

LONDON OLYMPIC GAMES AND PARALYMPIC GAMES ACT 2006

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TRANSPORT

Section 13: Functions affecting Olympics

37. This section gives the ODA a degree of 'negative control' over the roads for the purposes of the Games by requiring the ODA to be notified of the exercise of any highway, traffic or street functions (exercisable by an authority other than the Secretary of State) that might reasonably be expected to affect transport needs connected to the Games. Such functions may not be exercised without the consent of the ODA, unless thirty days have expired from making a notification to the ODA. Where the ODA has raised an objection, no further action may be taken unless the ODA has withdrawn its objection in writing or the Secretary of State has considered and rejected the objection.
38. If the ODA is not notified of functions as required under *Subsection (1)* and *(2)*, it may take action to reverse or change the effect of the unauthorised action (*subsection (5)*). In doing so, the ODA shall have all the powers of the person that failed to notify the ODA as required and may take the necessary action at the cost of that person.
39. *Subsection (3)* allows the Secretary of State, by specifying relevant circumstances in an order, to set aside or vary the requirement to notify the ODA and seek its approval to the exercise of a highway, traffic or street function. For example, the order might allow emergencies or urgent works to be dealt with without the delay of seeking ODA approval. The order would be subject to the negative resolution procedure.
40. *Subsection (6)* requires the Secretary of State to consult the ODA before exercising his powers of management of roads in the Royal Parks in a way that he thinks might affect transport needs connected to the Games.
41. *Subsection (7)* relaxes the consultation requirements for the variation of bus schedules by Transport for London during the London Olympics period.