
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2003 No. 3364

**The Alconbury Airfield (Rail Facilities and
Connection to East Coast Main Line) Order 2003**

PART 3

ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF LAND

Temporary possession of land

Temporary use of land for construction of works

16.—(1) The undertaker 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 5 to this Order for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule relating to the authorised works 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 28 days before entering upon and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker shall serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.

(3) The undertaker 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 one year beginning with the date of completion of the work specified in relation to that land in column (4) of Schedule 5 to this Order.

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

(5) The undertaker 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.

(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 Land Compensation Act 1961.

(7) Without prejudice to article 28, 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) The powers of compulsory acquisition of land conferred by this Order shall not apply in relation to the land referred to in paragraph (1) except that the undertaker shall not be precluded from acquiring new rights over any part of that land under article 15.

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

(10) In this article and in article 17 “building” includes structure or any other erection.

Temporary use of land for maintenance of works

17.—(1) At any time during the maintenance period relating to any of the scheduled works, the undertaker may—

- (a) enter upon and take temporary possession of any land shown on the land plan for the purpose of, or in connection with, maintaining the work or any ancillary works connected with it,
- (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 the undertaker 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 not for the time being occupied.

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

(4) The undertaker 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 the land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, the undertaker shall remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land.

(6) The undertaker shall pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of the 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 disputes as to a person’s entitlement to compensation under paragraph (6), or as to the amount of compensation, shall be determined under Part I of the Land Compensation Act 1961.

(8) Without prejudice to article 28, 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 the undertaker takes possession of land under this article, it shall not be required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

(10) In this article “the maintenance period”, in relation to a scheduled work, means the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which the scheduled works are opened for use.