

Need to Sell (NTS) Scheme

Panel Membership

The NTS panel considers applications to the NTS and makes recommendations to the Secretary of State for Transport on whether to accept an application (and hence, whether or not the Government should buy the property in question). Each panel meeting has a quorum of three independent members (one of whom chairs the meeting). These members are drawn from a wider pool of independent panel members. Details of each panel member are set out below:

Anna-Maria Brady

Anna-Maria holds a Ph.D. in applied biochemistry and started her career as a research scientist in human therapeutic proteins. She moved to the civil service as a medicines regulator in 1998 specialising in veterinary biologicals and has led scientific, inspection and administration teams. She represented the UK at the European Veterinary Medicines Committee as well as being a member and chair of various medicines working groups from 2008-2016. She was appointed the first female chair of the British Pharmacopoeia Commission as well as chair of the UK delegation to the European Pharmacopoeia Commission in October 2022. She continues to serve on various UK and European specialist medicine groups.

Michael Crewe

Michael Crewe has 20 years' experience in financial services including corporate lending and business and strategic planning. He has also worked in competition regulation including a two-year market inquiry into the local bus market. He is now self-employed and undertakes challenging work for a number of very different organisations. This includes him being a member of the Parole Board, a Financial Ombudsman and sitting for the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Services Richard Goodenough-Bayly

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Richard is a lay regulator for a number of organisations and holds a public appointment with the Ministry of Justice. He has been a Trustee for national charities supporting victims of crime and homeless LGBTQ+ young people; and is a former senior police officer.

Emeritus Prof. Brian L. Gomes da Costa

Emeritus Professor Brian L. Gomes da Costa is the former principal and chief executive of Bath Spa University. Since taking voluntary 'early' retirement from that role, he has pursued a portfolio career, which has included membership of: the Asylum & Immigration Tribunal; the General Medical Council's fitness to practice tribunals, in which he served between 2000 and 2012, latterly as a presiding panelist; and served for 6 years to the Standards Committee of the Bar Standards Board. He has also served as the chairman of a North London mental health NHS trust and is a lay assessor for the Academy for Healthcare Science. He has been a magistrate (now Supplemental) since 1977.

Eleanor Harding

Eleanor Harding is a Tribunal Judge and legal author, having previously practised as a solicitor specialising in family law. She has a number of professional panel memberships including as a member of the Investigating Committee of the Nursing and Midwifery Council and the General Osteopathic Council. She is the chair of an independent fostering panel. In the past she has worked as an investigator for the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman and as a generalist adviser with Citizens Advice.

Mary Hope

Mary Hope has run a business providing HR consultancy, executive recruitment, coaching and training. She is chair of the Board of a Housing Association and is an Advisor at Citizens Advice. She also sits on the Board of an Arms-Length Management Organisation managing council housing.

Jo King

Jo lives in Surrey and combines roles in the voluntary sector with work as an independent consultant. Her professional history includes being a director of a technical consultancy company specialising in post- battlefield area clearance, provision of information and analytical services to governments, non-governmental organisations and manufacturers. Her voluntary role uses her skills in making reasoned judgements based on evidence, assessing evidence and rapidly analysing complex oral and written information.

Belinda Knight

Belinda Knight has a background in the financial sector and civil service, and now runs her own company specializing in employment law and human resources consultancy. She is an ombudsman with the Financial Ombudsman Service. She also sits on Employment Tribunals. She also has experience of sitting on Police Misconduct Hearings, misconduct hearings for a range of other professionals, and a number of regulatory bodies.

Linda Lee

Linda Lee is a solicitor who specialises in regulatory and disciplinary law at national law firm Weightmans.

Linda is a past President of the Law Society of England and Wales (2010 to 2011). She is a member of the Law Society Council and supports a number of Law Society Committees. Linda is the current Chair of the Law Society's Professional Indemnity Insurance Committee and is a current member and former Chair of the Regulatory Processes Committee, current member of the Policy and Regulatory Affairs Committee and a longstanding member of the Access to Justice Committee.

Linda Lee is a Commissioner for the Criminal Cases Review Commission which investigates miscarriages of justice. She is a member of the Commission's Board, Deputy Chair of its Body Corporate and Chair of its stakeholder group.

Linda is Chair of the Solicitors Assistance Scheme, which provides pro bono advice and assistance to solicitors facing professional and personal difficulties.

She holds a number of public administrative offices; she sits as a legally qualified chair for the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service and as a Committee Chair and Adjudicator for the Primary Care Appeals Service. She is a member of the Licensing Committee of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority.

Linda is a director of the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting. She is also a Council Member and former President of both the Medico-Legal Society and Northamptonshire Law Society.

Linda sits as a Deputy District Judge on the Midlands Circuit and an assistant coroner.

Helyn Mensah

Helyn is a specialist barrister who has been assisting clients in a broad range of intellectual property matters (including EU and UK trademarks, passing off, designs, copyright, breach of confidence and contract cases) for eighteen years. The majority of her time in practice has been spent in chambers at the independent Bar of England & Wales, although she has also spent periods as a senior IP litigation lawyer at the international law firm, Pinsent Masons LLP and as external evidence counsel for the Serious Fraud Office. Helyn is currently the Head of IP at 33 Bedford Row chambers. In addition to being chairwoman of its General Data Protection Regulation Committee, Helyn is also currently an independent member of the Strategic Governance Panel to the new UK non-household water retail market (the world's largest competitive water market) set up in joint venture by DEFRA, OFWAT, and MOSL (the Market Operator).

Alison Miller-Varey

Alison Miller-Varey, a former barrister, sits as a Fee Paid Judge in both the Employment and First Tier Tribunal. Her specialist areas encompass a broad range of

subject-areas, including professional regulation, commercial litigation, and real property.

Andrea Palk MBE

Andrea Palk served for over 16 years in the Royal Air Force as a personnel and training officer. She served in a variety of roles in numerous locations, including Afghanistan. After leaving in 2010, she joined the Royal Air Forces Reserves as a training specialist and continues to work part time in this role. In addition, she sits as a military service member of the War Pensions and Armed Forces Compensation Chamber.

Quinton Quayle

Quinton Quayle is a former diplomat who served as British Ambassador to Romania and to Thailand. He currently acts as an adviser to companies with investments in Thailand, including Gurin Energy. In the UK, he serves as a Senior Independent Director at the Data and Marketing Commission.

Brian Stewart OBE

A Chartered Town Planner by background, Brian is now a portfolio non-executive director and consultant, following a 27-year career in local and regional government, 17 years of which were at Chief Executive Level. With previous experience as an NHS non-executive director, a Housing Association Group non-executive director, chairing two local government companies and a Community Forum related to a major energy project, his current portfolio includes chairing a Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and chairing the Board of Trustees of a regional disability charity.

Roger Wilson

Roger Wilson is a Chartered Architect with a practice spanning 35 years specializing in housing, conservation areas, listed buildings and urban planning issues. He has been a Planning Inspector in England and in a similar vein, a Reporter to the Scottish Government over a 12-year period. He is also an Architect member of the Architects' Registration Board Professional Conduct Committee.

Catherine Walker

Catherine Walker qualified as a barrister and spent her early career as an investment banker. She is a non-executive Director of a Kent mental health and social care NHS trust and the Lay chair for consultant appointments at large London acute NHS trust. She is a Lay Representative for Health Education England involved in reviewing the quality of medical education. She holds a Social Security and Child Support Tribunal judicial appointment. She manages a firm of employment solicitors and is on the Members Panel of the National Employment Savings Trust ('NEST'). She had a long-term role as school governor and director of an Academy Trust.

Laurelie Walter

Laurelie Walter has more than 20 years' experience of property valuation and other property-related activities. She was a long serving and an active member of the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber) until retirement. She was appointed to the Thames Tunnel Exceptional Hardship Scheme in 2012 and is also a member of the Heathrow Ltd Hardship Scheme. She runs her own design and project management business.

Edward White

Edward qualified as a solicitor in 1994 advising local government on regulatory practice, licensing, housing and homelessness adjudication, and quasi-judicial procedure. Edward has also served as a consultant adjudicator for a national tenancy deposit scheme, adjudicating private sector housing disputes. In addition to HS2 Ltd, Edward sits as an associate hospital manager hearing Appeals and Reviews under mental health law, and as a lay member on NHS panels, considering funding appeals for special treatments and medicines.

Graham White

Graham White was a circuit judge until December 2012 and continues to sit as a judicial member of the Parole Board. In high street general practice as a solicitor, he was a member of the Council of the Law Society and Chair of its Criminal Law Committee. He is also a Legally Qualified Chair of the Medical Practitioners Tribunal Service.

Colin Wilby

Colin Wilby has a varied business background, working in senior human resources, operations, and chief executive positions. He now holds a portfolio of non-executive and adjudication roles, which has included appointments in the NHS, higher education, and professional regulation. He is currently the Chair of a Housing Association, a Board Member of one of the legal regulators and a member of the Employment Tribunals and Bar Disciplinary Tribunals. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Personnel & Development.