
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1074

**The Network Rail (Closure of Abbots
Ripton Level Crossing) Order 2017**

PART 2

CROSSINGS

Supplemental Powers

Power to survey and investigate land

- 7.—(1) Network Rail may for the purposes of this Order—
- (a) survey or investigate any land shown within the Order limits;
 - (b) without limitation on the scope of sub-paragraph (a), make trial holes in such positions on the land as Network Rail thinks fit to investigate the nature of the surface layer and subsoil and remove soil samples;
 - (c) without limitation on the scope of sub-paragraph (a), carry out ecological or archaeological investigations on such land;
 - (d) place on, leave on and remove from the land apparatus for use in connection with the survey and investigation of land and making of trial holes; and
 - (e) enter on the land for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (a) to (d).
- (2) No land may be entered or equipment placed or left on or removed from the land under paragraph (1) unless at least 14 days' notice has been served on every owner and occupier of the land.
- (3) Any person entering land under this article on behalf of Network Rail—
- (a) must, if so required, before or after entering the land produce written evidence of authority to do so including any warrant issued under paragraph (4);
 - (b) may not use force unless a justice of the peace has issued a warrant under paragraph (4) authorising the person to do so; and
 - (c) may take onto the land such vehicles and equipment as are necessary to carry out the survey or investigation or to make the trial holes.
- (4) A justice of the peace may issue a warrant authorising a person to use force in the exercise of the power conferred by this article if satisfied—
- (a) that another person has prevented or is likely to prevent the exercise of that power; and
 - (b) that it is reasonable to use force in the exercise of that power.
- (5) The force that may be authorised by a warrant is limited to that which is reasonably necessary.
- (6) A warrant authorising the person to use force must specify the number of occasions on which Network Rail can rely on the warrant when entering and surveying or valuing land.

(7) The number specified must be the number which the justice of the peace considers appropriate to achieve the purpose for which the entry and survey or valuation are required.

(8) Any evidence in proceedings for a warrant under this article must be given on oath.

(9) No trial holes are to be made under this article—

(a) in a carriageway or footway without the consent of the highway authority; or

(b) in a private street without the consent of the street authority,

but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

(10) Network Rail must compensate the owners and occupiers of the land for any loss or damage arising by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred by this article, such compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

(11) If either a highway authority or a street authority which receives an application for consent fails to notify Network Rail of its decision within 28 days of receiving the application for consent—

(a) under paragraph (9)(a) in the case of a highway authority; or

(b) under paragraph (9)(b) in the case of a street authority,

that authority is deemed to have granted consent.