
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 937

**The Network Rail (Felixstowe Branch Line
Improvements – Level Crossings Closure) Order 2018**

PART 2

WORKS PROVISIONS

Streets

Power to survey and investigate land

- 8.**—(1) Network Rail may for the purposes of this Order—
- (a) survey or investigate any land shown within the Order limits or which may be affected by the authorised works;
 - (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 of 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 7 days' notice has been served on every owner and occupier of the land.
- (3) Notice given in accordance with paragraph (2) must include—
- (a) a statement of the recipient's rights under paragraph (15); and
 - (b) a copy of any warrant issued under paragraph (8).
- (4) If Network Rail proposes to do any of the following, the notice must include details of what is proposed—
- (a) searching, boring or excavating;
 - (b) leaving apparatus on land;
 - (c) taking samples;
 - (d) an aerial survey;
 - (e) carrying out any other activities that may be required to facilitate compliance with the instruments mentioned in paragraph (5).
- (5) The instruments referred to in paragraph (4)(e) are—

- (a) [Directive 2011/92/EU](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 December 2011 on the assessment of the effects of certain public and private projects on the environment⁽¹⁾; or
- (b) Council [Directive 92/42/EEC](#) of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora⁽²⁾.
- (6) If Network Rail obtains a warrant a warrant after giving notice in accordance with paragraph (2) it must give a copy of the warrant to all those to whom it gave a notice.
- (7) 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 (8);
- (b) may not use force unless a justice of the peace has issued a warrant under paragraph (8) authorising the person to do so;
- (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;
- (d) may only enter and survey land at a reasonable time; and
- (e) must, if the land is unoccupied or the occupier is absent from the land when the person enters it, leave it as secure against trespassers as when the person entered it.
- (8) 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.
- (9) The force that may be authorised by a warrant is limited to that which is reasonably necessary.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) Any evidence in proceedings for a warrant under this article must be given on oath.
- (13) 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.
- (14) 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 (13)(a) in the case of a highway authority; or
- (b) under paragraph (13)(b) in the case of a street authority,
- that authority is deemed to have granted consent.
- (15) 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 of the 1961 Act.
- (16) Paragraphs (1) to (15) apply in relation to Crown land, however a person may only exercise the power conferred by paragraph (1) in relation to Crown land if the person has the permission of the appropriate authority.

(1) OJ No. L 26, 28.1.2012, p. 1.

(2) OJ No. L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7.

(17) Nothing in this article overrides the requirement to obtain scheduled monument consent under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979⁽³⁾.

(18) In this article, “Crown land” and “the appropriate authority” have the meaning given in section 293⁽⁴⁾ (preliminary definitions) of the 1990 Act.

⁽³⁾ 1979 c. 46.

⁽⁴⁾ As amended by paragraph 6 of schedule 3 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (c. 5), paragraph 7(1) and (4) of Schedule 7 to the Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (anaw 4) and paragraphs 1 and 33 of Schedule 12 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22).