

DATED 30 September 2026

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED

**THE A122 (LOWER THAMES CROSSING)
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2025**

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No 3

Land and buildings on the South West side of Watling Street,
Cobham, Gravesend

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THIS **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on *30 September 2026* by National Highways Limited (company number: 09346363) ("**the Undertaker**")

WHEREAS:

- (A) On 25 March 2025 the order entitled the A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025 ("**the Order**") was made by the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State") under the powers conferred on her by section 114 of the Planning Act 2008 authorising the Undertaker to acquire the land specified in the Second Schedule hereto.
- (B) Notice of the authorisation of compulsory acquisition was first published in accordance with section 134 of the 2008 Act on 10 April 2025. That notice included the statement and form prescribed under section 134(7)(cza) (i) and (iii) of the 2008 Act.
- (C) Article 31(1) of the Order provides that the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") shall apply as if the Order were a compulsory purchase order and Article 31 (2) provides that the 1981 Act shall have effect subject to modifications.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4 of the 1981 Act as applied by article 31(1) and modified by and pursuant to articles 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of the Order, the Undertaker hereby declares as follows:

- 1 (Save any interests of any Excluded Persons in the Permanent Land) the Permanent Land described in the Second Schedule hereto (being part of the land authorised to be acquired by the Order) and more particularly delineated shown edged red and coloured pink on the plan annexed hereto, together with the right to enter upon and take possession of the land shall vest in the Undertaker as from the end of the period of 3 months from the date on which the service of notices required by section 6 of the Act is completed.
- 2 this Declaration shall not have the effect of vesting in the Undertaker any Utility Conduit.
- 3 For the purposes of section 2(2) of the Act, the specified period in relation to the land comprised in the declaration is 1 year and 1 month.
- 4 **Definitions and Interpretation**

In this Declaration wherever the context permits:
 - 4.1 the capitalised terms appearing in this Declaration (including the Schedules) have the respective meanings assigned to them by the First Schedule;
 - 4.2 references to 'the Owner', 'the Undertaker' and 'Excluded Persons' include their personal representatives, successors in title or permitted assigns;

- 4.3 all obligations (including restrictions) given or undertaken by or imposed upon more than one person in the same capacity are given or undertaken by or imposed upon them jointly and severally;
- 4.4 references to clauses and schedules are references to the relevant clause in or schedule to this Declaration;
- 4.5 words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa;
- 4.6 references to any statutes or statutory instruments include any statute or statutory instrument amending, consolidating or replacing them respectively from time to time in force, and references to a statute include statutory instruments and regulations made pursuant to it;
- 4.7 references to persons includes persons firms and companies;
- 4.8 in relation to the Plot the description of the Plot in the Second Schedule may not take into account any works that have subsequently been undertaken in, under or over the Plot pursuant to the Order; and
- 4.9 in the event of inconsistency between the extent of the Plot shown on the Plan and the description of the Plot in column 2 of the Second Schedule, the Plan shall override the description of the Plot in column 2 of the Second Schedule.

EXECUTED as a DEED by the Undertaker on the day and year above-written

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Term	Meaning
Act	Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 as amended;
Conduit	Sewers, drains, watercourse, pipes, cables, wires, ducts, hydrants, cable trays, and other service channels, conduits, apparatus or media for the passage or transmission of Services;
Excluded Persons	In relation to the Plot those persons listed in column 5 of the Second Schedule;
Original DCO Plot	means the plot number ascribed to the relevant Plot in the book of reference to The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025;
Owner	an owner and/or lessee of an interest in the Plot other than Excluded Persons;
Owner's Land	such of the Plot as is vested in the relevant Owner on the date of this Declaration;
Owner's Title	A title of which an Owner is the proprietor and which is listed in column 4 of the Second Schedule in relation to a Plot;
Permanent Land	(insofar as the same comprises or forms part of the Plot) all interests in the surface unlimited subsoil (including all mines and minerals) beneath and unlimited airspace above the land and shown edged red and coloured pink on the Plan including any wall fence hedge or other structure bounding the same;
Plan	means the plan attached to this Declaration;
Plot	a plot of land described in column 2 of the Second Schedule and marked by the relevant Plot Number and shown edged red on the Plan;
Plot Number	the number for the relevant Plot appearing in column 1 of the Second Schedule;
Services	Water, gas, electricity, telecommunications, data transfer, surface water drainage, foul drainage and/or other services as the context permits;
Utility Company	1. a 'public communication provider' as the term is defined in section 151(1) of the Communications Act 2003; 2. a 'public utility undertaker' as the term is defined in the Highways Act 1980; 3. a 'statutory undertaker' as the term is defined in article 2(1) of the Order; 4. any licence holder within the meaning of Part 1 of the Electricity Act 1989;

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	5. a gas transporter within the meaning of Part 1 of the Gas Act 1986; 6. a water undertaker within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991; or 7. a sewage undertaker.
Utility Conduit	Such (if any) interest of any Utility Company (other than the Undertaker) as at the date of this Declaration in any Conduit housing Service/s within the Plot and the contents of such Conduit but excluding the freehold of the subsoil and/or airspace within which such Conduit; is located
Vesting Date	the end of the period of three months from the date on which the service of notices required by section 6 of the Act is completed;
Vested Property	all Permanent Land vested in the Undertaker by virtue of this Declaration.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

1	2	3	4	5	6
Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
06-175	approximately 10,416 square metres of hardstanding, filling station, grassland and woodland (south of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent Land	K240543	None	Not Required
06-196	approximately 471 square metres of slip road and verge (unnamed) (south of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent Land	K240543, TT130730	None	Not Required

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EXECUTED as a DEED
by affixing the common seal of
National Highways Limited
In the presence of:

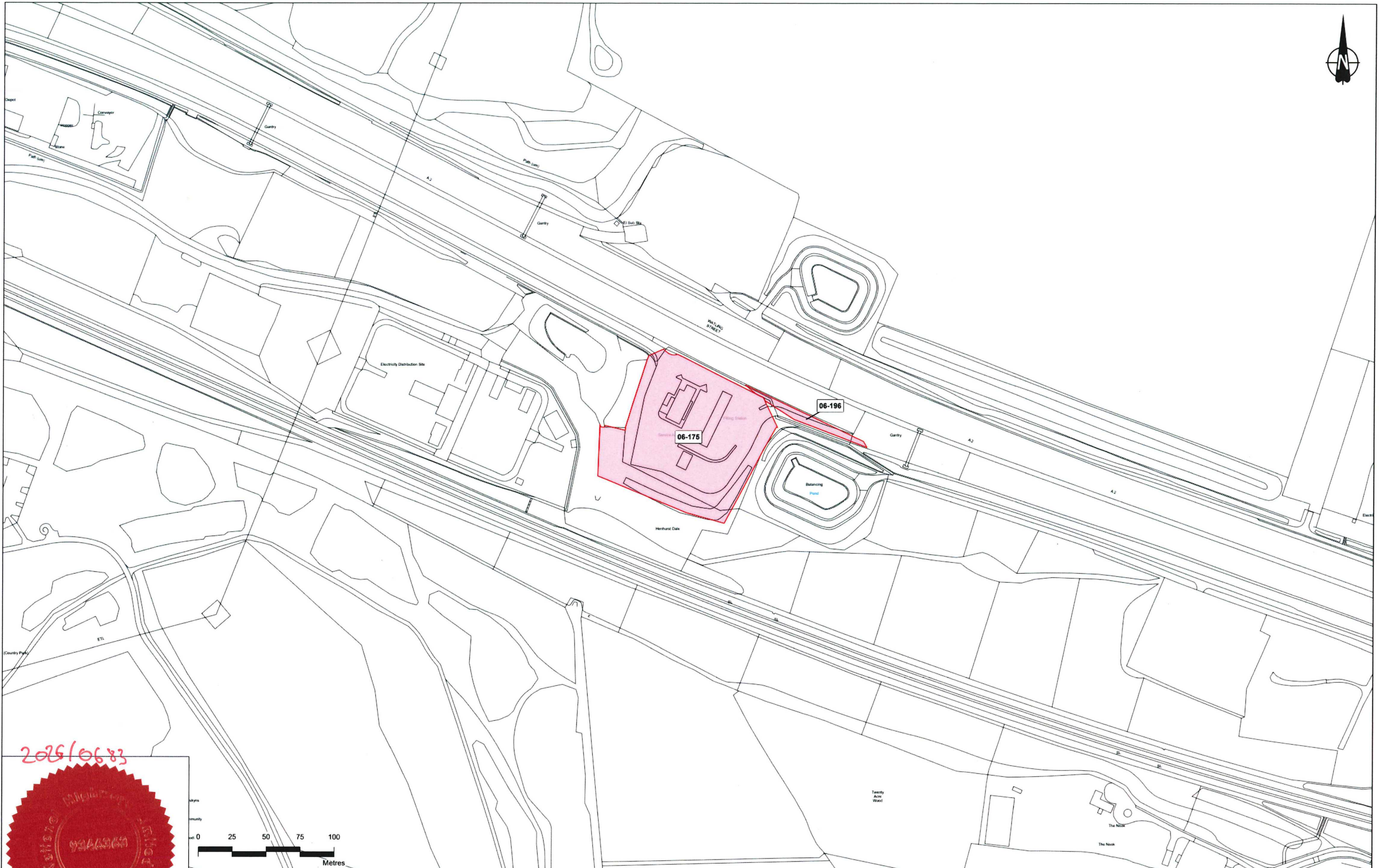


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SARAH COLLINS
~~Director or~~ Authorised Signatory

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SHAUN PIDCOCK
~~Director or Company Secretary or~~ Authorised
Signatory



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SARAH GOLLINS
SHAWN PIDCOCK

Permanent Acquisition of Land

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