DATED 5 November 2026

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No 11

Relating to The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025

Relating to land rights for NGT

The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025

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THIS **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on the 5th day of November 2026 by National Highways Limited (Company Number 09346363) (the "Company") for the benefit of NGT.

WHEREAS:

(A) On 25 March 2025 an order entitled The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025 ("the Order") was made by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport under the powers conferred on them by section 114 of the Planning Act 2008 authorising the Company to acquire the rights and to impose the restrictions specified in the Second Schedule.

(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.

(D) Article 28(1) of the Order provides that the Company may acquire such rights over the Order land, or impose restrictive covenants affecting the Order land, including rights and restrictive covenants for the benefit of a statutory undertaker or any other person, as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under article 25 of the Order by creating them as well as acquiring rights already in existence.

1 **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 Company hereby declares as follows:**
Vesting of benefit of NGT Rights and NGT Restrictions

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 1981 Act is completed (save insofar that they comprise or affect interests of Excluded Persons in such land) in relation to each Plot listed in column 1 of the Second Schedule:

1.1 the NGT Rights as listed in column 3 of the Second Schedule;

1.2 the right to enforce the NGT Restrictions listed in column 4 of the Second Schedule;

shall vest in NGT.

2 **Interests to benefit from NGT Rights and NGT Restrictions**

In relation to each Plot the NGT Rights described in column 3 of the Second Schedule shall vest in and be exercisable and the benefit of the NGT Restrictions described in column 4 of the Second Schedule shall vest in and be enforceable by NGT for the benefit of and for all purposes connected with such other parts of NGT's Undertaking as are capable of benefiting from the same.

3 **Highways**

Where any part or parts of the NGT Easement Strip are within the Highway and the provisions of NRSWA apply to the said part or parts, then NGT shall not seek to exercise the Rights over said part or parts until such land ceases to be Highway.

4 **Minor Tenancies**

For the purposes of section 2(2) of the 1981 Act, the specified period in relation to the land comprised in this Declaration is 1 year and 1 day.

5 **Definitions and Interpretation**

In this Declaration wherever the context permits:

5.1 the capitalised terms appearing in this Declaration have the respective meanings assigned to them by the First Schedule;

5.2 references to 'the Owner' include the Owner's personal representatives, successors in title or permitted assigns;

5.3 references to 'NGT' include NGT's successors to NGT's Undertaking;

5.4 where a party is placed under a restriction in this Declaration the restriction is to be deemed to include the obligation on that party not to permit or suffer any infringement of the restriction;

5.5 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;

5.6 headings are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in the interpretation of the provisions to which they refer;

5.7 references to clauses and schedules are references to the relevant clause in or schedule to this Declaration;

5.8 words denoting the singular include the plural and vice versa;

5.9 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;

5.10 references to persons includes persons firms and companies;

5.11 words importing one gender include both other genders;

5.12 in relation to a 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;

5.13 in the event of inconsistency between the extent of a Plot shown on the Plan and the description of that Plot in column 2 of the Second Schedule the Plan shall override the description of that Plot in column 2 of the Second Schedule; and

5.14 the Plans drawn at declared scale of 1:2,500 or as otherwise as set out on the Plans, and shall be regarded as definitive and any "Enlargement" inserts in the Plans are illustrative only except where a scale is specified.

6 **Registration**

The Company shall, on behalf of NGT, apply to the Chief Land Registrar on or after the Vesting Date:

6.1 to note the burden of any NGT Rights and NGT Restrictions acquired for NGT by this Declaration in relation to a particular Plot in the charges registers of each Owner's Title relating to that Plot.

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

THE FIRST SCHEDULE

Term	Meaning
1981 Act	Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 as amended;
Authorised Development	means any work or other activity constituting authorised development for the purposes of the Order and permitted under the same to be carried out in, on or through the Owner's Land;
Company	National Highways Limited, a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales with company registration number 09346363;
Excluded Persons	In relation to the relevant Plots, those persons listed in column 6 of the Second Schedule;
Highway	such (if any) of the airspace, surface, structure or subsoil of the relevant Plot as forms part of any highway and which vests in the highway authority, but for the avoidance of doubt shall not include any of the subsoil, airspace, verge or any other land which although horizontally, or vertically adjacent to the highway, does not so vest (and where a highway passes over a bridge or through a tunnel, that bridge or tunnel is to be taken for the purposes of this Declaration to be a part of the highway);
NGT	National Gas Transmission Plc (registered number 02006000) whose registered office is at National Grid House, Warwick Technology Park, Gallows Hill, Warwick CV34 6DA;
NGT Easement Strip	the part of the relevant Plots shown coloured green on the Plan and being an area up to 24 metres in width;
NGT Restrictions	Covenants by the Owner with NGT so as to bind all parts of the Owner's Land within the relevant Plot for the benefit of NGT's Undertaking and the NGT Rights insofar as the same are capable of so benefitting: 1. Not to do, cause or allow anything which may cause damage or injury to the Works and to take reasonable precautions to prevent damage or injury to the Works. 2. Not to do, cause or allow anything which may in any way interfere with NGT's access to the Works and to take reasonable precautions to prevent such interference. 3. Not to make any alteration to or deposit anything on the NGT Easement Strip which may: 3.1 interfere with or damage the Works; 3.2 interfere with or restrict the exercise of the NGT Rights; 3.3 interfere with the support provided to the Works; or

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	3.4 materially reduce the depth of soil above the Works; 4. Not to construct, erect or install any building, structure or apparatus in, through, on or over the NGT Easement Strip. 5. Not to plant or grow plants, trees, bushes or similar vegetation in the NGT Easement Strip without the previous consent in writing of NGT (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed). PROVIDED that in respect of the NGT Easement Strip the above covenants shall not operate so as to prevent the Owner from: (a) installing any necessary service pipes, drains, wires or cables; and/or (b) carrying on normal acts of good husbandry including fencing, hedging and ditching; and/or (c) landscaping or constructing roads, cycleways, footpaths and parking areas (including installing lighting and associated removable street furniture such as street or area name plates, columns, bollards, bins and seats), in each case not so as to cause any such interference obstruction or material reduction of the depth of soil as aforesaid SUBJECT TO and CONDITIONAL UPON NGT having given its prior written consent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed but may be given subject to reasonable conditions) to any such works, doing such works under the supervision of NGT (if reasonably required by it) and Owner shall supply to NGT with any application for such consent all reasonable information that NGT may require in order to consider any such request (including but not limited to drawings, risk assessments method statements and specifications). PROVIDED THAT nothing in the NGT Restrictions shall impose any liability on the Owner in respect of the Company (including its employees, licensees, contractors and third party statutory undertakers authorised by the Company) carrying out Authorised Development permitted under the Order in accordance with the Protective Provisions.
NGT Rights	The rights, for NGT and those authorised by it: 1. to construct, lay, inspect, repair, replace, retain, upgrade, enlarge, maintain, protect, alter, uprate, renew, connect to, use, keep, remove or render unusable, cap, sever connections with and make safe the Works in, on, under and over the NGT Easement Strip and to enter and occupy the NGT Easement Strip with or without workers, plant and equipment for such purpose. 2. to break up and excavate so much of the NGT Easement Strip as may be reasonably necessary and to remove and dispose of any surplus earth. 3. of support for the Works from the relevant Plots.

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	4. to remove trees and bushes growing in the NGT Easement Strip. 5. to enter, occupy and take access across so much of the relevant Plots as is reasonably necessary (with the route to be agreed between the parties from time to time (each acting reasonably)) at all reasonable times (or at any time in an emergency) with or without vehicles, workers, plant and equipment as is required to: 5.1 exercise the NGT Rights; or 5.2 reach any other works, equipment or apparatus belonging to or used by NGT in connection with the NGT Undertaking and contiguous with the NGT Easement Strip NGT confirms that it will when exercising the NGT Rights: (a) take all reasonable precautions to avoid: obstructing or interfering with the Owner and other authorised users of the Owner's Land; causing physical damage to the Owner's Land so far as is reasonably possible; (b) as far as is reasonably possible for so long as the Works are used for or in connection with NGT's Undertaking, to keep the Works in proper repair and condition; (c) If NGT decides that it no longer requires the Works for the purposes of the NGT Undertaking but that it does not wish to remove the Works from the Owner's Land, to make the Works safe so far as is reasonably possible. (d) If in the exercise of the right in Paragraph 1 above, NGT breaks the surface of the NGT Easement Strip, as soon as reasonably practicable to either (at NGT's election): (i) make good the surface of the NGT Easement Strip to its state and condition prior to the surface being broken or damaged (as applicable), to the Owner's reasonable satisfaction; or (ii) pay reasonable compensation to the Owner in respect of any damage caused to the NGT Easement Strip and not made good under Paragraph 5.2 (d)(i) save to the extent the Owner is compensated by the Company pursuant to the Order.
NGT's Undertaking	NGT's undertaking as a public gas transporter within the meaning of section 7 Gas Act 1986 and the owner of the national gas transmission system and distribution network including (without limitation) such land and hereditaments forming part of that undertaking as are accommodated by the NGT Rights;

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NRSWA	New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, as amended, varied or updated from time to time;
Order	The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025 confirmed by the Secretary of State on 25th March 2025 granting development consent under and pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (as may be varied, amended or replaced from time to time);
Owner	an owner and/or lessee of an interest in one or more Plots other than an Excluded Person;
Owner's Land	such of the Plot/s as are 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 5 of the Second Schedule in relation to a Plot;
Plan	The set of plans attached hereto titled 'Lower Thames Crossing GVD No. 11';
Plot	a plot of land described in column 2 of the Second Schedule and marked by the relevant Plot Number and shown coloured blue and / or pink and edged blue on the Plan;
Plot Number	the number for the relevant Plot appearing in column 1 of the Second Schedule;
Protective Provisions	means the protective provisions for the benefit of NGT as secured in the Order and otherwise as agreed between the Company and NGT;
Works	sub-surface pipelines for the transmission or storage of gas or other ancillary materials (whether by NGT or a third party) and all necessary ancillary apparatus including supports, supporting structures, stanchions, pillars and beams as may be altered or replaced in accordance with the Rights.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plot Number	**Plot Description**	**Rights Acquired**	**Restrictions Imposed**	**Owner's Title**	**Excluded Person/s**	**Original DCO Plot**
06-144a	approximately 2,632 square metres of shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K407822	None	06-144
06-152a	approximately 4,199 square metres of overhead electricity powerlines, shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K407822	None	06-152
06-152b	approximately 839 square metres of public bridleway (NS174), private access track (unnamed), overhead electricity powerlines, shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K407822	None	06-152
06-152c	approximately 11,443 square metres of overhead electricity powerlines, shrubland and woodland (Claylane Wood)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K407822	None	06-152
11-58	approximately 12,698 square metres of agricultural arable land, hedgerow, overhead electricity powerlines, shrubland and woodland (north of Shorne Ifield Road)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K35004	None	11-58

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Plot Number	**Plot Description**	**Rights Acquired**	**Restrictions Imposed**	**Owner's Title**	**Excluded Person/s**	**Original DCO Plot**
11-64	approximately 10,005 square metres of agricultural arable land (north of Shorne Ifield Road)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K35004	None	11-64
11-70	approximately 13,915 square metres of agricultural arable land (north of Shorne Ifield Road)	NGT Rights	NGT Restrictions	K788325, K969985	None	11-70

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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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Legend

NGT Easement Strip

Land Plan Plots

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