
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The River Thames (Hungerford Footbridges) Order 1999

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Byelaws

37.—(1) The undertaker may make byelaws regulating the use and operation of the authorised works, the maintenance of order on the authorised works and the conduct of all persons while on the authorised works.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) above, byelaws under this article may make provision—

- (a) with respect to interference with, or obstruction of, the operation or maintenance of the authorised works or other facilities provided in connection with the authorised works; and
- (b) with respect to the prevention of nuisances on the authorised works.

(3) Byelaws under this article may provide for it to be an offence for a person to contravene, or to fail to comply with, a provision of the byelaws and for such a person to be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(4) Without prejudice to the taking of proceedings for an offence included in byelaws by virtue of paragraph (3) above, if the contravention of or failure to comply with, any byelaw under this article is attended with danger or annoyance to the public, or hindrance to the undertaker in the operation of the authorised works, the undertaker may summarily take action to obviate or remove the danger, annoyance or hindrance.

(5) Byelaws under this article shall not come into operation until they have been confirmed by the Secretary of State.

(6) At least 28 days before applying for any byelaws to be confirmed under this article, the undertaker shall publish in such manner as may be approved by the Secretary of State a notice of its intention to apply for the byelaws to be confirmed and of the place at which and the time during which a copy of the byelaws will be open to public inspection; and any person affected by any of the byelaws may make representations on them to the Secretary of State within a period specified in the notice, being a period of not less than 28 days.

(7) For at least 24 days before an application is made under this article for byelaws to be confirmed, a copy of the byelaws shall be kept at the principal office of the undertaker and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.

(8) The undertaker shall, at the request of any person, supply him with a copy of such byelaws on payment of such reasonable sum as the undertaker may determine.

(9) The Secretary of State may confirm with or without modification, or may refuse to confirm, any of the byelaws submitted under this article for confirmation and, as regards any byelaws so confirmed, may fix a date on which the byelaws shall come into operation; and if no date is so fixed

the byelaws shall come into operation after the expiry of 28 days after the date on which they were confirmed.

(10) The Secretary of State may charge the undertaker such fees in respect of any byelaws submitted for confirmation under this article as he may consider appropriate for the purpose of defraying any administrative expenses incurred by him in connection therewith.

(11) A copy of the byelaws when confirmed shall be printed and deposited at the principal office of the undertaker and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment and the undertaker shall, at the request of any person, supply him with a copy of any such byelaws on payment of such reasonable sum as the undertaker shall determine.

(12) The production of a printed copy of byelaws confirmed under this article on which is endorsed a certificate purporting to be signed by a person duly authorised by the undertaker stating—

- (a) that the byelaws were made by the undertaker,
- (b) that the copy is a true copy of the byelaws,
- (c) that on a specified date the byelaws were confirmed by the Secretary of State, and
- (d) the date when the byelaws came into operation

shall be prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the certificate.