

THE DORSET COUNCIL (DINAH'S HOLLOW IMPROVEMENT SCHEME) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2024

The Highways Act 1980

and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981

- 1 Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of their powers under the above Acts, on 17 December 2025 confirmed the Dorset Council (Dinah's Hollow Improvement Scheme) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024 submitted by the Dorset Council.
- 2 The order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purposes of improving the section of existing C13 public highway known as Dinah's Hollow/C13 and to afford protection against landslide or other hazards of nature of the land and the new rights described in Schedule I hereto.
- 3 A copy of the order as confirmed by the Secretary of State for Transport and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at Blandford Library, The Tabernacle, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7DW and Shaftesbury Library, Bell Street, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 8AE and may be seen at all reasonable hours. A copy of the order and of the map may be viewed online at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/dinahs-hollow-cpo>.
- 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, Dorset Council may acquire any of the land described in Schedule I below by executing a general vesting declaration under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981. A statement on 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 that 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 the Dorset Council FAO: Tanya Ruseva at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ 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.
- 7 Dorset Council has a period of three years beginning with the date the order becomes operative to serve a notice to treat or execute a general vesting declaration. The order will become operative on the date on which this notice is first published or, if the order is subject to special parliamentary procedure, the date on which the order becomes operative under the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

SCHEDULE 1
LAND AND THE NEW RIGHTS COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

1807.1 square metres of woodland west of the C13 and being part of land known as Parhams Farm, Dinahs Hollow, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury SP7 0DE.

592.4 square metres of woodland east of the C13 and north of Spring House, being part of land known as Higher Barn Farm and Oak Tree Cottage, Cann Common, Shaftesbury SP7 0DL.

Rights to (1) lay, use, inspect, cleanse, maintain and replace drains and associated inspection chambers; (2) erect temporary fencing; and (3) install, retain and maintain soil nails at a depth not less than 0.5 metres below the current surface level over 521.8 square metres of pasture land east of the C13 and north of Spring House, and being part of land known as Higher Barn Farm and Oak Tree Cottage, Cann Common, Shaftesbury SP7 0DL.

3556.1 square metres of arable land east of the C13 and being part of land known as Higher Barn Farm and Oak Tree Cottage, Cann Common, Shaftesbury SP7 0DL.

1071.2 square metres of arable land east of the C13 (opposite Dinas House) and being part of land known as Higher Barn Farm and Oak Tree Cottage, Cann Common, Shaftesbury SP7 0DL

A right to install, retain and maintain soil nails at a depth of not less than 0.5 metres below the current surface level of 1550.2 square metres of pasture and grassland to the west of the C13 and to the east of the vineyard and being part of land known as Parhams Farm, Dinahs Hollow, Melbury Abbas, Shaftesbury SP7 0DE.

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

Power to execute a general vesting declaration

- 1 Once the Dorset Council (Dinah's Hollow Improvement Scheme) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024 has become operative, the Dorset 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 paragraphs 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 execute 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
FORM FOR GIVING INFORMATION**

**THE DORSET COUNCIL (DINAH'S HOLLOW IMPROVEMENT SCHEME) COMPULSORY
PURCHASE ORDER 2024**

To: The Dorset Council

[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 to 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

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[on behalf of]

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Date

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- (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, e.g. name of building society and roll number.

Dated 15 January 2026

**J Britton, Executive Director for Place, Dorset Council County Hall, Colliton Park,
Dorchester DT1 1XJ**

Authorised signatory