

**NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION BY AN ACQUIRING
AUTHORITY OF A COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER**

**WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (MOAT STREET AND VILLIERS STREET)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in exercise of her powers under the above acts on 6 November 2024 confirmed the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (Moat Street and Villiers Street) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 submitted by Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council.
2. The order as confirmed provides for the purchase of the land described in Schedule 1 hereto for the purposes of facilitating the carrying out of development, redevelopment and improvement on or in relation to such land through the delivery of a comprehensive residential-led development that will contribute to the promotion and improvement of the economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of the area.
3. A copy of the order as confirmed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at:
 - Willenhall Community Library
Walsall Street,
Willenhall
WV13 2EX
(Tuesday to Friday 08.30 to 18.00 and Saturday 09.00 to 17.00)
 - Lichfield Street Hub (Walsall Central Library and Archives)
Lichfield Street,
Walsall,
WS1 1TR
(Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 6pm and Saturday 8.30am to 5.00pm)and at the following web address:

<https://go.walsall.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/search-track-and-comment-on-planning-applications/compulsory-purchase>
4. The order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which this notice is first published. A person aggrieved by the order may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks from that date, challenge its validity under section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. The grounds for challenge can be that the authorisation granted by the order is not empowered to be granted or that there has been a failure to comply with any relevant statutory requirement relating to the order.
5. Once the order has become operative, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council may acquire any of the land described in Schedule 1 below by executing a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. A statement of the effect of Parts 2 and 3 of that Act is set out in Schedule 2 below.
6. Every person who, if a general vesting declaration were executed under section 4 of the Act in respect of the land comprised in the order (other than land in respect of which notice to treat has been given), would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of any such land, is invited to give information to Walsall Council, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1TP about the person's name, address and interest in land, using a prescribed form. The relevant prescribed form is set out in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 1

LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED DESCRIPTION OF LAND

The land particularised in the Order and identified on the map referred to in the Order, being land and buildings within an area of land of approximately 21,119 square metres situated in Willenhall east of the junction of Field Street (B4484) with Stafford Street; south-east of the junction of Stafford Street with Moat Street; south-east of the junction of Cemetery Road with Newhall Street; northern side of Newhall Street, north of Wood Street Cemetery; east side of Cemetery Road; and south-east and north-east of the junction of Villiers Street with Cemetery Road.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 1

FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS 2 AND 3 OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

Power to Make General Vesting Declaration

1. Once the Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (Moat Street and Villiers Street) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023 has become operative, Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (hereinafter called the ("Council")) 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 Act"). This has the effect, subject to paragraph 3 and 5 below, of vesting the land in the Council at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph 2 below.

Notices concerning general vesting declaration

2. As soon as may be after the Council make 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 the confirmation notice of the Order. 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 Council together with the right to enter on the land and take possession of it. Every person on whom the Council 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 Act 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 Council 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 they first serve notice to

treat in respect of the tenancy and then serve every occupier of the land with a notice of their intention to enter and take possession after the period (not less than three months 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.

SCHEDULE 3

PART 2

FORM FOR GIVING INFORMATION

**WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (MOAT STREET AND VILLIERS STREET)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

To: Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
C/O Bevan Brittan LLP (Ref 91931-9/KL), Kings Orchard, 1 Queen Street, Bristol, BS2 0HQ.

[I] [We] being [a person] [persons] who, if a general vesting declaration were executed under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 in respect of all the land comprised in the compulsory purchase order cited above in respect of which notice of treat has not been given, would be entitled to claim compensation in respect of [all] [part of] that land, give you the following information, pursuant to the provisions of section 15 of, or paragraph 6 of Schedule 1, to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.

1. Name and address of informant(s) (i)

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2. Land in which an interest is held by informant(s) (ii)

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3. Nature of interest (iii)

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Signed

[On behalf of]

Date

(i) *In the case of a joint interest insert the names and addresses of all the informants.*

(ii) *The land should be described concisely.*

(iii) *If the interest is leasehold, the date of commencement and length of term should be given. If the land is subject to a mortgage or other incumbrance, details should be given, eg name of building society and roll number.*

Date: 27th November 2024

**ANTHONY COX
DIRECTOR – GOVERNANCE
WALSALL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**