

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## TRANSPORT



### HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017 COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981 TO: PERSONS HAVING A RELEVANT INTEREST IN THE LAND DESCRIBED IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO

1. The High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 ("the High Speed Rail Act") received Royal Assent on 23 February 2017.
2. The Secretary of State for Transport (the "Acquiring Authority") is authorised under section 4 of the High Speed Rail Act to exercise powers under section 4(1) of the High Speed Rail Act to acquire compulsorily so much of the land within the limits of the High Speed Rail Act as may be required for Phase One purposes<sup>1</sup>.
3. By virtue of section 4(4) of the High Speed Rail Act, the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") applies as if the High Speed Rail Act were a compulsory purchase order.
4. Pursuant to section 3A of the 1981 Act<sup>2</sup> before making a general vesting declaration ("GVD") under section 4 of the 1981 Act the Acquiring Authority shall, in a notice which is (a) given to every person with a relevant interest in the land with respect to which a declaration is to be made (other than a mortgagee who is not in possession); and (b) published in the London Gazette, include the particulars in section 3A(3) of the 1981 Act<sup>3</sup>.
5. Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 3A of the 1981 Act<sup>4</sup> of the Statement of the Effect of Parts 2 and 3 of the 1981 Act which provides an explanation of the process for and the effect of a GVD in respect of the land described in Schedule 1 hereto.

#### SCHEDULE 1

##### LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON

(1) Plot No	(2) Description
40998	All interests in 10486.0 square metres, or thereabouts, of lake (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
46920	All interests in 466.5 square metres, or thereabouts, of public road and verge (Moorhall Road)
46951	All interests in 13786.5 square metres, or thereabouts, of lake, woodland, pond and access track (Savay Lake)
47407	All interests in 2788.8 square metres, or thereabouts, of grassland, woodland, outbuildings, hardstanding and access track (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
47414	All interests in 77.4 square metres, or thereabouts, of hardstanding (Dews Farm Pumping Station)
47415	All interests in 200.8 square metres, or thereabouts, of access track and verge (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
48973	All interests in 0.8 square metres, or thereabouts, of woodland (Blackford Pumping Station)

(1) Plot No	(2) Description
48974	All interests in 431.1 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Blackford Pumping Station)
49368	All interests in 842.4 square metres, or thereabouts, of woodland, access track, public footpaths (Colne Valley Trail and London Loop) and permissive bridleway (Denham Quarries) (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
49933	All interests in 849.2 square metres, or thereabouts, of woodland, access track and lake (Blackford Pumping Station)
61195	All interests in 11.5 square metres, or thereabouts, of hardstanding (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
61201	All interests in 791.2 square metres, or thereabouts, of lake (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
61202	All interests in 235.0 square metres, or thereabouts, of lake (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)
61435	All interests in 4131.2 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land, woodland, access track and public footpath (U34) (Hillingdon Outdoor Activities Centre)

#### SCHEDULE 2

##### PART 1

#### STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS 2 AND 3 OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981 POWER TO EXECUTE A GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION

1. The Acquiring Authority may acquire any of the land described in Schedule 1 above by executing a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act"). This has the effect, subject to paragraphs 3 and 5 below, of vesting the land in the Acquiring Authority at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

#### NOTICES CONCERNING GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION

2. As soon as may be after the Acquiring Authority executes a general vesting declaration, they must serve notice of it on every occupier of any of the land specified in the declaration (except land where there is one of the tenancies described in paragraph 4) and on every person who gives them information relating to the land in pursuance of the invitation contained in any notice. When the service of notices of the general vesting declaration is completed, a period specified in the declaration, of not less than three months, will begin to run. On the first day after the end of this period the land described in the declaration will, subject to what is said in paragraphs 3 and 5, vest in the Acquiring Authority together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Acquiring Authority could have served a notice to treat in respect of his interest in the land (other than a tenant under one of the tenancies described in paragraph 4) will be entitled to claim compensation for the acquisition of his interest in the land, with interest on the compensation from the vesting date.

3. The "vesting date" for any land specified in a declaration will be the first day after the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 above, unless a counter-notice is served under Schedule A1 to the 1981 Act<sup>5</sup> within that period. In such circumstances, the vesting date for the land which is the subject of the counter-notice will be determined in accordance with Schedule A1.