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Your Ref

Our Ref
PXT/IHM/Y061147

Date
10 June 2010

Dear Sir

Transport and Works Act 1992
The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales)
Rules 2006
Proposed Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Rapid Transit Order

On behalf of our clients, Bristol City Council of The Council House, College Green, Bristol BS1 5TR and North Somerset Council of Town Hall, Walliscote Grove Road, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ (together referred to as “the promoter”), application is hereby made to the Secretary of State for Transport for an Order under sections 1 and 3 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 in the terms of the draft Order accompanying this application.

The purpose of the Order is to permit the promoter to construct and operate a rapid transit system between Ashton Vale, Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre and to carry out associated works to the existing Bristol Harbour Railway. The Order would also permit the promoter to acquire compulsorily land and rights in land for the purposes of the rapid transit system.

The Order, if made, would authorise the construction and operation of a guided busway between Long Ashton Park and Ride and Prince Street Bridge and the associated realignment of the Bristol Harbour Railway and ancillary matters. The rapid transit system would then run on-street, completing an anti-clockwise loop around Bristol city centre via Temple Meads, Cabot Circus and Broadmead, although powers are not sought in the order for this city centre loop.

In connection with the application, a direction is also being sought under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

As prescribed by Rule 10 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, this letter of application is accompanied by three copies of the letter and four copies of each of the documents particularised in the accompanying list of application documents.

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Requests for further information and all notices or other documents required to be served upon the applicant should be sent to Bircham Dyson Bell (ref. IHM/Y061147). We should be grateful if you would also acknowledge safe receipt of this application by writing.

Yours faithfully

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List of Application Documents

- A1 Letter of application.
- A2 Draft Order.
- A3 An Explanatory Memorandum explaining the purpose and effect of each article and Schedule in the draft Order.
- A4 Concise statement of the aims of the proposals.
- A5 Report summarising the consultations which have been undertaken.
- A6 Declaration as to Status.
- A7 List of all consents, permissions or licences required under other enactments for the purposes of the powers sought in the application.
- A8 Details of the applicant's proposals for funding the cost of implementing the Order.
- A9 An estimate of the cost of carrying out the works provided for in the proposed Order.
- A10 Request for a direction under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, including Statement of proposed planning conditions.
- A11 Draft Code of Construction Practice.
- A12 Environmental Statement.
- A13 Non Technical Summary of Environmental Statement.
- A14 Visual Identity Guidelines.
- A15 Order Plans – consisting of Works & Land Plans and Sections and Rights of Way Plans.
- A16 Book of Reference.
- A17 Plans for Information.