

## GENERAL CERTIFICATE IN SUPPORT OF THE ORDER SUBMISSION

### THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE - A40 ACCESS TO WITNEY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023

I hereby certify that:

1. A notice in the Form numbered 7 in the Compulsory Purchase of Land (Prescribed Forms) (Ministers) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004 No. 2595) was published in two issues of the Witney Gazette dated 12 July 2023 and 19 July 2023 (being one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality). The time allowed for objections was not less than 21 days from the date of the first publication of the notice and the last date for them was 8 September 2023. A notice in the same Form addressed to persons occupying or having an interest in the land was affixed to a conspicuous object or objects on or near the land comprised in the Order on 10 July 2023 and from that date remained in place for a period of at least 21 days which was the period allowed for objections, the last date being 8 September 2023.

2. Notices in the Form numbered 8 in the said Regulations were duly served on:

- (i) every owner, lessee, tenant and occupier of all land to which the Order relates;
- (ii) every person to whom the acquiring authority would, if proceeding under section 5(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965, be required to give a notice to treat; and
- (iii) every person the acquiring authority thinks is likely to be entitled to make a claim for compensation under Section 10 of the 1965 Act if the Order is confirmed and the compulsory purchase takes place, so far as such a person is known to the acquiring authority after making diligent inquiry.

The time allowed for objections in each of the notices was not less than 21 days and the last date for them was 8 September 2023. The notices were served by one or more of the methods described in section 6(1) of the 1981 Act.

3. Notices in the Form numbered 7 in the said Regulations were duly served by one or more of the methods described in Section 6(4) of the 1981 Act. The time allowed for objections in each of the notices was not less than 21 days and the last date was 8 September 2023.

4. A copy of the Order and of the Order Map were deposited at –

The offices of Oxfordshire County Council, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1DJ

(Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; and Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Witney Library, Welch Way, Witney OX28 6JH

(Monday – 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.; Saturday – 9.00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday – Closed)

(Note: The library opening hours maybe subject to change – the latest opening hours can be found at: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/leisure-and-culture/libraries/find-library/witney-library> )

and remained available for inspection until 8 September 2023.

A copy of the Order and of the Order Map were also made available on the Council's website at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/a40programme/a40-access-witney>

5. (1) A copy of the authority's Statement of Reasons for making the Order has been sent to:
- (a) all persons referred to in paragraph 2. (i), (ii) and (iii) above;
  - (b) as far as is practicable, other persons resident on the Order lands, and any applicant for planning permission in respect of the land.
- (2) Two copies of the Statement of Reasons are herewith forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Dated: 28 September 2023

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**For and on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council**