

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) GENERAL VESTING  
DECLARATION No. 2

This GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION is executed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
MAY 2017 by the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Authority").

WHEREAS:

- (1) On 23 February 2017 the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Act 2017 ("the High Speed Rail Act") received Royal Assent authorising the Authority to acquire the land specified in the Schedule hereto.
- (2) Section 4(1) of the High Speed Rail Act authorises the Authority 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) Section 4(4) of the High Speed Rail Act provides that the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 ("the 1981 Act") applies as if the High Speed Rail Act were a compulsory purchase order and paragraph 3<sup>2</sup> of Schedule 6 to the High Speed Rail Act provides that the 1981 Act shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in that paragraph.
- (4) Notice pursuant to section 3A<sup>3</sup> of the 1981 Act was first published on 21 April 2017. That notice included the particulars specified in section 3A(3) of the 1981 Act.

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH that, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4 of the 1981 Act, the Authority hereby declares:-

1. The land described in the Schedule hereto (being part of the land authorised to be acquired by the High Speed Rail Act) together with the right to enter upon and take possession of the land, shall vest in the Authority as from the end of the period of 3 months from the date on which the service of notices required by section 6<sup>4</sup> of the 1981 Act is completed.
2. For the purposes of Section 2(2) of the 1981 Act, the specified period in relation to the land comprised in this declaration is one year and one day.

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<sup>1</sup> Phase One Purposes has meaning given by section 67 of the High Speed Rail Act

<sup>2</sup> Paragraph 3 as substituted by section 11 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 14 to, the High Speed Rail Act.

<sup>3</sup> Section 3A of the 1981 Act as inserted by paragraph 3(a) of Schedule 6 to the High Speed Rail Act as substituted by section 11 of, and paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 14 to, that Act.

<sup>4</sup> Section 6 as modified by paragraph 3(c) of Schedule 6 to the High Speed Rail Act, as substituted by section 11 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 14 to, that Act

## SCHEDULE

### Part 1

#### Definitions

Term	Meaning
Land	Land and buildings, including sub-surface access and parking area, known as Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 and more particularly delineated and shown edged red and coloured pink and numbered 00995 on the plan annexed hereto
Lease	A lease dated 30 July 1976 and made between British Railways Board (1) and The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society (2) (as varied by a Deed of Variation dated 27 July 1988 and made between the same parties and a Deed of Variation dated 23 June 2004 and made between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (1) and Coleridge (No. 30) Limited and Coleridge (No. 31) Limited (2)) and registered at the Land Registry under title number NGL290213
Leasehold Interest	The leasehold interest in the Land as comprised in and demised by the Lease including each and every part thereof and all appurtenances and appurtenant rights belonging thereto

### Part 2

#### Land Specified in the Declaration

1 Land Acquisition Parcel (LAP) No.	2 Description
00995	All those interests in the Land held by Balfe Limited including (but not limited to) the Leasehold Interest but EXCLUDING all and any other interests in the Land including (but not limited to) interests held by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Grant Thornton International Limited and Grant Thornton UK LLP

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Secretary of State for Transport has hereunto set its corporate seal on the day in the year first written above.

The CORPORATE SEAL of the SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT hereunto affixed to this deed is authenticated by



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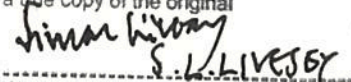
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Dated:

2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2017



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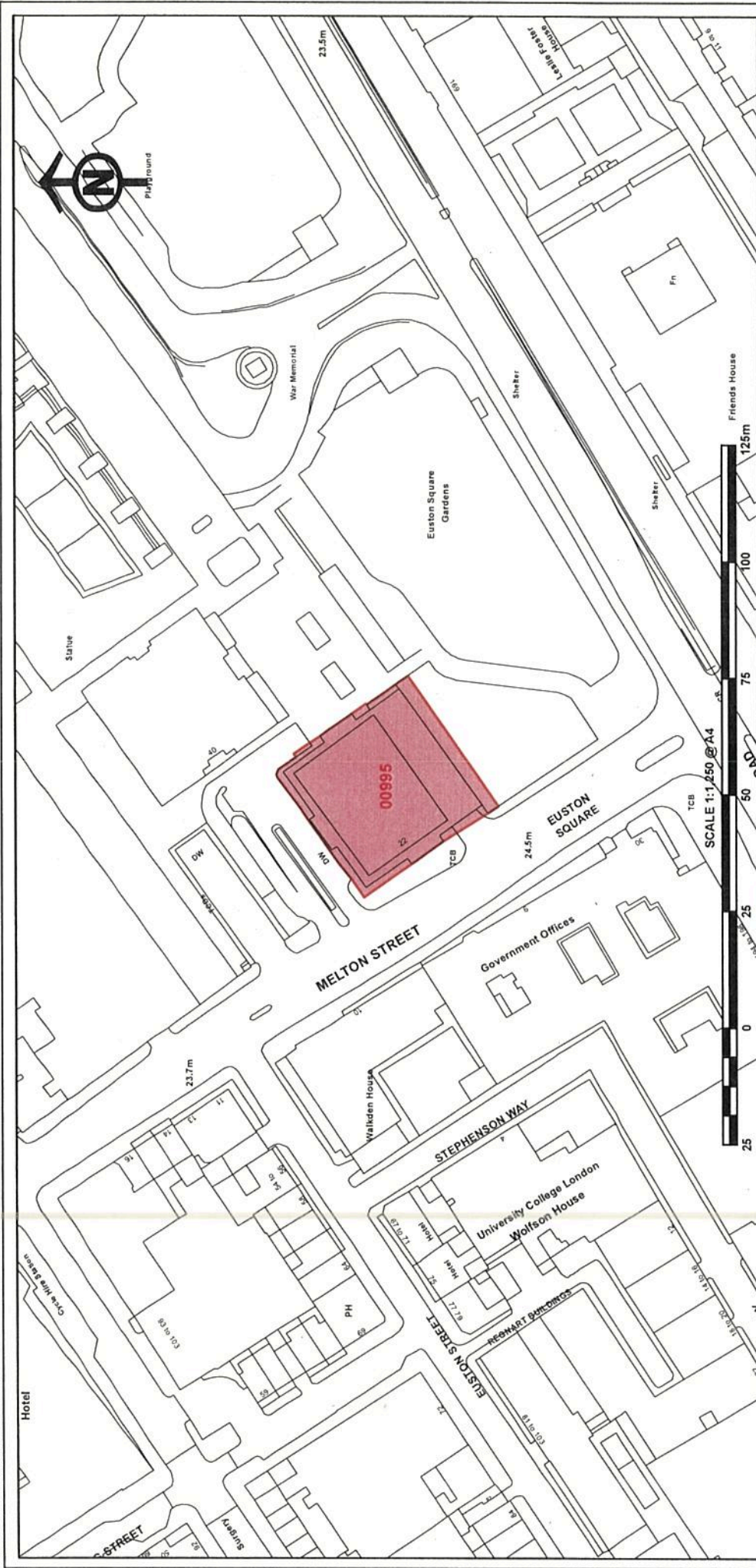
  
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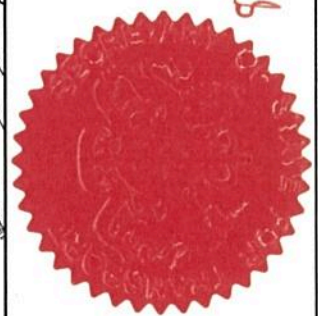
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Authorised by the Secretary of State for Transport

Dated **2nd MAY 2017**