

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: EBURY PHASE 2 COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER OFFICER DELEGATIONS - GENERAL VESTING DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Planning, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision:

To approve the implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order powers which includes issuing the General Vesting Declaration notices and Notices to Treat and Notices of Entry in respect of the two plots of land.

Reasons for Decision:

On 5 October 2022, the Planning Inspectorate confirmed the Ebury Bridge Compulsory Purchase Order without modification. The powers were sought to provide the Council with certainty that the scheme can be delivered without obstruction.

In order for the project to progress in line with the agreed programme and costs for the delivery of Phase 2 of the regeneration scheme, a second General Vesting Declaration (**GVD**) is required to secure the GVD Land necessary for the construction of Building 5 on the Ebury Bridge Estate. The GVD Land must be acquired by 27th March 2026.

The Council needs to commence the three month process of the GVD which involves issuing notices to the owners of the GVD Land. The initial steps of the CPO implementation can be made whilst negotiations around the acquisition of the GVD Land continues. The process of issuing the GVD/Notices to Treat/Notices of Entry will reiterate the importance of engaging with the Council and completing the sales process. Should the acquisition of the GVD Land complete before the end of the three-month process then the powers will not be required.

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