

**THE DORSET COUNCIL
(26 EAST STREET, BLANDFORD FORUM)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2024**

**The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981**

1. Notice is hereby given that the Dorset Council (the 'Council'), in exercise of the powers of the confirming authority under the above Acts, on 3rd February 2026 confirmed the Dorset Council (26 East Street, Blandford Forum) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024. No objections to the order were received within the permitted period and consequently notification was given by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government that the power to confirm the order may be exercised by the Council in accordance with section 14A of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981.
2. The order as confirmed provides for the purchase for the purposes of the provision of facilitating the improvement of the land as described in Schedule 1 below.
3. A copy of the order as confirmed by the Council and of the map referred to therein have been deposited at the Council's offices at County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ and may be seen at all reasonable hours. A copy of the order which gives details on the extent, description and situation of the land included in the order and of the map may be viewed online on the Council's empty-homes website page at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/compulsory-purchase-orders>. Alternatively hard copies can be sent by post free of charge upon request by contacting the Housing Standards Team on telephone number (01305) 221000 or by e-mailing housingstandards@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk.
4. The order as confirmed becomes operative on the date on which notice of confirmation is first published in a newspaper. 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, the 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 on the effect of Parts II and III 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 Council 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. The Council has a period of 3 years beginning with the date the order becomes operative to serve a notice to treat or execute a general vesting declaration.

SCHEDULE 1

DESCRIPTION OF LAND COMPRISED IN THE ORDER AS CONFIRMED

All interests in 26 East Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7DR (having an approximate area of 300 m²) and being registered with the Land Registry with title number DT211819

SCHEDULE 2

FORM OF STATEMENT OF EFFECT OF PARTS II AND III OF THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE (VESTING DECLARATIONS) ACT 1981

Power to make General Vesting Declaration

1. Once the Dorset Council (26 East Street, Blandford Forum) Compulsory Purchase Order 2024 has become operative the Dorset Council ("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 one of the periods 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 (unless the expedited procedure is used under sections 4A and 4B of the Act), will begin to run. The Council may use the expedited procedure where: (1) the land is unoccupied and by reason of disrepair, neglect, contamination, or risk to health or safety, the Council considers the land is unfit for its ordinary use or (2) the Council has been unable to identify any person with an interest in the land. Where the expedited procedure is available, a period of not less than six weeks will begin to run. On the first day after the end of the relevant 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 relevant period mentioned in paragraph 2 above, unless:
 - 3.1 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, or
 - 3.2 the Council enters into an agreement with the owner of any interest in the land to vary that vesting date

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 them 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

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To: Dorset Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

[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 yet 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)

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.

DATED this ...23... day of February 2026

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Name Iain Sim – Interim Corporate Director of Housing

Dated 23/02/2026

Dorset Council,
County Hall,
Colliton Park,
Dorchester,
Dorset,
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