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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 3105**

**The Docklands Light Railway  
(Capacity Enhancement) Order 2005**

**PART 3**

**ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF LAND**

*Powers of acquisition*

**Power to acquire land**

**24.**—(1) DLRL may acquire compulsorily—

- (a) so much of the land shown on the deposited plans within the limits of deviation for the scheduled works shown on those plans and described in the book of reference as may be required for or in connection with the authorised works; and
- (b) so much of the land specified in columns (1) and (2) of Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 2 to this Order (being land shown on the deposited plans and described in the book of reference as lying within the limits of additional land to be acquired or used) as may be required for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule;

and may use any land so acquired for those purposes or for any other purposes ancillary to its undertaking.

(2) This article is subject to article 29(2).

**Application of Part I of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965**

**25.**—(1) Part I of the 1965 Act, in so far as not modified by or inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, shall apply to the acquisition of land under this Order—

- (a) as it applies to a compulsory purchase to which the 1981 Act applies; and
- (b) as if this Order were a compulsory purchase order under that Act.

(2) Part I of the 1965 Act, as so applied, shall have effect as if section 4 (which provides a time limit for compulsory purchase of land) and paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 3 (which makes provision as to the giving of bonds) were omitted.

**Application of Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981**

**26.**—(1) The Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981(1) shall apply to DLRL as if this Order were a compulsory purchase order.

(2) In its application by virtue of paragraph (1) above, the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 shall have effect with the following modifications.

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(1) 1981 c. 66.

(3) In section 3 (preliminary notices) for subsection (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) Before making a declaration under section 4 below with respect to any land which is subject to a compulsory purchase order the acquiring authority shall include the particulars specified in subsection (3) below in a notice which is—

- (a) given to every person with a relevant interest in the land with respect to which the declaration is to be made (other than a mortgagee who is not in possession); and
- (b) published in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated”.

(4) In that section, in subsection (2), for “(1)(b)” there shall be substituted “(1)” and after “given” there shall be inserted “and published”.

(5) In that section, subsections (5) and (6) shall be omitted and at the end there shall be substituted—

“(5) For the purposes of this section, a person has a relevant interest in land if—

- (a) he is for the time being entitled to dispose of the fee simple of the land, whether in possession or reversion; or
- (b) he holds, or is entitled to the rents and profits of, the land under a lease or agreement, the unexpired term of which exceeds one month”.

(6) In section 5 (earliest date for execution of declaration)—

- (a) in subsection (1), after “publication” there shall be inserted “in a local newspaper circulating in the area in which the land is situated”; and
- (b) subsection (2) shall be omitted.

(7) In section 7 (constructive notice to treat), in subsection (1)(a), the words “(as modified by section 4 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981)” shall be omitted.

(8) References to the 1965 Act shall be construed as references to that Act as applied to the acquisition of land under article 25.

### **Powers to acquire new rights**

**27.**—(1) DLRL may compulsorily acquire such easements or other rights over any land referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) of article 24 as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision, by creating them as well as by acquiring easements or other rights already in existence.

(2) Schedule 7 to this Order shall have effect for the purpose of modifying the enactments relating to compensation and the provisions of the 1965 Act in their application in relation to the compulsory acquisition under this article of a right over land by the creation of a new right.

(3) Subject to section 8 of the 1965 Act (as modified by paragraph 5 of Schedule 7 to this Order), where DLRL acquires a right over land under paragraph (1) it shall not be required to acquire a greater interest in that land.

### **Powers to acquire subsoil only**

**28.**—(1) DLRL may compulsorily acquire so much of the subsoil of the land referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) of article 24 as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision instead of acquiring the whole of the land.

(2) Where DLRL acquires any part of the subsoil of land under paragraph (1) DLRL shall not be required to acquire an interest in any other part of the land.

(3) Paragraph (2) shall not prevent article 33 from applying where DLRL acquires a cellar, vault, arch or other construction forming part of a house, building or manufactory.

### **Rights under or over streets**

**29.**—(1) DLRL may enter upon and appropriate so much of the surface, subsoil of, or airspace over, any street shown on the deposited plans and described in the book of reference as may be required for the purposes of the authorised works and may use the surface, subsoil and air-space for those purposes or any other purpose ancillary to its undertaking.

(2) The power under paragraph (1) may be exercised in relation to a street without DLRL being required to acquire any part of the street or any easement or right in the street and except in relation to a street which is subject to stopping up pursuant to article 12, the powers of compulsory acquisition of land conferred by this Order shall not apply in relation to the street.

(3) Any person who is an owner or occupier of land in respect of which the power of appropriation conferred by paragraph (1) is exercised without DLRL acquiring any part of that person's interest in the land, and who suffers loss by the exercise of that power, shall be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part I of the 1961 Act.

(4) Paragraph (2) shall not apply in relation to—

- (a) any subway or underground building; or
- (b) any cellar, vault, arch or other construction in, on or under a street which forms part of a building fronting on to the street.

(5) Compensation shall not be payable under paragraph (3) to any person who is an undertaker, to whom section 85 of the 1991 Act applies, in respect of measures of which the allowable costs are to be borne in accordance with regulations made under that section.

### *Temporary possession of land*

### **Temporary use of land for construction of works**

**30.**—(1) DLRL may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised works—

- (a) enter upon and take temporary possession of the land specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 8 to this Order for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule in connection with the authorised works (or any of those works) so specified in column (4) of that Schedule;
- (b) remove any buildings and vegetation from that land; and
- (c) construct temporary works (including the provision of means of access) and buildings on the land.

(2) Not less than 14 days before exercising the powers of paragraphs (1) or (2), DLRL shall serve notice of the intended entry or use on the owners and occupiers of the land.

(3) DLRL may not, without the agreement of the owners of the land, remain in possession of any land under this article after the end of the period of 2 years beginning with the date of completion of the work or works specified in relation to that land in column (4) of Schedule 8 to this Order.

(4) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under paragraph (1), DLRL shall remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land; but DLRL shall not be required to replace a building removed under this article.

(5) DLRL shall pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of land of which temporary possession is taken under paragraph (1), for any loss or damage arising from the exercise in relation to the land of the powers conferred by paragraph (1).

(6) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (5), or as to the amount of the compensation, shall be determined under Part I of the 1961 Act.

(7) Without prejudice to article 53, nothing in this article shall affect any liability to pay compensation under section 10(2) of the 1965 Act or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage arising from the execution of any works, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (5).

(8) Where DLRL takes possession of or uses any land under this article, it shall not be required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

(9) In this article and article 31 "building" includes structure or any other erection.

(10) Section 13 of the 1965 Act shall apply to the temporary use of land authorised under this article to the same extent as it applies to the acquisition of land authorised under this Order by virtue of article 24(1).

### **Temporary use of land for maintenance of works**

**31.—**(1) Subject to paragraph (2) at any time during the maintenance period relating to any of the scheduled works, DLRL may—

- (a) enter upon and take temporary possession of any land within the Order limits and lying within 20 metres from any authorised work, if such possession is reasonably required for the purpose of, or in connection with, maintaining that work or any ancillary works connected with it or securing the safe operation of any such work; and
- (b) construct such temporary works (including the provision of means of access) and buildings on the land as may be reasonably necessary for that purpose.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not authorise DLRL to take temporary possession of—

- (a) any house or garden belonging to a house; or
- (b) any building (other than a house) if it is for the time being occupied.

(3) Not less than 28 days before entering upon and taking temporary possession of land under this article DLRL shall serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.

(4) DLRL may only remain in possession of land under this article for so long as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the maintenance works for which possession of the land was taken.

(5) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, DLRL shall remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land.

(6) DLRL shall pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of land of which temporary possession is taken under this article for any loss or damage arising from the exercise in relation to the land of the powers conferred by this article.

(7) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (6), or as to the amount of the compensation, shall be determined under Part I of the 1961 Act.

(8) Without prejudice to article 53, nothing in this article shall affect any liability to pay compensation under section 10(2) of the 1965 Act or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage arising from the execution of any works, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (6).

(9) Where DLRL takes possession of land under this article, it shall not be required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

(10) Section 13 of the 1965 Act shall apply to the temporary use of land authorised under this article to the same extent as it applies to the acquisition of land authorised under this Order by virtue of article 24(1).

(11) In this article—

- (a) “the maintenance period”, in relation to a scheduled work, means the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the work is opened for public use; and
- (b) any reference to land within a specified distance of a work includes, in the case of a work under the surface of the ground, a reference to land within the specified distance of the point on the surface below which the work is situated.

### *Compensation*

#### **Disregard of certain interests and improvements**

**32.**—(1) In assessing the compensation (if any) payable to any person on the acquisition from him of any land under this Order, the tribunal shall not take into account—

- (a) any interest in land; or
- (b) any enhancement of the value of any interest in land by reason of any building erected, works executed or improvement or alteration made on relevant land;

if the tribunal is satisfied that the creation of the interest, the erection of the building, the execution of the works or the making of the improvement or alteration was not reasonably necessary and was undertaken with a view to obtaining compensation or increased compensation.

(2) In paragraph (1) “relevant land” means the land acquired from the person concerned or any other land with which he is, or was at the time when the building was erected, the works executed or the improvement or alteration made, directly or indirectly concerned.

### *Supplementary*

#### **Acquisition of part of certain properties**

**33.**—(1) This article shall apply instead of section 8(1) of the 1965 Act (as applied by article 25) in any case where—

- (a) a notice to treat is served on a person (“the owner”) under the 1965 Act (as so applied) in respect of land forming only part of a house, building or factory or of land consisting of a house with a park or garden (“the land subject to the notice to treat”); and
- (b) a copy of this article is served on the owner with the notice to treat.

(2) In such a case, the owner may, within the period of 21 days beginning with the day on which the notice was served, serve on DLRL a counter-notice objecting to the sale of the land subject to the notice to treat and stating that he is willing and able to sell the whole (“the land subject to the counter-notice”).

(3) If no such counter-notice is served within that period, the owner shall be required to sell the land subject to the notice to treat.

(4) If such a counter-notice is served within that period, the question whether the owner shall be required to sell only the land subject to the notice to treat shall, unless DLRL agrees to take the land subject to the counter-notice, be referred to the tribunal.

(5) If on such a reference the tribunal determine that the land subject to the notice to treat can be taken—

- (a) without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice; or
- (b) in the case of part of land consisting of a house with a park or garden, without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice and without seriously affecting the amenity and convenience of the house,

the owner shall be required to sell the land subject to the notice to treat.

(6) If on such a reference the tribunal determine that only part of the land subject to the notice to treat can be taken—

- (a) without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice; or
- (b) in the case of part of land consisting of a house with a park or garden, without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice and without seriously affecting the amenity and convenience of the house,

the notice to treat shall be deemed to be a notice to treat for that part.

(7) If on such a reference the tribunal determine that—

- (a) the land subject to the notice to treat cannot be taken without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice; but
- (b) the material detriment is confined to a part of the land subject to the counter-notice,

the notice to treat shall be deemed to be a notice to treat for the land to which the material detriment is confined in addition to the land already subject to the notice, whether or not the additional land is land which DLRL is authorised to acquire compulsorily under this Order.

(8) If DLRL agrees to take the land subject to the counter-notice, or if the tribunal determine that—

- (a) none of the land subject to the notice to treat can be taken without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice or, as the case may be, without material detriment to the remainder of the land subject to the counter-notice and without seriously affecting the amenity and convenience of the house; and
- (b) the material detriment is not confined to a part of the land subject to the counter-notice,

the notice to treat shall be deemed to be a notice to treat for the land subject to the counter-notice whether or not the whole of that land is land which DLRL is authorised to acquire compulsorily under this Order.

(9) In any case where by virtue of a determination by the tribunal under this article a notice to treat is deemed to be a notice to treat for less land or more land than that specified in the notice, DLRL may, within the period of 6 weeks beginning with the day on which the determination is made, withdraw the notice to treat; and, if it does so, shall pay to the owner compensation for any loss or expense occasioned to him by the giving and withdrawal of the notice, to be determined in case of dispute by the tribunal.

(10) Where the owner is required under this article to sell only part of a house, building or factory or of land consisting of a house with a park or garden, DLRL shall pay him compensation for any loss sustained by him due to the severance of that part in addition to the value of the interest acquired.

### **Extinction or suspension of private rights of way**

**34.—**(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights of way over land held or used by DLRL for the purposes of the authorised works or subject to compulsory acquisition under this Order shall be extinguished—

- (a) as from the use by DLRL of the land for the purposes of the authorised works;
- (b) as from the acquisition of the land by DLRL, whether compulsorily or by agreement; or
- (c) on the entry on the land by DLRL under section 11(1) of the 1965 Act,

whichever is sooner.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights of way over land owned by DLRL which is within the Order limits and is required for the purposes of this Order, shall be extinguished on the appropriation of the land for any of those purposes by DLRL.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights of way over land of which DLRL takes temporary possession under this Order shall be suspended and unenforceable for as long as DLRL remains in lawful possession of the land.

(4) Any person who suffers loss by the extinguishment or suspension of any private right of way under this article shall be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part I of the 1961 Act.

(5) This article does not apply in relation to any right of way to which section 271 or 272 of the 1990 Act (extinguishment of rights of statutory undertakers, etc.) or paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to this Order applies.

(6) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) shall have effect subject to—

(a) any notice given by DLRL before the completion of the acquisition of the land, DLRL's appropriation of it, DLRL's entry onto it or DLRL's taking temporary possession of it, as the case may be, that any or all of those paragraphs shall not apply to any right of way specified in the notice; and

(b) any agreement made (whether before or after any of the events mentioned in paragraph (6) (a) and before or after the coming into force of this Order) between DLRL and the person in or to whom the right of way in question is vested or belongs.

(7) If any such agreement as is referred to in paragraph (6)(b) which is made with a person in or to whom the right of way is vested or belongs is expressed to have effect also for the benefit of those deriving title from or under him, it shall be effective in respect of the persons so deriving title, whether the title was derived before or after the making of the agreement.

### **Public open space at Deptford Bridge**

**35.**—(1) As from the date upon which DLRL enters onto the special category land under section 11(1) of the 1965 Act the special category land shall thereupon be discharged from all rights, trusts and incidents to which it was previously subject.

(2) In this article—

“the special category land” means the land delineated on the deposited plans and thereon numbered 783, 784, 787 and 793 in the London Borough of Lewisham and forming part of an open space within the meaning of section 19(1) of the 1981 Act which the Secretary of State has certified as not exceeding 209 square metres and that the giving in exchange of other land for the special category land is unnecessary for the purposes of section 19(1) of the 1981 Act.

### **Time limit for exercise of powers of acquisition**

**36.**—(1) After the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which this Order comes into force—

(a) no notice to treat shall be served under Part I of the 1965 Act, as applied to the acquisition of land by article 25; and

(b) no declaration shall be executed under section 4 of the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981, as applied by article 26.

(2) The power conferred by article 30 to enter upon and take temporary possession of land shall cease at the end of the period mentioned in paragraph (1); but this paragraph shall not prevent DLRL

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from remaining in possession of land in accordance with article 30 after the end of that period, if the land was entered and possession of it was taken before the end of that period.