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Dear Joanna

Bristol Airport Limited (Land at A38 and Downside Road) Compulsory Purchase Order 2020 (the "Order")

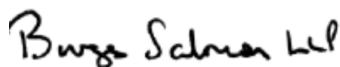
We refer to the above matter and we are writing following your email dated 8 September 2021.

We have previously submitted a proof of evidence of Mr Konrad Lansdown on behalf North Somerset Council (the "**Council**") as local highway authority in respect of its objection to the Order. We understand that the associated s.78 appeal with reference APP/D0121/W/20/3259234, which is currently being heard by way of inquiry, will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate prior to consideration of the Order by the Secretary of State. We have been invited to amend the Council's evidence to the inquiry relating to the Order to take account of those circumstances.

The Council's position is unaffected whether the s.78 appeal is granted or not. As such, the Council's evidence does not require amendment. Nevertheless the Council wishes to make clear that, in the event that the s.78 appeal is refused, the Council submits that the proposed Order should be rejected on the basis that there is no reasonable prospect of the scheme to which the Order relates coming forward.

By way of update, the Council met with Bristol Airport Limited ("**BAL**") on Thursday 9 September and Wednesday 15 September 2021 to discuss the Council's proposals for an agreement between the parties to ensure that the Council has sufficient control over the land it requires for its A38 transport improvement scheme (the "**A38 MRN Scheme**"). The Council will continue to engage with BAL on this issue. The Council will maintain its objection to the Order unless and until an appropriate agreement for the completion of the A38 MRN Scheme works on the land included within the Order is secured.

Yours faithfully



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