HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON - WEST MIDLANDS) GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No. 698

This **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on 19 November 2021. 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 purposes¹.
- (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 3² 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 3A³ of the 1981 Act was first published on 22 October 2021. 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:-

The land described in the Schedule hereto (being part of the land authorised to be acquired by the High Speed Rail Act) and more particularly delineated and shown coloured pink on the plan annexed hereto, 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 6⁴ of the 1981 Act is completed.

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

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

³ 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.

⁴ 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

District of Lichfield

(1) Plot No.	(2) Description
54846	All interests in 444.53 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (School Lane)
54852	All interests in 19,280.82 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Buck`s Head Farm) (Rookery Lane)
54853	All interests in 30,694.31 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and public footpath (Hints 5) (Rookery Lane)
54985	All interests in 951.08 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and public footpath (Hints 14) (School Lane)
54987	All interests in 334.96 square metres, or thereabouts, of wooded area (Rookery Lane)
54988	All interests in 5,766.22 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and public footpath (Hints 5) (Rookery Lane)
54989	All interests in 10.23 square metres, or thereabouts, of private access track and public footpath (Hints 5) (Rock Hill)
54990	All interests in 18.2 square metres, or thereabouts, of public road verge (Rookery Lane)

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

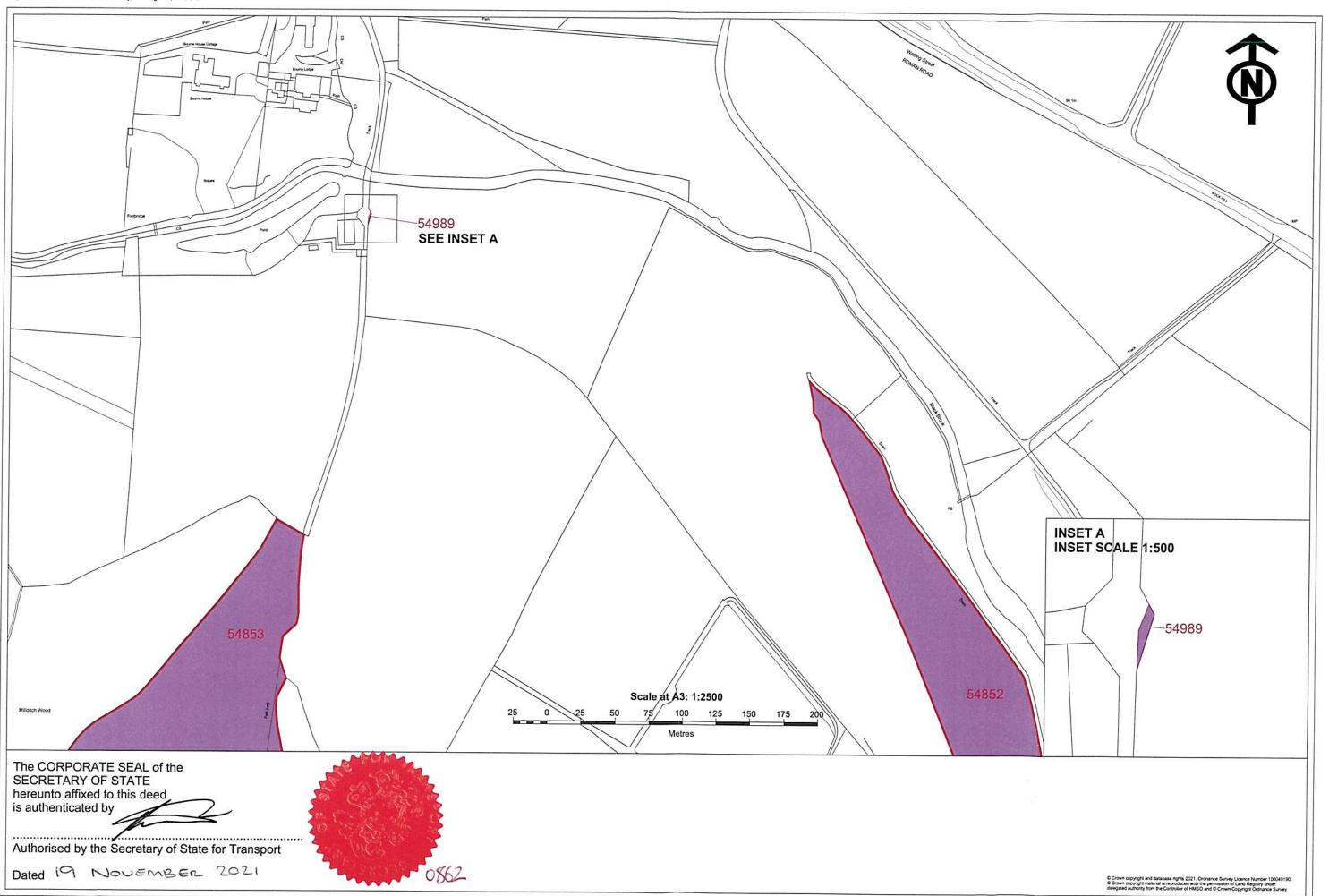
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Authorised Signatory

Dated: 19 NOVEMBER 2021.

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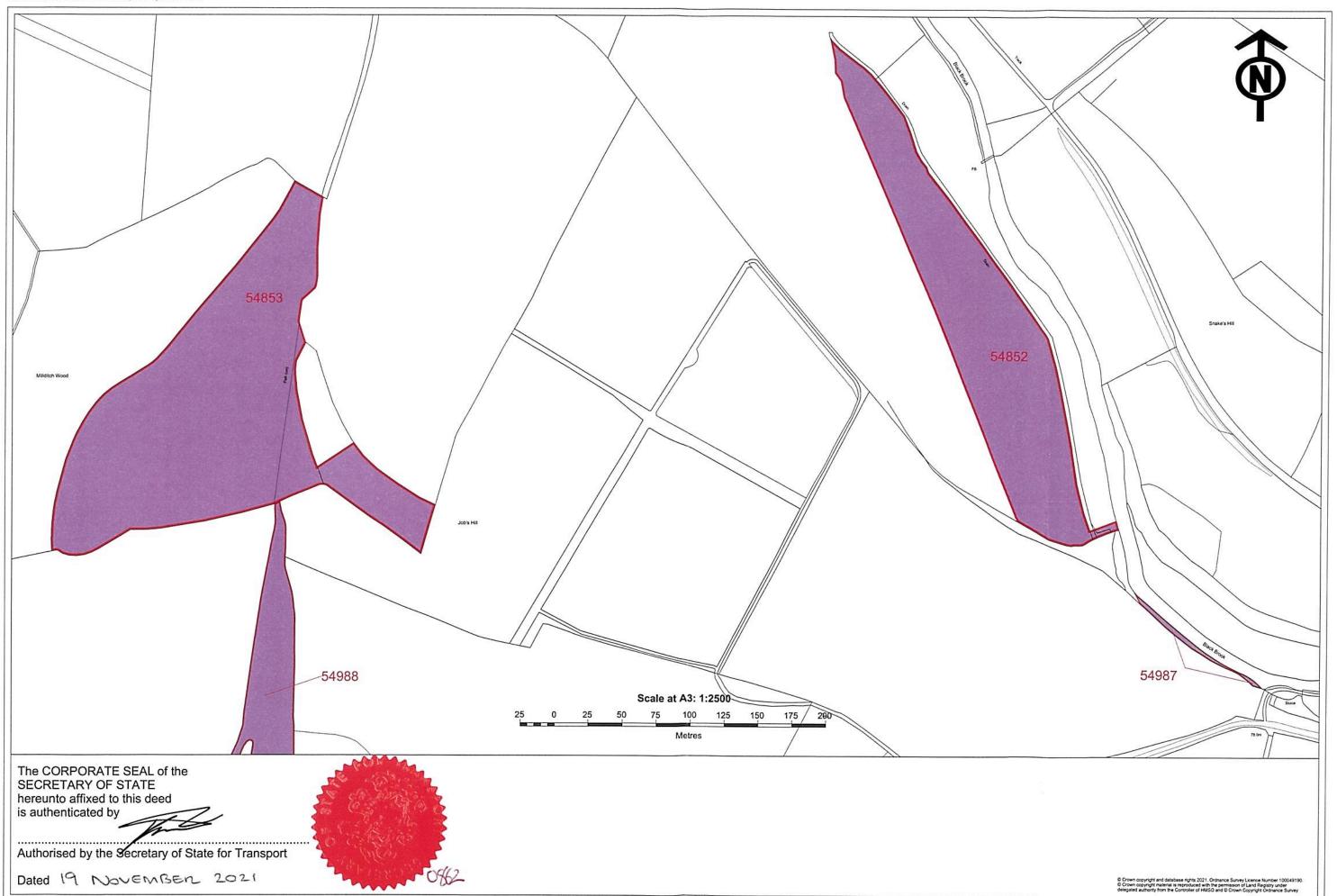
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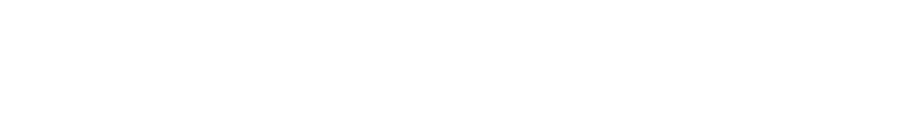
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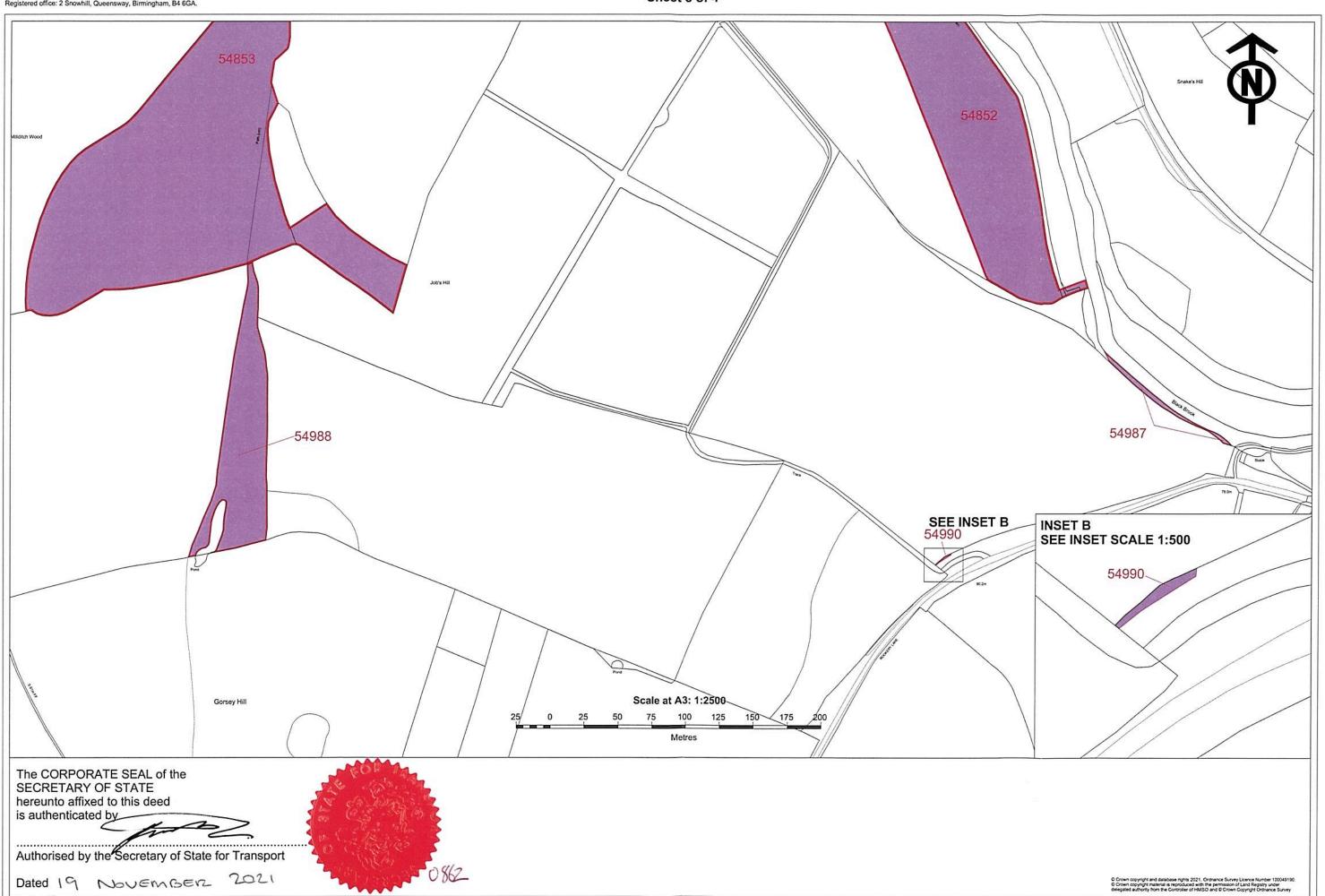


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