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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1663**

**The Network Rail (Suffolk Level  
Crossing Reduction) Order 2020**

**PART 3**

**ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF LAND**

*Supplementary*

**Extinction or suspension of private rights of way**

**25.**—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article—

- (a) all private rights of way over land of which Network Rail takes temporary possession under this Order are suspended and unenforceable for as long as Network Rail remains in lawful possession; and
- (b) all private rights of way over land subject to the compulsory acquisition of rights under this Order are extinguished in so far as their continuance would be inconsistent with the exercise of the right as from the date of the acquisition of the right by Network Rail, whether compulsorily or by agreement, or on the date of entry on the land by Network Rail under section 11(1)(1) of the 1965 Act, whichever is the sooner.

(2) Any person who suffers loss by the suspension or extinguishment of any private right of way under this article is entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(3) Paragraph (1) and (2), have effect subject to—

- (a) any notice given by Network Rail before Network Rail's taking temporary possession of the land, that any or all of those paragraphs do not apply to any right of way specified in the notice; and
- (b) any agreement made between Network Rail and the person in or to whom the right of way in question is vested or belongs which makes reference to this article; whether that agreement was made before or after any of the events mentioned in sub-paragraph (a), or before or after the coming into force of this Order.

(4) If any such agreement as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(b) is expressed to have effect also for the benefit of those deriving title from or under the person in or to whom the right of way in question is vested or belongs, it is effective in respect of the persons so deriving title, whether the title was derived before or after the making of the agreement.

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(1) Section 11 was amended by section 34(1) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67), section 3 of, and Part 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Housing (Consequential Provisions) Act 1985 (c. 71), section 14 of, and paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measures 2006 (No. 1), sections 186(2), 187(2) and 188 of, and paragraph 6 of Schedule 14 and paragraph 3 of Schedule 16 to, the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22) and S.I. 2009/1307.

**Time limit for exercise of powers of acquisition**

**26.**—(1) After the end of the period of 5 years beginning on the day on which this Order comes into force—

- (a) no notice to treat is to be served under Part 1 of the 1965 Act as applied to the acquisition of rights or easements over land by article 19 (application of Part 1 of the 1965 Act); and
- (b) no declaration is to be executed under section 4 (execution of declaration) of the 1981 Act<sup>(2)</sup> as applied by article 20 (application of the 1981 Act).

(2) The powers conferred by article 21 (power to acquire new rights), article 22 (temporary use of land for construction of works) and article 23 (temporary use of land for maintenance of works) cease at the end of the period referred to in paragraph (1), except that nothing in this paragraph prevents Network Rail from remaining in possession of land after the end of that period, if the land was entered and possession of it was taken before the end of that period.

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(2) 1981 c. 66.