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Dear Liam,

I am writing to inform you that a minded to approve decision has been taken on the application made by North Somerset District Council for the Portishead MetroWest Phase 1 Development Consent Order, under the Planning Act 2008.

Since the close of the examination into the Proposed Development, the Department has become aware of a funding gap. The Planning Act 2008 and Department of Leveling Up, Housing and Communities guidance requires as part of my consideration on whether to approve a DCO to establish a degree of certainty of funding, particularly where the scheme is seeking powers to acquire land compulsorily.

North Somerset District Council has been asked to demonstrate to the Department that the Proposed Development's funding is secured by 30 November 2022. A commitment to approve the DCO has been issued but is subject to established funding. The full minded to approve decision has been published on the [Planning Inspectorate website](#).

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT COURTS MP

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