
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 299

The Bridgwater Tidal Barrier Order 2022

PART 2

WORKS PROVISIONS

Principal powers

Power to construct and maintain works

4.—(1) The Agency may—

- (a) construct and maintain the scheduled works;
- (b) break out and remove such structures that are contained within the Order limits as may be necessary or expedient for or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the scheduled works.

(2) Subject to article 5 (power to deviate), the scheduled works may only be constructed in the lines or situations shown on the works plans and in accordance with the levels shown on the sections.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), the Agency may carry out and maintain such of the following works as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the construction of the scheduled works—

- (a) works to erect and construct such offices and other buildings, yards, machinery, plant, apparatus, and other works, and conveniences as the Agency thinks fit;
- (b) works to construct, provide and maintain all such embankments, retaining walls, fencing, shafts, drainage works, culverts and other works as may be necessary or convenient;
- (c) works for the strengthening, improvement, maintenance or reconstruction of any street;
- (d) works for the strengthening, alteration or demolition, in whole or in part, of any building;
- (e) works to remove or alter the position of any street furniture or apparatus, including mains, sewers, drains, pipes, cables and lights;
- (f) works to alter the course of, or otherwise interfere with, watercourses;
- (g) means of access, including footpaths;
- (h) the felling of trees;
- (i) earthworks required for the carrying out of the authorised works;
- (j) landscaping, ecological and other works to mitigate any adverse effects of the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised works;
- (k) facilities and works for the benefit or protection of land or premises affected by the authorised works.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) the Agency may carry out and maintain such other works (of whatever nature) as may be necessary or expedient for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the construction of the scheduled works.

- (5) Paragraphs (3) and (4) only authorise the carrying out or maintenance of works—
- (a) within the Order limits; or
 - (b) within the boundaries of any street abutting the Order limits or which has a junction with such a street.
- (6) The Agency may remove any works constructed by it under this Order which have been constructed as temporary works or which it no longer requires.
- (7) The powers conferred by this article may not be exercised within the boundaries of a street outside of the Order limits without the consent of the street authority, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld.
- (8) If a street authority which receives an application for consent under paragraph (7) fails to notify the Agency of its decision before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the application was made, that authority is deemed to have granted consent.
- (9) Where the Agency lays down conduits for the accommodation of cables or other apparatus for the purposes of or associated with the authorised works it may—
- (a) provide in, or in connection with, such conduits, accommodation for the apparatus of any other person, and manholes and other facilities for access to such accommodation; and
 - (b) permit the use of such conduits and facilities on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between it and such other person.
- (10) The authorised works may be constructed and maintained under powers conferred by this article regardless of anything contained in, or done under, Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006⁽¹⁾ (registration), or Schedule 2 to that Act (non-registration or mistaken registration under the 1965 Act).

Power to deviate

- 5.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (3), in constructing or maintaining any of the scheduled works, the Agency may deviate—
- (a) laterally from the lines or situations shown on the works plans to any extent within the limits of deviation (if any) shown; and
 - (b) vertically from the levels shown on the sections to any extent upwards or downwards.
- (2) Without limiting the scope of paragraph (1), in constructing or maintaining the scheduled works the Agency may, within the limits mentioned in paragraph (1)—
- (a) deviate from their points of commencement and termination as shown on the Order plans, and
 - (b) deviate from the design shown on the Order plans.
- (3) The scheduled works must be constructed so that—
- (a) the unobstructed opening between the piers of the barrier, as shown on the Order plans, measures not less than 14 metres wide,
 - (b) when not in operational use, the minimum height of the base of a vertical lift gate measures not less than 9 metres AoD, and
 - (c) the minimum height of the base of the foot and cycle bridge measures not less than 9 metres AoD.
- (4) Nothing in article 4(3) (power to construct and maintain works) authorises the Agency to execute any works in contravention of the restrictions imposed by paragraph (3).

(1) 2006 c. 26.

(5) In paragraph (3), “AoD” means above ordinance datum.