improve across the school, but we need your help! Please come to this workshop and help us help your child.

Mrs Nickells, Trinity's interim headteacher, will be attending this event, providing an informal opportunity for you to meet her.

## Year 4 Wow Day

Year 4 will be exploring the events of Pompeii for our first wow day of the year. We will not be dressing up for this day due to the messy nature of some of the activities so normal school uniform please!

## Bottle tops request

We are working with Portishead in Bloom for a project next year. The coming year of 2018 commemorates one hundred years since the end of World War One. They would like our help in creating a river of small poppies which would hopefully be displayed in Jubilee Park. Would it be possible for you all to start collecting red and black bottle tops and send them into school. We will need quite a few!

## Harvest Festival – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

This year our food donations will be supporting the Crisis Centre Ministries in Bristol. This is a Christian run support centre for people living on the street or who have hit on hard times. Most of our food will go to the Wild Goose in Easton, which is an ex-pub that now provides free food and support for these vulnerable people. If you refer to the link below in the letter they can find some information about the Crisis Centre Ministries and there is also a list of the food needed. <https://www.crisis-centre.org.uk/harvest2017>

Items in **BOLD** most needed:

**Instant coffee, Sugar, Jam, Marmite, Peanut butter, Rice, Tinned tomatoes, Cooking sauces, Black pepper, Curry powder**, Paprika, Mixed dried herbs, Vegetarian stock cubes, Dried red lentils, Cornflour, Porridge oats, Cooking oil, Pickles, Chutney, Mustard, Tomato ketchup, Brown sauce, Mayonnaise, Greaseproof paper, Cling film, Bleach, Washing-up liquid, Cleaning/dish cloths and scourers, Pump dispenser hand soap.

### Deadlines and dates for your calendar

(please see main part of the newsletter for information)

<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	Maths Presentation 2pm
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	Year 4 WOW day – SCHOOL UNIFORM!
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest service – donations to Crisis centre
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Change of school dinner menu
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Prospective parents – 2pm and 7pm – No need to book a place
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non Uniform day – collection for Animal care
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	FoT Family Disco – see below for ticket details
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	FoT Table top sale – see below for details
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b>	NO SCHOOL CLUBS ALL WEEK
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Inset Day End of Term 1
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Term 2 Starts



### Other News

#### Lunchbreak Supervisor Vacancy

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in serving the school, and getting paid, as one of our valued lunchtime 'superhelpers', as they have been affectionately called by the children. Please drop into school and talk to one of our office team.

#### Railway news – consultation Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1.30-7.30pm Trinity School

The project to re-open the Portishead line to passenger rail services is part of the MetroWest programme to improve local rail services across the West of England. To reopen the line, the project requires a Development Consent Order (planning consent) under the 2008 Planning Act. An important part of the planning process is to consult with members of the local community, and the school has agreed to be one of the exhibition venues on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 1.30pm – 7.30pm**. Members of the project team will be available with plans and leaflets to explain the proposals and how the scheme has developed since the first stage of consultation in 2015. The consultation will be open to the local community and is planned to run from 23<sup>rd</sup> October until the 4<sup>th</sup> December. More information at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)

#### Future Stars October Fun Clubs

Is your child looking for a new, fun & exciting sporting experience? We are providing holiday clubs at venues across N-Somerset, Bristol & South Gloucestershire, with our famous sporting themed days, where children aged 5-12 get a chance to participate in some of their old favourite sports, as well as some brand new ones - with plenty of chances to win prizes each day! For further information on dates, activities & bookings - see <https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/book-holiday-clubs> and book online today!

#### FoT AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. As a quick recap, from the 16 fundraising events we ran last year we made a profit of £11,531.00. We spent £14,308.00 on equipment for the school and going into this year we have a balance in our accounts of £6,108.00. To ensure that we can continue to support the school for the coming year we are looking for both committee members and event helpers, without this additional support we will unfortunately not be able to run our usual events calendar. If you are able to spare any time to assist FoT please speak to a FoT member.

#### FoT Family disco- Friday 13th October 6-8pm- tickets go on sale on Monday 2nd October

We look forward to seeing you at the family disco; it's always a great event with music for all ages. Tickets will be sold on a first come basis and will go on sale on Monday 2nd October. We'll be selling tickets outside the school's main entrance on the following dates and times; Monday 2/10- 8.50am, Tuesday 3/10- 8.50am, Wednesday 4/10-3pm, Friday 6/10- 8.40am & 3pm. Please note that this event has previously been very popular and tickets sell quickly. Ticket prices are; adults £3, children £2 under 3's are free but must still have a ticket. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### FoT Table top sale- Saturday 14th October 10am-12noon

Grab a bargain or get rid of your clutter. Entrance £1 per adult. To rent a table it will cost £10, and sellers can set up from 9.15am. To reserve a table or if you have any questions, please contact Rachael Denham at [rachaelfot@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelfot@gmail.com). There will be a café serving bacon and sausage rolls and other refreshments.

#### Children's Christmas design

At the end of next week each child will receive a special sheet to draw a picture on. The picture will be turned into a Christmas card proof and you will have the option to buy a number of goods with your child's picture printed on, including cards, mugs, mug mats and more. For every item purchased, FoT receive a small amount of money. Class teachers can decide if the children will complete these during school time or if they will be sent home to complete in book bags. If they are sent home, please return them by MONDAY 30th OCTOBER to ensure proofs can be received in time to view and orders can then be received in time for Christmas. Please check with the class teacher to ensure your child completes a design if you think you might like to place an order!

#### New FoT logo and slogan

At the end of last term we announced that we'd chosen a new logo designed by Emmie Crockford and a new slogan created by Soraya Johnson. We're really pleased with the final digital design and there's a copy attached to this weeks newsletter.

Update on the West of England's MetroWest network

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# MetroWest+ News

Issue 7 | October 2017

## **MetroWest Phase 1: Stage 2 consultation on re-opening the Portishead branch line**



Above: Portishead Railway station visualisation

**We are consulting on plans to re-open the Portishead branch line and re-introduce passenger train services as part of MetroWest Phase 1.**

**Our consultation runs from 23 October to 4 December 2017.**

Details of the proposals are set out in our consultation leaflet and additional consultation information, all of which can be viewed online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest).

Alternatively, we are holding a series of public exhibitions where our proposals will be displayed. Members of the MetroWest project team will be on hand to answer any questions you have.

Details of the public exhibitions can be found below.

Public exhibitions will be held at the following locations and times:

- **Friday 10 November** Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead, BS20 6AH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **Wednesday 15 November** Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol BS1 6QH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
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Following the exhibitions, the plans will go on display from:

- **Week commencing Monday 27 November** 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT (9am - 5pm).

## About the consultation

Re-opening the Portishead branch line requires development consent from the Secretary of State for Transport through a Development Consent Order (DCO).

This consultation is about our proposal to apply for a DCO to re-open the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1. Our wider MetroWest Phase 1 proposals also include increasing the frequency of trains for the Severn Beach Line and the Bath Spa to Bristol line – this does not require development consent and does not form part of this consultation.

## How to comment

To view the documents for this consultation and complete our online questionnaire visit our website: [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest).

Responses can also be submitted by completing a paper questionnaire at one of our exhibitions.

Please submit your comments by 4 December 2017.



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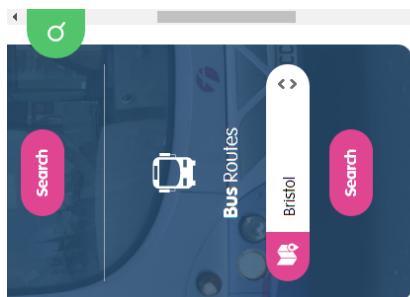
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## Appendix D - TravelWest website

The screenshot displays the TravelWest website with the following sections:

- Header:** Travel choices made simple. Includes a search icon and a green 'MetroWest' button.
- Navigation:** Home > Projects > MetroWest
- Projects:** MetroWest (selected), Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension, Bath Transportation Package, Cycle Ambition Fund, Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund, Local sustainable transport fund, Major transport schemes, Better Bus Area, Local pinch point fund, JLT - Joint Local Transport Plan, Merchant's Dock Consultation, West of England Low Emission Bus Scheme bid.
- Middle Section:** A large image of a train in motion with a blurred background. Overlaid text reads: **MetroWest** Investing in our local rail network.
- Top Navigation Bar:** Includes links for Bus, MetroBus, P+R, Park & Ride, Rail, Walk, Cycle, Drive, Motorcycle, Journey Planning, and Smartcards.
- Travel Updates:** Includes a 'See all' button and a 'Travel Updates' section with a traffic cone icon.
- Journey Planner:** A map with a blue location pin. Buttons for 'Starting location' and 'Finishing location' are shown, along with 'Find Route' and 'View Full Journey Planner' buttons.
- Live Arrivals:** Includes a 'Starting location' button.
- Bottom Right:** Social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, and Google+.
- Consultation Section:** Stage 2 Consultation on re-opening the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest. Phase 1 is also mentioned. A text box states: From 23 October to 4 December 2017 we are consulting with the local community, land/property owners, statutory bodies, government agencies, local interest groups and wider stakeholders on our plans to reopen the Portishead branch line and re-introduce passenger train services, as part of MetroWest Phase 1.

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Details of our proposals are set out in the consultation leaflet which can be downloaded below.

We are formally consulting on the pink pages from page 11 to 23 inclusive – these pink pages explain our proposals for the DCO scheme on which we are seeking your views. To support the consultation we are holding a series of exhibitions. Details of these are below.

We have also made available a number of technical and historical documents including:

1. [Formal notice](#) (under Section 48 of the 2008 Act) of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals
2. [MetroWest Stage 2 Consultation Leaflet](#) outlining the proposals for the re-opening of the Portishead branch line as part of MetroWest Phase 1.
3. [Preliminary Environmental Information Report \(PEIR\)](#), including a Non-Technical Summary of PEIR's assessment of MetroWest Phase 1's potential environmental impacts.
4. [Land Plan](#) showing the land required for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
5. [Works Plan](#) illustrating the proposed works for the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
6. [Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders \(TROs\) Plan](#) showing the temporary TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
7. [Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders \(TROs\) Plan](#) showing the permanent TROs proposed as part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO proposals.
8. [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.
9. [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.
10. [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.

These are held on the scheme's document store linked below.



## Appendix D - TravelWest website

### How are you consulting?

Further details on how we are consulting during this period is published in a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The SoCC can be viewed by clicking the link below

### Where can I view paper copies of the documents?

Paper copies of the consultation documents are held at the following locations until 4 December:

- Castlewood North Somerset Council Office, Tickenham Road, Clevedon BS21 6FW
- Long Ashton Library, Lovelinch Gardens, Long Ashton BS41 9AH
- Pill Library, Crockern House, Underbanks, Pill BS20 0AT
- Portishead Library, Horatio House, 24 Harbour Road, Portishead BS20 7AL
- Weston-super-Mare Library, Town Hall, Wallscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ
- Bedminster Library, 4 St Peter's Court, Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4AQ
- Bristol Central Library, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TL
- Marksbury Road Library, Marksbury Road, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 5LG
- Citizen Service Point, Bristol City Council, 100 Temple Street, BS1 6AG

### How do I comment?

Complete the online questionnaire [here](#)

Paper copies will be available at the exhibition events listed below by calling 0117 922 4513.

Completed paper copies of questionnaires should be handed to us at one of the manned exhibition events or returned to West of England Council's MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER

If you require the questionnaire in any other format, let us know at one of the manned exhibition events or email us at [metrowest@westofengland.org](mailto:metrowest@westofengland.org)

The consultation starts on 23 October 2017 and runs for six weeks. Please respond by 4 December 2017.

### Exhibition details

We are holding six exhibitions at the following dates and venues:

- Friday 10 November – Somerset Hall, The Precinct, Portishead, BS20 6AH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
- Wednesday 15 November – Engine Shed, Station Approach, Bristol BS1 6QH (12.30pm - 7.30pm)
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- Friday 24 November – Community Centre, Church Place, Pill, BS20 0AE (12.30pm - 7.30pm)

The railway, highway design and associated proposals will be displayed at all exhibitions.

Members of the MetroWest project team will be on hand to answer any questions.

Following the exhibitions, the plans will go on display from:

- Week commencing Monday 27 November - 100 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6HT (9am - 5pm)



**MetroWest Phase 1  
Consultation Leaflet**

**MetroWest Phase 1  
Document Store**

**Consultation  
Questionnaire**

## Appendix D - social media screenshots



**Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 4 Dec 2017

Today's the last day of our consultation on our plans to reopen the Portishead railway line. Submit your comments here [travelwest.info/projects/metro...](http://travelwest.info/projects/metro...)



**Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 22 Nov 2017

You can find out about our plans to reopen the Portishead railway line at the Ashton Gate Stadium. We're there until 7.30pm today.  
[travelwest.info/projects/metro...](http://travelwest.info/projects/metro...)



## Appendix D - social media screenshots



**Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 21 Nov 2017

We're holding a drop-in session today about our proposals to reopen the Portishead railway line. Visit us at [Trinity Anglican Primary School](#) in Portishead between 13.30 & 19.30 to find out more!



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**Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 15 Nov 2017

Come visit us at [@EngineShed\\_BB](#) today! We're explaining our proposals to reopen the Portishead railway line to passenger services.



**WBD Planning UK** @WBD\_PlanningUK

Just popped across to see the #MetroWest #travelwest public exhibition at Engine Shed #Bristol. Good numbers of curious people having a look at the proposals today! @MetroWestrail @RGuyatt [twitter.com/MetroWestRail/...](http://twitter.com/MetroWestRail/)



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**Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 9 Nov 2017

We're consulting on reopening the Portishead railway line to passenger services. Our first public exhibition is tomorrow at Somerset Hall in Portishead, 12.30pm to 7.30pm. Find out more: [travelwest.info/metrowest](#)



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 **Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 23 Oct 2017

We're also holding some public exhibitions about our proposals. Check our website for more information



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 **Metro West** @MetroWestRail · 23 Oct 2017

We're consulting on plans to reopen the Portishead railway line. View our proposals and comment at [travelwest.info/metrowest](http://travelwest.info/metrowest)



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## Portishead branch line reopening - have your say

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📍 Community Centre, Church Place, Pill BS20 0AE

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# Scheme Overview

# MetroWest+

## Re-opening the Portishead Branch Line

The purpose of this consultation is to consult on our proposals to seek consent for re-opening the Portishead branch line for scheduled passenger train services. The branch line was closed to passengers in 1944 under the Beeching cuts. Since then the population of Portishead has more than quadrupled. Our proposals for the branch line entail re-opening 5 km of disused railway from Portishead to PIL and minor works to 9 km of existing operational railway (Portbury freight line from PIL to Persen Street). Two new stations are proposed: Portishead and PIL. The train service will also serve Persen Street, Bedminster and Bristol Temple Meads stations. The re-opened branch line will be owned and maintained by Network Rail as part of the national rail network. The train service will be operated by the local train operator, currently Great Western Railway.

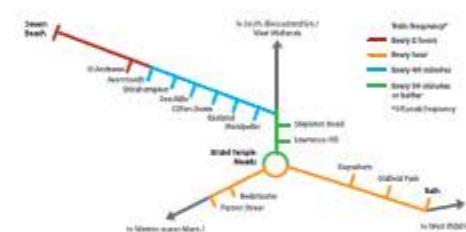
## The MetroWest Programme

The four West of England councils (Bath & North East Somerset District Council, Bristol City Council, Bath and North East Somerset Council, and South Gloucestershire Council) are working together on proposals to upgrade the local rail network fit for a city region with a population of over 1.3 million. Railways are complex systems and have to be designed with the safety of passengers, industry personnel and the public as the first priority. The complexity means the delivery of rail schemes can take longer than many highway and other transport schemes the councils typically deliver.

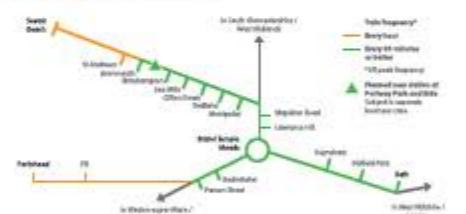
The aim of the MetroWest programme is to introduce fast and frequent metro rail services across the local area, by making better use of existing railway lines and re-opening viable disused lines.

MetroWest Phase 1 will provide the foundation on which further enhancements can be developed over the medium term.

### Existing MetroWest Phase 1 Network (as currently understood/assessed)



### Proposed MetroWest Phase 1 Network



# Phase 1

## The Development Consent Order Process

Re-opening the Portishead branch line is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) as it entails railway works of over 2km, outside Network Rail's existing operational railway network. All NSIPs are required by the 2008 Planning Act to use the Development Consent Order (DCO) process for powers to build and operate the scheme. The DCO process is overseen by the Planning Inspectorate. Independent planning inspectors are appointed for the examination in public, who then report their recommendation to the Secretary of State.

The DCO process requires the applicant to meet various requirements on engagement and consultation, to identify all the land needed to build and operate the scheme and to produce a Preliminary Environmental Information Report. The applicant must consider responses it receives during the pre-application consultation process. When the DCO application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, it takes up to 18 months to complete the remaining stages culminating in a decision by the Secretary of State. During this time the applicant will continue to negotiate with land owners on the acquisition of land needed, both the permanent land and temporary land for construction. If agreement cannot be reached with land owners, the DCO is likely to provide powers for compulsory acquisition of land.

## Development Consent Order Timescales

Summer 2017	Autumn 2017	Spring 2018	Autumn 2018	Autumn 2019	Winter 2019/20	Spring 2020
Stage 1 Consultation	Stage 2 Consultation (this consultation)	Submit DCO Application	Examination	Decision by Secretary of State	Exchange planning conditions, legal and commercial provisions and finalisation of construction contractor	Start construction of principal works*

\*We aim to undertake some enabling works such as setting up areas of the temporary construction compounds, in Autumn 2017 subject to securing the land, any planning consent and funding approval.

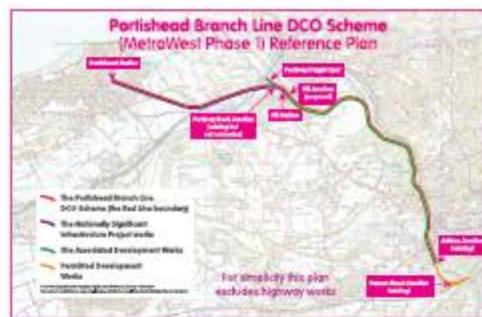
## Scheme Benefits

MetroWest Phase 1 will reduce journey times which will not erode over time. MetroWest Phase 1 will also increase the number of people living within 30 minutes' travel time of key employment areas such as the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone and the sub-region's Enterprise Areas. This will generate a series of wider economic benefits, such as helping to increase business confidence and assisting in job creation, including:

- Gross Value Added (GVA) of £344m in the first ten years of the railway opening;
- 514 net new permanent jobs;
- Providing £3 of quantified benefits for every £1 invested to deliver the scheme.

After an initial period of revenue support in the early years after opening, the scheme is forecast to generate a revenue surplus every year from year 6 onwards. MetroWest Phase 1 will also enhance the accessibility of the rail network, and bring an additional 30,000+ people within the immediate catchment of the network with the new stations of Portishead and PIL. Furthermore, the upgrade to train services at 14 existing stations across the sub-region, will serve a combined catchment of 180,000 within 1km of the stations.

MetroWest Phase 1 and the wider MetroWest Programme will integrate with Network Rail's Western Route Modernisation Programme, which includes schemes such as the electrification of the Great Western main line, live tracking at Riven Bank, and many other capacity enhancement and renewals schemes. The improved access to the local rail network provided by MetroWest Phase 1 will consequently extend the benefits of the schemes being delivered by Network Rail, through the Western Route Modernisation Programme.



## How to comment

Complete the online questionnaire at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest)

If you do not have internet access, paper copies will be available at the exhibition events or by calling 0117 922 4513.

Completed paper copies of questionnaires should be handed to us at one of the manned exhibition events or returned to West of England Councils MetroWest, 3 Rivergate, Temple Way, Bristol, BS1 6ER.

If you require the questionnaire in any other format, let us know at one of the manned exhibition events or email us at [metrowest@westofengland.org](mailto:metrowest@westofengland.org)

**The consultation starts on 23 October 2017 and runs for six weeks. Please respond by 4 December 2017.**

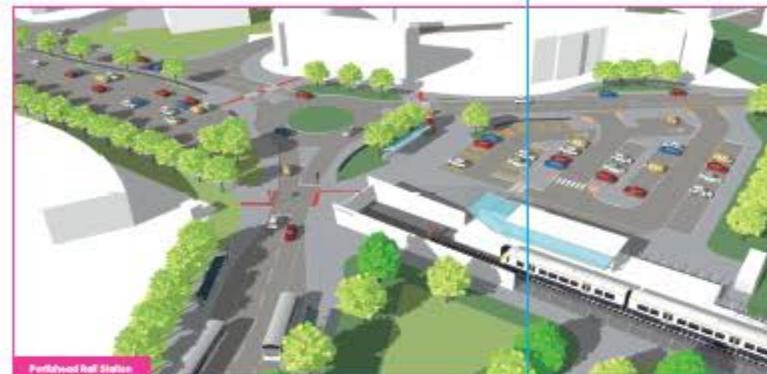
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# Portishead to Royal Portbury Dock

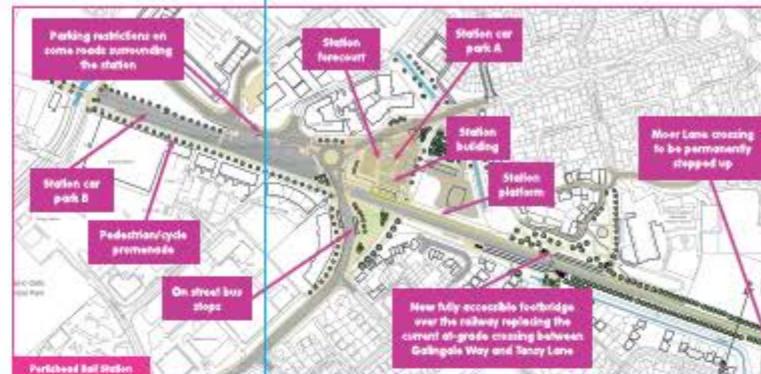
## MetroWest+ Phase 1



Portishead Rail Station

**Our proposals in summary include:**

- Re-alignment of Quays Avenue to the west and a relocated roundabout where Quays Avenue meets Harbour Road and Phoenix Way
- A single platform, lighting, passenger information departure displays and audible information with a canopy over part of the platform
- A station building with roof mounted communications aerial, a ticket office, waiting area, toilets and space for a retail concession
- A multi-modal station forecourt with seating, cycle parking, taxi rank, disabled parking, bus stop, lighting and a car park (car park A) with up to 70 car parking spaces
- A highway access point at Quays Avenue for Portishead station maintenance
- A 300 metre pedestrian & cycle boulevard with lighting, linking towards the town centre, the marina and Old Mill Lane (which has been identified for potential re-development)
- On-street bus stops with lighting, immediately in front of the station on Quays Avenue
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works



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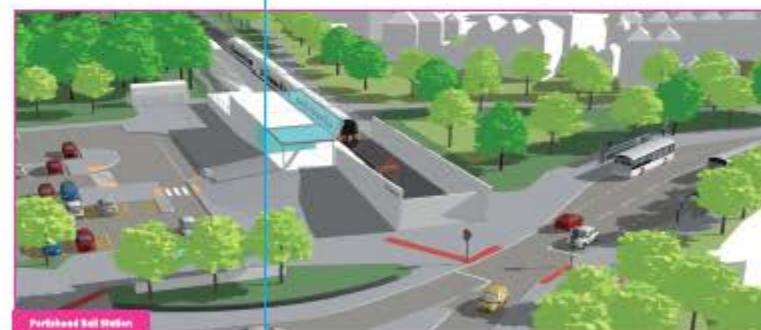


Class 166 train

- A footbridge linking to Trinity Primary School and footpath links
- Formal closure of historic level crossings and permissive level crossings
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts and bridges
- Track and lineside equipment works
- A permanent maintenance compound at Sheepway
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- Relaying the single line railway and associated civil engineering works
- A temporary compound at Sheepway during the construction phase, becoming a permanent maintenance compound
- A temporary HGV haul route adjacent to the railway during the construction phase
- Introduction of some on-street parking restrictions on some roads surrounding the station. For further information see the TRO plans online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or ask to view them at the exhibition events
- New access to the Portbury Hundred for agricultural access to neighbouring field



Sheepway (B349)



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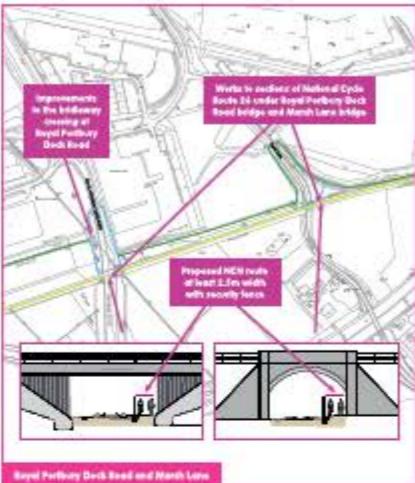
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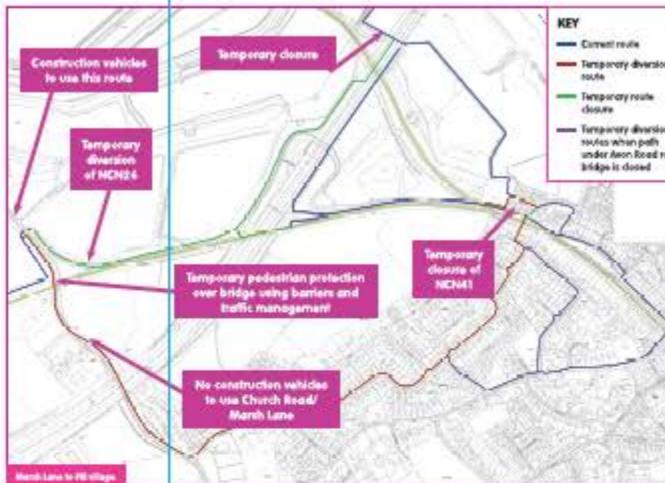
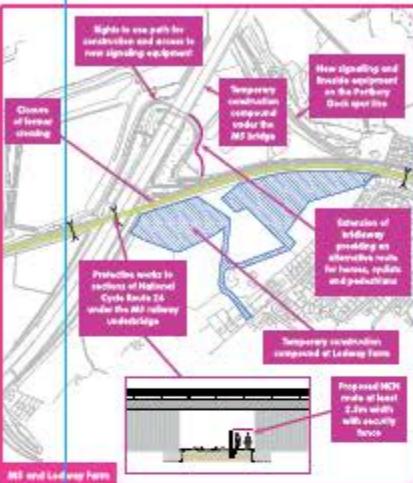
# Royal Portbury Dock to East of the M5 (Pill)

## MetroWest+ Phase 1



### Our proposals in summary include:

- Relaying the single line railway
- Formal closure of historic level crossings
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts and bridges
- Track and lineside equipment works
- Works to sections of National Cycle Route 26 under Royal Portbury Dock Road bridge and Marsh Lane bridge
- Improvements to the bridleway crossing of Royal Portbury Dock Road
- Formal closure of historic level crossing at Ludway
- Works to sections of National Cycle Route 26 under the M5 railway underbridge
- New permanent rail access from Portbury Hundred at the Wessex Water pumping station
- Extension of a bridleway west of the M5 to east of the M5 providing an alternative route for horses, cyclists and pedestrians, avoiding the M5 railway underbridge
- Signalling and lineside equipment for the spur line leading to Portbury Dock
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- Temporary compounds of Ludway Farm and under the M5 Avonmouth Bridge during the construction phase
- A temporary HGV haul route adjacent to the railway during the construction phase from Marsh Lane to Ludway Farm compound
- Temporary diversion of sections of National Cycle Route 26 and 41 during the construction phase



### Temporary closure of Public Rights of Way and permissive pedestrian and cycle paths

There are a number of public rights of way and permissive paths very close and in some cases immediately next to the disused railway / freight line, and for safety reasons it will be necessary to close sections of these paths during the construction of the scheme. In some cases there are very close alternative routes available so the inconvenience can be minimised. However, a section of bridleway, which also forms part of National Cycle Network Route 26 between Marsh Lane and the M5, will need to be closed for up to 18 months, and a temporary diversion route will be way marked as shown in the plan below. A section of NCN Route 41 will be temporarily closed during work to Avon Road Bridge and a temporary diversion route will be way marked as shown in the plan below. The diversion routes are via public highway, which is not part of a major through route and has a 30mph speed limit. Advance signing and advertising of the closures will be undertaken.

It is also proposed that there will be closures of some sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path to enable works and repairs to railway retaining walls, culverts and bridges. The closures are likely to be limited to a few hours of a day at a time, and some closures of a few days at a time. Due to the local topography there are limited options for path diversions, however advance advertising of the closures will be undertaken including advance notices on the tow path.

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# Royal Portbury Dock to East of the M5 (Pill)

## Pill to Ham Green

**MetroWest+ Phase 1**

**Our proposals in summary include:**

- Laying a new single line railway which will run parallel to the existing railway line from Portbury Dock
- Replacing Avon Road/Lodway railway bridge and embankment works
- Pill station including new platform, access ramp (and earthworks), passenger shelter, forecourt, and car park with up to 65 car parking spaces
- Demolition of existing Pill station house to create space for station forecourt
- Installation of a Principal Supply Point (PSP) power supply building in Pill station car park
- Introduction of some on-street parking restrictions on some roads surrounding the station. For further information see the TRO plans online at [www.travelwest.info/metrowest](http://www.travelwest.info/metrowest) or ask to view them at the exhibition events
- Civil engineering works including works to culverts, bridges and earthworks (cuttings and embankments)
- Double tracking works through Pill with a new railway junction (Pill Junction) east of the viaduct with signal
- Other track and lineside equipment works
- Small, temporary compound near Pill library
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- A permanent maintenance compound at Pill Tunnel Eastern Portal off Chapel Pill Lane
- Minor works to Pill Tunnel including emergency lighting, evacuation route and repeater aerials
- A temporary compound at Pill Tunnel Eastern Portal off Chapel Pill Lane during the construction phase and possible site of Principal Supply Point for power
- Other temporary works in Pill village, during the construction phase

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## Pill to Ham Green

# Avon Gorge, Bower Ashton and Ashton Vale

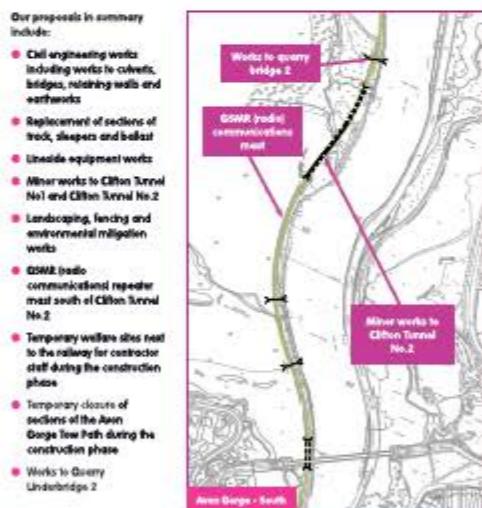
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## Avon Gorge



**Our proposals in summary include:**

- Civil engineering works including walls to culverts, bridges, and retaining walls
- Replacement of sections of track, sleepers and ballast
- Laneside equipment works
- Intermediate signals
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- A temporary micro compound at Chapel Pill Farm and quarry bridge No 6, during the construction phase
- Temporary welfare sites next to the railway for contractor staff during the construction phase
- Temporary closure of sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path during the construction phase

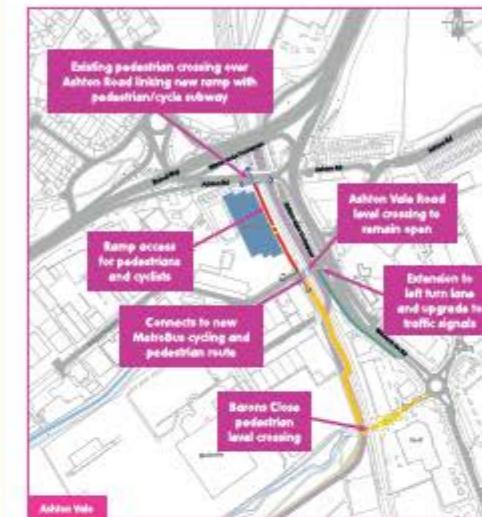
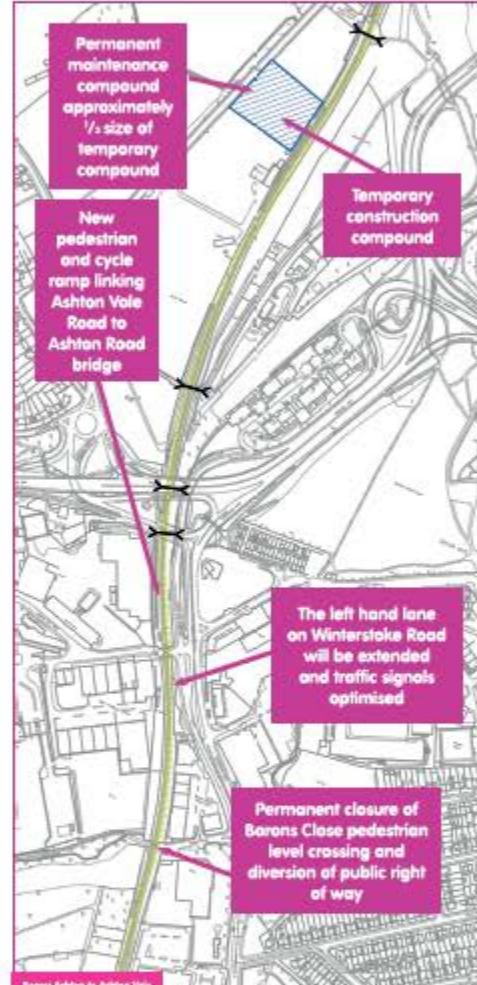


**Our proposals in summary include:**

- Civil engineering works including walls to culverts, bridges, retaining walls and earthworks
- Replacement of sections of track, sleepers and ballast
- Laneside equipment works
- Minor works to Cilton Tunnel No.1 and Cilton Tunnel No.2
- Landscaping, fencing and environmental mitigation works
- GSMR (radio communications) mast south of Cilton Tunnel No.2
- Temporary welfare sites next to the railway for contractor staff during the construction phase
- Temporary closure of sections of the Avon Gorge Tow Path during the construction phase
- Works to Quarry Underbridge 2

## Phase 1

## Bower Ashton and Ashton Vale



### New Pedestrian Access At Ashton Vale and Closure of the Container Crossing (Barons Close) Pedestrian Level Crossing

There is a pedestrian crossing at Barons Close in Ashton Vale (called Container Crossing) that was closed temporarily during the construction of the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads Metrobus project. MetroWest Phase 1 is proposing to close the crossing permanently as part of the DCO Scheme.

Alternative pedestrian access will be provided via a new pedestrian and cycle link currently under construction by the Ashton Vale to Temple Meads Metrobus project, north from the existing level crossing to the carriageway of Ashton Vale Road next to the existing Ashton Vale Road level crossing. The route will then be extended north by the construction of a pedestrian and cycle ramp parallel to the railway to link Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road. The ramp forms part of the MetroWest Phase 1 DCO Scheme which also includes designating part of the Metrobus pedestrian and cycle link as a public right of way.

### Ashton Junction (Ashton Vale Road) Highway Level Crossing

Ashton Vale Road level crossing will remain operational. No alterations will be undertaken to the level crossing itself, however the following works are proposed to reduce the highway traffic impact from the increased use of the level crossing:

- Extension of the left turn bay lane on Winterstoke Road;
- Optimisation of the Ashton Vale Road signals and upgrade of signals to 'WOW' (computerised system responsive to traffic conditions); and
- Provision of a ramp to the north of the level crossing to connect pedestrians and cyclists from Ashton Vale Road to Ashton Road.

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