

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) ACT 2021

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS - CREWE) GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION No. 2048

This **GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION** is executed on 17th NOVEMBER 2022 by the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Authority").

WHEREAS:

- (1) On 11 February 2021 the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 ("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 2a 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. Paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the High Speed Rail Act provides that the 1981 Act shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in that paragraph and paragraph 3 of Schedule 9 to the High Speed Rail Act provides that the 1981 Act shall have effect subject to the modifications specified in that paragraph in the case of acquisition of rights over land.
- (4) Notice pursuant to section 3A² of the 1981 Act was first published on **17 October 2022**. 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) 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 **4 months** from the date on which the service of notices required by section 6³ 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.

1 Phase 2a Purposes has meaning given by section 61 of the High Speed Rail Act.

2 Section 3A of the 1981 Act as inserted by paragraph 3 of Schedule 7 to the High Speed Rail Act.

3 Section 6 as modified by paragraph 3(c) of Schedule 7 to the High Speed Rail Act

SCHEDULE

Borough of Newcastle-under-Lyme

(1) Plot No.	(2) Description
125214	All interests in 326.52 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Bower End Farm)
125215	All interests in 657.07 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land (Moss House Farm)
125216	All interests in 2504.66 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land, access track carrying public bridleway (Madeley 5), buildings and hardstanding (Bower End Farm)
125217	All interests in 1895.11 square metres, or thereabouts, of public road, verges, woodland and drain (Bower End Lane)
126906	All interests in 26792.30 square metres, or thereabouts, of agricultural land and hedgerow (Bower End Farm)

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

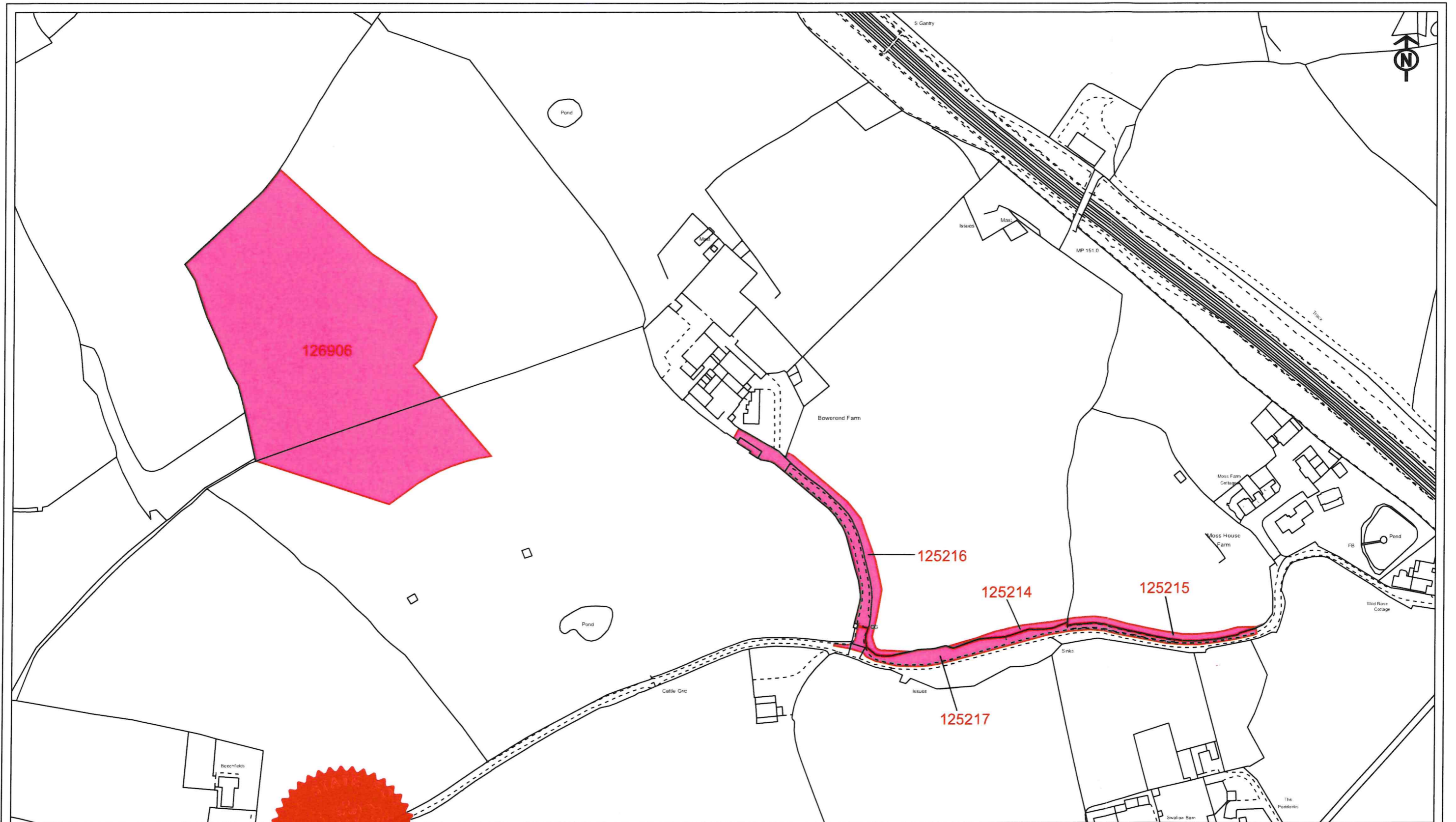
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Authorised Signatory

Dated: 17th NOVEMBER 2022



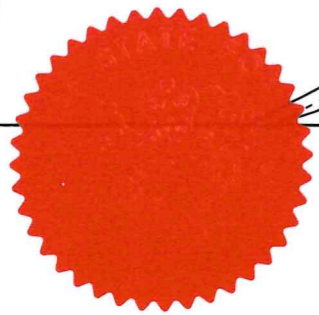
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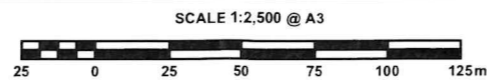
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Authorised by the Secretary of State for Transport

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