

**THE SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS PLC (KINGSFERRY GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT)
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 Sheerness Times Guardian and the Sittingbourne News dated 18 October 2023 and 25 October 2023 (being one or more local newspapers circulating in the locality). The time allowed for objections was not less than 28 days from the date of the first publication of the notice and the last date for them was 15 November 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 18 October 2023 and from that date remained in place for a period of at least 28 days which was the period allowed for objections, the last date being 15 November 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 28 days and the last date for them is/was 15 November 2023. The notices were served by one or more of the methods described in section 6(1) of the 1981 Act.

- 3 Where the order includes land in unknown ownership, 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 28 days and the last date is/was 15 November 2023.
- 4 A copy of the order and of the map were deposited at the Minster in Sheppey Library, the Sheerness Library and the Sittingbourne Library on 18 October 2023 and remained available for inspection until 15 November 2023 .
- 5 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
- 5.2 Two copies of the statement of reasons are herewith forwarded to the Secretary of State.

DATED: 16 November 2023

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