

# ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

## TRANSPORT



### HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) ACT 2021 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 (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 ("the High Speed Rail Act") received Royal Assent on 11 February 2021.
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 2a 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

##### Borough of Stafford

(1) Plot No	(2) Description
126272	All interests in 80830.90 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and drain (Ingestre Park Road)
126274	All interests in 100082.51 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Tixall Manor Farm)
126275	All interests in 1677.01 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and access track (Tixall Manor Farm)
126276	All interests in 407.54 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Tixall Manor Farm)
126277	All interests in 1207.62 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Tixall Manor Farm)
126279	All interests in 82521.71 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land, hardstanding, hedgerow and access track (Ingestre Park Road)
126281	All interests in 153.89 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Tixall Manor Farm)

127968	All interests in 1367.35 square metres, or thereabouts, of public roads and verges (Great Haywood Road and Ingestre Park Road)
128368	All interests in 309.37 square metres, or thereabouts, of verge and hardstanding (Ingestre Park Road)

#### 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.

#### MODIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN TENANCIES

4. In the case of certain tenancies, the position stated above is subject to modifications. The modifications apply where the tenancy is either a "minor tenancy", i.e. a tenancy for a year or a yearly tenancy or a lesser interest, or "a long tenancy which is about to expire". The latter expression means a tenancy granted for an interest greater than a minor tenancy but having on the vesting date a period still to run which is not more than the period specified in the declaration for this purpose (which must be more than a year). In calculating how long a tenancy has still to run, where any option to renew or to terminate it is available to either party, it shall be assumed that the landlord will take every opportunity open to him to terminate the tenancy while the tenant will use every opportunity to retain or renew his interest.

5. The modifications are that the Acquiring Authority may not exercise the right of entry referred to in paragraph 2 in respect of land subject to a tenancy described in paragraph 4 unless the Acquiring Authority first serves notice to treat in respect of the tenancy and then serves every occupier of the land with a notice of intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than 14 days<sup>6</sup> from the service of the notice) specified in the notice. The right of entry will be exercisable at the end of that period. The vesting of the land will be subject to the tenancy until the end of that period or until the tenancy comes to an end, whichever happens first.

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