

DATED 24 July **202**6

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED

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

GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No. 5

relating to

THE WHITECROFT CARE HOME

THE A122 (LOWER THAMES CROSSING) DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER 2025

This **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on
National Highways Limited (the “Undertaker”)

24 July 2026 by

WHEREAS

- (1) On 25 March 2025 a development consent order entitled The A122 (Lower Thames Crossing) Development Consent Order 2025 (SI 2025 No. 462) was made by the Secretary of State for Transport under the powers conferred on him by the Planning Act 2008 (the “**Development Consent Order**”) authorising the Undertaker to acquire the land specified in the Second Schedule hereto.
- (2) Notice of the making of the Development Consent Order was first published in accordance with section 134 of the Planning Act on 10 April 2025.
- (3) That notice included the statement and form prescribed under section 134(7)(cza) of the Planning Act 2008.
- (4) Article 31 of the Development Consent Order provides that the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981, with modifications as identified in Article 31(2), shall apply to the Development Consent Order as if it were a compulsory purchase order.
- (5) Article 30(6)(a) of the Development Consent Order provides that, where any part of the authorised development has begun, the freehold owner of Whitecroft Care Home may serve a notice (the “**Counter Notice**”) to require the Undertaker to acquire its interest in the same property.
- (6) On 4 March 2026 the Undertaker was served with a notice to acquire Whitecroft Care Home pursuant to Article 30(6)(a) of the Development Consent Order.
- (7) Pursuant to Article 30(6)(b) of the Development Consent Order the Undertaker has made this general vesting declaration to acquire all of the freeholder owner's title comprising the Whitecroft Care Home.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 (“the **Act**”), as applied and modified by Article 31 of the Development Consent Order, the Undertaker hereby declares-

1. (Save any interests of any Excluded Persons) the land described in the Schedule hereto (being part of the land authorised to be acquired by the Development Consent Order) and more particularly delineated on the plan annexed hereto, together with the right to enter 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 includes land subject to the Counter Notice, and 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.

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 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 grey 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; 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

Term	Meaning
	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
Land Vested	all Permanent Land vested in the Undertaker by virtue of this Declaration.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
29-258	approximately 7,240 square metres of shrubland and hedgerow (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX756112	UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required
29-260	approximately 1,011 square metres of shrubland and hedgerow (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX756112	British Telecommunications PLC Openreach Limited UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required
29-261	approximately 1,039 square metres of shrubland and hedgerow (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX756112	UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required

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
28-08	approximately 3,361 square metres of shrubland and hedgerow (west of Hornsby Lane)	Permanent Land	EX756112	UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required
29-254	approximately 490 square metres of private access road and verge (unnamed), grassland and shrubland (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX283534	British Telecommunications PLC Openreach Limited UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required

1	2	3	4	5	6
Plot Number	Plot Description	Interests in Land Vested	Owner's Title	Excluded Persons	Original DCO Plot
A1	approximately 7,355 square metres of building (Whitecroft Care Home), private access road and verge (unnamed), grassland and shrubland (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX283534	British Telecommunications PLC Openreach Limited UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required
A2	approximately 39,128 square metres of shrubland and hedgerow (south of Stanford Road, A1013)	Permanent Land	EX756112	UK Power Networks Holdings Limited	Not Required

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



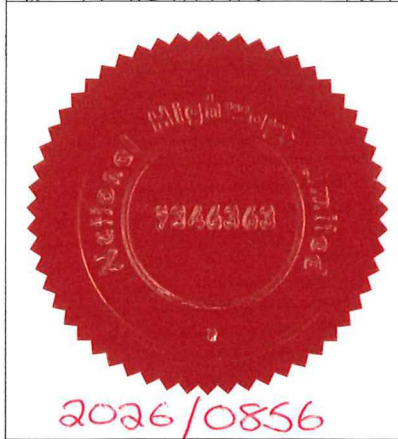
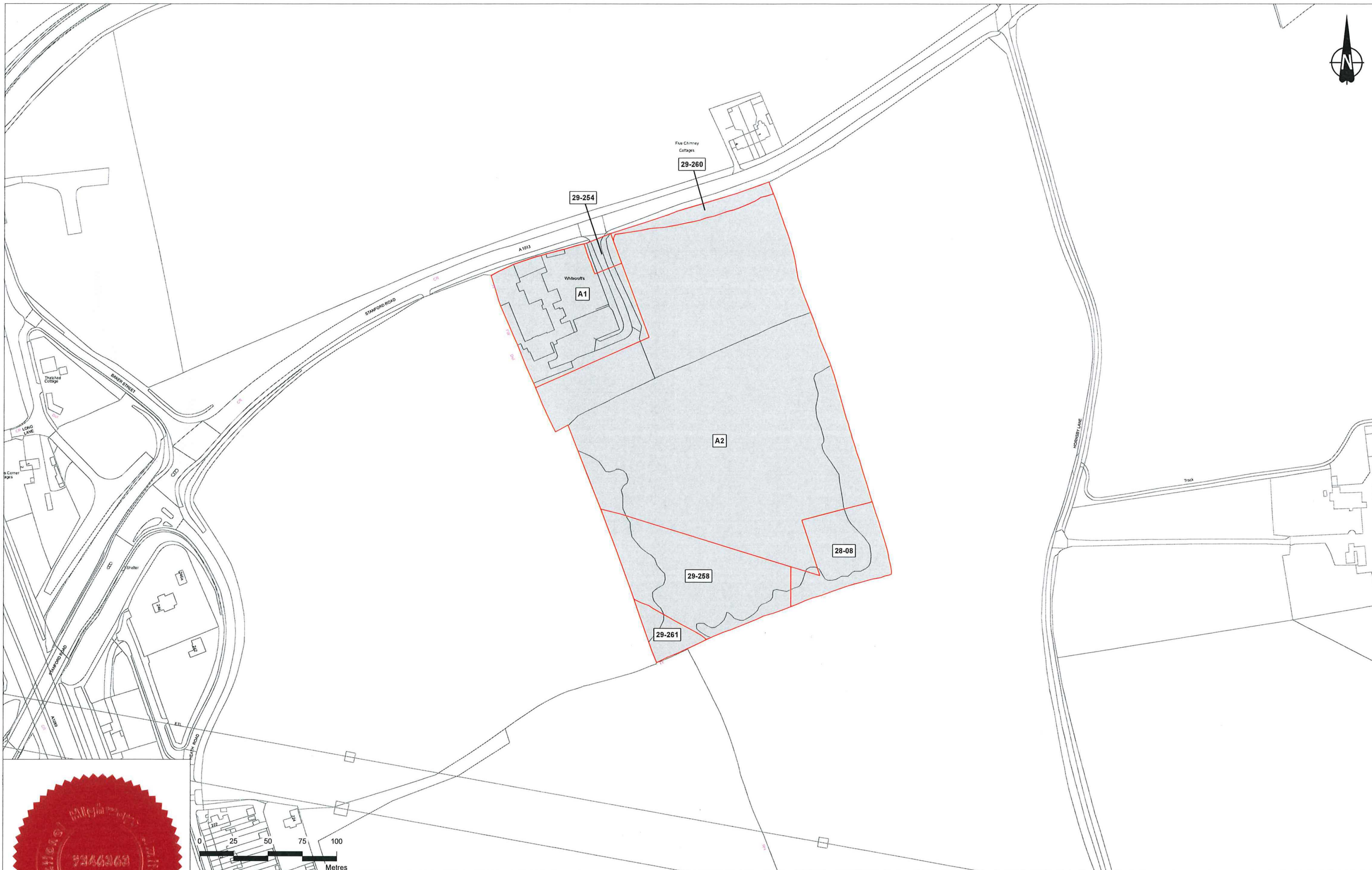
SARAH COLLINS
~~Director or Authorised Signatory~~



2026/0856



ELAINE KING
~~Director or Company Secretary or Authorised Signatory~~



Sarah Collins
SARAH COLLINS - AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

Elaine King
ELAINE KING - AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

Legend

Land to be acquired under Article 30(6)

All plots (except A1 and A2) correspond to the Land Plans certified under the A122 Lower Thames Crossing Development Consent Order 2025.

Contains Ordnance Survey data. © Crown copyright and database rights 2025. OS AC000037444				Client			
© Copyright and database rights 2025. Ordnance Survey (OS)				Project			
Information produced by HM Land Registry. Crown copyright and database rights 2025.				Lower Thames Crossing			
The polygons (including the associated geometry, name, x, y co-ordinates) are subject to Crown copyright and database rights 2025 and are reproduced with the permission of Ordnance Survey.				Grays			
P01	S2	15/07/2026	For Information	CH	DW	RS	
Rev	Status	Rev. Date	Purpose of revision	Drawn	Chk'd	Appr'd	



Status	For Information	Original Size	Revision
		A3	P01
Drawing Title	Lower Thames Crossing GVD No. 5		
	Sheet 1 of 1		
Drawing Number	HE540039-LTC-LDC-RN_SNZ_ZZ-PL-BL-000195		