
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 937

**The Network Rail (Felixstowe Branch Line
Improvements – Level Crossings Closure) Order 2018**

PART 4

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Planning permission

19. Planning permission which is deemed by a direction under section 90(2A)(1) (development with government authorisation) of the 1990 Act to be granted in relation to the authorised works is to be treated as specific planning permission for the purposes of section 264(3)(a) (cases in which land is to be treated as operational land for the purposes of that Act) of that Act.

Power to transfer undertaking

20.—(1) Network Rail may, with the consent of the Secretary of State—

- (a) transfer to another person (“the transferee”) its right to construct, maintain, use or operate the authorised works (or any part of them) and such related statutory rights as may be agreed between Network Rail and the transferee; or
- (b) grant to another person (“the lessee”) for a period agreed between Network Rail and the lessee the right to construct, maintain, use or operate the authorised works (or any part of them) and such related statutory rights as may be so agreed.

(2) Where an agreement has been made by virtue of paragraph (1), references in this Order to Network Rail include references to the transferee or the lessee.

(3) The exercise of the powers conferred by any enactment in pursuance to any transfer or grant under paragraph (1), is subject to the same restrictions, liabilities and obligations as would apply under this Order if those powers were exercised by Network Rail.

Application of landlord and tenant law

21.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) any agreement for leasing to any person the whole or any part of the authorised works or the right to operate the same; and
- (b) any agreement entered into by Network Rail with any person for the construction, maintenance, use or operation of the authorised works, or any part of them,

so far as any such agreement relates to the terms on which any land which is the subject of a lease granted by or under that agreement is to be provided for that person’s use.

(2) No enactment or rule of law regulating the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants affects the operation of any agreement to which this article applies.

(1) Section 90(2A) was inserted by section 16(1) of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42).

(3) No such enactment or rule of law applies in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties to any lease granted by or under any such agreement so as to—

- (a) exclude or in any respect modify any of the rights and obligations of those parties under the terms of the lease, whether with respect to the termination of the tenancy or any other matter;
- (b) confer or impose on any such party any right or obligation arising out of or connected with anything done or omitted to be done on or in relation to land which is the subject of the lease, in addition to any such right or obligation provided for by the terms of the lease; or
- (c) restrict the enforcement (whether by action for damages or otherwise) by any party to the lease of any obligation of any other party under the lease.

Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance

22.—(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) (summary proceedings by person aggrieved by statutory nuisances) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990⁽²⁾ in relation to a nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1)⁽³⁾ (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance) of that Act, no order is to be made, and no fine may be imposed, under section 82(2) of that Act if the defendant shows—

- (a) that the nuisance relates to premises used by Network Rail for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order with respect to authorised works and that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of authorised works which are being carried out in accordance with a notice served under section 60 (control of noise on construction sites) or a consent given under section 61⁽⁴⁾ (prior consent for work on construction sites) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974⁽⁵⁾; or
- (b) that the nuisance is a consequence of the operation of the authorised works and that it cannot reasonably be avoided.

(2) Section 61(9) (consent for work on construction site to include statement that it does not of itself constitute a defence to proceedings under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 does not apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by Network Rail for the purposes of or in connection with the exercise of the powers conferred by this Order with respect to works.

(3) The provisions of this article do not affect the application to the authorised works of section 122 (statutory authority as a defence to actions in nuisance, etc.) of the Railways Act 1993⁽⁶⁾ or any rule of common law having similar effect.

Obstruction of construction of authorised works

23. Any person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) obstructs any person acting under the authority of Network Rail in setting out the lines of the scheduled works or in constructing any authorised works; or
- (b) interferes with, moves or removes any apparatus belonging to any person acting under the authority of Network Rail,

(2) 1990 c. 43. Section 82 was amended by section 5 of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c. 40), paragraph 6 of Schedule 17 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), section 103(1), (4) and (5) of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16) and S.I. 2015/664.

(3) There are amendments to section 79 not relevant to this Order.

(4) Section 61 was amended by Schedule 7 to the Building Act 1984 (c. 55), paragraph 15(3) of Schedule 15 to the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43), Schedule 24 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) and paragraph 10 of Schedule 6 to the Building (Scotland) Act 2003 (asp. 8).

(5) 1974 c. 40.

(6) 1993 c. 43.

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

Certification of plans etc.

24. Network Rail must, as soon as practicable after the making of this Order, submit copies of the book of reference, the sections and the deposited plans to the Secretary of State for certification that they are, respectively, true copies of the book of reference, sections and deposited plans referred to in this Order; and a document so certified is admissible in any proceedings as evidence of the contents of the document of which it is a copy.

Service of notices

25.—(1) A notice or other document required or authorised to be served for the purposes of this Order may be served—

- (a) by post; or
- (b) with the consent of the recipient and subject to paragraphs (6) to (8), by electronic transmission.

(2) Where the person on whom a notice or other document to be served for the purposes of this Order is a body corporate, the notice or document is duly served if it is served on the secretary or clerk of that body.

(3) For the purposes of section 7 (references to service by post) of the Interpretation Act 1978(7) as it applies for the purposes of this article, the proper address of any person in relation to the service on that person of a notice or document under paragraph (1) is, if that person has given an address for service, that address, and otherwise—

- (a) in the case of the secretary or clerk of a body corporate, the registered or principal office of that body; and
- (b) in any other case, that person's last known address at the time of service.

(4) Where for the purposes of this Order a notice or other document is required or authorised to be served on a person as having any interest in, or as the occupier of, land and the name or address of that person cannot be ascertained after reasonable enquiry, the notice may be served by—

- (a) addressing it to that person by name or by the description of "owner", or as the case may be "occupier", of the land (describing it); and
- (b) either leaving it in the hands of a person who is or appears to be resident or employed on the land or leaving it conspicuously affixed to some building or object on or near the land.

(5) Where a notice or other document required to be served or sent for the purposes of this Order is served or sent by electronic transmission the requirement is taken to be fulfilled where the recipient of the notice or other document to be transmitted has given consent to the use of electronic transmission either in writing or by electronic transmission.

(6) Where the recipient of a notice or other document served or sent by electronic transmission notifies the sender within 7 days of receipt that the recipient requires a paper copy of all or any part of that notice or other document the sender must provide such a copy as soon as reasonably practicable.

(7) Any consent to the use of electronic transmission given by a person may be revoked by that person in accordance with paragraph (8).

(8) Where a person is no longer willing to accept the use of electronic transmission for any of the purposes of this Order—

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- (a) that person must give notice in writing or by electronic transmission revoking any consent given by that person for that purpose; and
 - (b) such revocation is final and takes effect on a date specified by the person in the notice but that date must not be less than 7 days after the date on which the notice is given.
- (9) This article does not exclude the employment of any method of service not expressly provided for by it.

No double recovery

26. Compensation is not payable in respect of the same matter both under this Order and under any other enactment, any contract or any rule of law.

Arbitration

27. Any difference under any provision of this Order, unless otherwise provided for, must be referred to and settled by a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties or, failing agreement, to be appointed on the application of either party (after giving notice in writing to the other) by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

The Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017

28. The provisions of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017 do not apply as regards this Order.