
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 1194

The Portishead Branch Line (MetroWest Phase 1) Order 2022

PART 5

Powers of acquisition

Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development

33.—(1) The undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development but subject to article 26(1) (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily or take land temporarily)—

- (a) enter on and take temporary possession of—
 - (i) the land specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 12 (land of which temporary possession may be taken) for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule relating to the part of the authorised development specified in column (4) of that Schedule; and
 - (ii) any other Order land in respect of which no notice of entry has been served under section 11(1) (powers of entry) of the 1965 Act (other than in connection with the acquisition of rights or the imposition of covenants) and no declaration has been made under section 4 (execution of declaration) of the 1981 Act;
- (b) remove any buildings and vegetation from that land;
- (c) construct temporary works (including the provision of means of access), security fencing and buildings on that land;
- (d) construct any works as are mentioned in Schedule 1 (authorised development);
- (e) carry out any other mitigation, ground or rock stability, catch fencing, geotechnical or strengthening works on that land; or
- (f) provide any temporary car parking or storage facilities on that land.

(2) Not less than 14 days before entering on and taking temporary possession of land under this article the undertaker must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land and explain the purpose for which entry is taken in respect of land specified under paragraph (1)(a)(i).

(3) The undertaker must not, without the agreement of the owners of the land, remain in possession of any land under this article—

- (a) in the case of land specified in paragraph (1)(a)(i), after the end of the period of one year beginning with the date of completion of the part of the authorised development specified in relation to that land in column (4) of Schedule 12; or

(1) Section 11 was amended by Schedule 4 to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (c. 67), section 14 of, and paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 5 to, the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2006 (2006 No. 1), section 186(1) and (2), section 187(1) and (2), section 188 and section 190 of, and paragraphs 2 and 3 of Schedule 16 to, the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and S.I. 2009/1307.

- (b) in the case of any land referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(ii), after the end of the period of one year beginning with the date of completion of the work for which temporary possession of the land was taken unless the undertaker has, before the end of that period, served a notice of entry under section 11 of the 1965 Act or made a declaration under section 4 of the 1981 Act in relation to that land.
- (4) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, the undertaker must remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land; but is not required to—
 - (a) replace a building removed under this article;
 - (b) restore the land on which any permanent works have been constructed under paragraph (1)(d);
 - (c) remove statutory undertakers' apparatus or connections to such apparatus or any measures installed over or around statutory undertakers' apparatus to protect that apparatus from the authorised development; or
 - (d) remove any mitigation, ground or rock stability, catch fencing, geotechnical or strengthening works which have been placed on the land to
 - (i) facilitate construction of the authorised development;
 - (ii) protect any existing operational railway; or
 - (iii) mitigate the effects of the authorised development.
- (5) The undertaker must 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 provisions of this article.
- (6) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (5), or as to the amount of the compensation, is to be determined as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.
- (7) Without affecting article 41 (no double recovery), nothing in this article affects any liability to pay compensation under section 152 (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) of the 2008 Act or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage arising from the carrying out of the authorised development, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (5).
- (8) The undertaker must not compulsorily acquire under this Order the land referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(i) except that the undertaker is not precluded from acquiring any part of the subsoil of or airspace over (or rights in the subsoil or of airspace over) that land under article 31 (acquisition of subsoil or airspace only).
- (9) Where the undertaker takes possession of land under this article, the undertaker is not required to acquire the land or any interest in it.
- (10) Section 13(2) (refusal to give possession to acquiring authority) of the 1965 Act applies to the temporary use of land pursuant to this article to the same extent as it applies to the compulsory acquisition of land under this Order by virtue of section 125 (application of compulsory acquisition provisions) of the 2008 Act.

(2) Section 13 was amended by sections 62(3) and 139(4) to (9) and section 62(3) of, paragraphs 27 and 28(1) and (3) of Schedule 13 to, and Part 3 of Schedule 23 to, the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15).