NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED

THE A122 (LOWER THAMES CROSSING) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2025

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No 1

Land to the West and East of Thong Lane, Shorne, Gravesend

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THIS **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on 16 December 2025 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:

- (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.
- this Declaration shall not have the effect of vesting in the Undertaker any Utility Conduit.
- 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	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	this Declaration	nterest of any Utility Company (other than the Undertaker) as at the date of in any Conduit housing Service/s within the Plot and the contents of such cluding the freehold of the subsoil and/or airspace within which such Conduit;
Vesting Date	1	period of three months from the date on which the service of notices required f the Act is completed;
Vested Property	all Permanent	Land vested in the Undertaker by virtue of this Declaration.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

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Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
04-10	approximately 32,089 square metres of agricultural arable land, shrubland and woodland (north of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent land	K815160	None	04-10
04-13	approximately 3,856 square metres of private access road (unnamed), agricultural paddock and woodland (north of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent land	K815160	None	04-13
04-23	approximately 21,098 square metres of agricultural paddock and buildings (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	04-23
06-133a	approximately 5,292 square metres of shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822 subject to a pending transfer of part with pending title number TT164170	None	06-133
06-133b	approximately 41 square metres of public bridleway (NS174) shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-133
06-142a	approximately 32 square metres of shrubland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822, TT130709	None	06-142
06-142b	approximately 16 square metres of public bridleway (NS174) and shrubland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822, TT130709	None	06-142
06-142c	approximately 611 square metres of shrubland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822, TT130709	None	06-142
06-143a	approximately 369 square metres of shrubland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-143

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Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
06-143b	approximately 288 square metres of public bridleway (NS174), footway, shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-143
06-143c	approximately 2,162 square metres of footway, shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-143
06-146	approximately 12,297 square metres of agricultural arable land (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-146
06-163	approximately 1,424 square metres of woodland (Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-163
06-167	approximately 19,141 square metres of agricultural arable land and overhead electricity powerlines (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-167
06-168a	approximately 27,839 square metres of agricultural arable land and shrubland (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-168
06-168b	approximately 1,213 square metres of public footpath (NS167), agricultural arable land and shrubland (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-168
06-168c	approximately 56,419 square metres of agricultural arable land and shrubland (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-168
06-191	approximately 965 square metres of agricultural arable land and shrubland (north of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent land	K407822	None	06-191
06-197	approximately 6,451 square metres of private access road (unnamed), national cycle network route (177), balancing pond,	Permanent land	K815160, TT130730	None	06-197

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Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
	shrubland and woodland (north of Watling Street, A2)				
06-200	approximately 150,704 square metres of private access track (unnamed), agricultural arable land, shrubland and woodland (north of Watling Street, A2)	Permanent land	K815160	None	06-200
06-201b	approximately 1,258 square metres of public footpath (NS167) and shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	06-201
06-201c	approximately 13,993 square metres of shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	06-201
06-201d	approximately 563 square metres of public footpath (NS169) and shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	06-201
06-201e	approximately 2,423 square metres of shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	06-201
11-01b	approximately 4,945 square metres of public footpath (NS169) and overhead electricity powerlines (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-01
11-01c	approximately 54,469 square metres of agricultural arable land, overhead electricity powerlines, shrubland (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-01
11-01d	approximately 89 square metres of agricultural arable land (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-01
11-01e	approximately 2,267 square metres of agricultural arable land (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-01

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Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
11-01f	approximately 59,241 square metres of agricultural arable land and shrubland (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-01
11-08	approximately 23,895 square metres of agricultural arable land and overhead electricity powerlines (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-08
11-09	approximately 30,019 square metres of agricultural arable land and overhead electricity powerlines (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K407822	None	11-09
11-10	approximately 128,104 square metres of agricultural arable land, overhead electricity powerlines, hedgerow, shrubland and woodland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-10
11-11	approximately 6,882 square metres of agricultural arable land and overhead electricity powerlines (north of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-11
11-12	approximately 50 square metres of agricultural arable land (north east of Claylane Wood)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-12
11-13a	approximately 4,275 square metres of shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-13
11-13b	approximately 598 square metres of public footpath (NS169) and agricultural land (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-13
11-13c	approximately 17,427 square metres of shrubland (west of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K815160	None	11-13

1 Plot Number	Plot Description	3 Interests in Land Vested	4 Owner's Title	5 Excluded Persons	6 Original DCO Plot
11-37a	approximately 15,289 square metres of private access road (unnamed), buildings, yard, overhead electricity powerlines and shrubland (east of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K917410	None	11-37
11-37b	approximately 4,649 square metres of private access road (unnamed), buildings, yard and shrubland (east of Thong Lane)	Permanent land	K917410, TT146776	None	11-37

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

SARAH COLLINS

Director or Authorised Signatory

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Director or Company Secretary or Authorised Signatory







