
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 475

The M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022 and comes into force on 12th May 2022.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 1961 Act” means the Land Compensation Act 1961⁽¹⁾;

“the 1965 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965⁽²⁾;

“the 1980 Act” means the Highways Act 1980⁽³⁾;

“the 1981 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981⁽⁴⁾;

“the 1984 Act” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽⁵⁾;

“the 1990 Act” means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990⁽⁶⁾;

“the 1991 Act” means the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991⁽⁷⁾;

“the 2004 Act” means the Traffic Management Act 2004⁽⁸⁾;

“the 2008 Act” means the Planning Act 2008⁽⁹⁾;

“address” includes any number or address for the purposes of electronic transmission;

“apparatus” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the 1991 Act;

“authorised development” means the development described in Schedule 1 (authorised development) or any part of it, which is development within the meaning of section 32 (meaning of development) of the 2008 Act;

“the book of reference” means the book of reference referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified by the Secretary of State as the book of reference for the purposes of this Order;

(1) 1961 c. 33.
(2) 1965 c. 56.
(3) 1980 c. 66.
(4) 1981 c. 66.
(5) 1984 c. 27.
(6) 1990 c. 8.
(7) 1991 c. 22.
(8) 2004 c.18.
(9) 2008 c. 29.

“British Telecommunications Plc” means the company registered in England and Wales, company number 01800000, whose registered address is 81 Newgate Street, London EC1A 7AJ;

“building” includes any structure or erection or any part of a building, structure or erection;

“Cadent Gas Ltd” means the company registered in England and Wales, company number 10080864, whose registered address is Ashbrook Court, Prologis Park, Central Boulevard, Coventry CV7 8PE;

“carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) (further provision as to interpretation) of the 1980 Act and includes part of a carriageway;

“classification of roads plans” means the plans of that description referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) certified by the Secretary of State as the classification of road plans for the purposes of this Order;

“commence” means beginning to carry out any material operation (as defined in section 56(4) of the 1990 Act) forming part of the authorised development other than operations consisting of archaeological investigations and mitigation works, ecological surveys and mitigation works, investigations for the purpose of assessing and monitoring ground conditions and levels, remedial work in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions, erection of any temporary means of enclosure, receipt and erection of construction plant and equipment, diversion and laying of underground apparatus and site clearance, and the temporary display of site notices or advertisements, and “commencement” is to be construed accordingly;

“cycle track” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the 1980 Act and includes part of a cycle track⁽¹⁰⁾;

“electronic transmission” means a communication transmitted—

- (a) by means of an electronic communications network; or
- (b) by other means but while in electronic form,

and in this definition “electronic communications network” has the same meaning as in section 32(1) (meaning of electronic communications networks and services) of the Communications Act 2003⁽¹¹⁾;

“the engineering drawings and sections” means the drawings and sections referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the engineering drawings and sections by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order;

“environmental statement” means the document of that description submitted with the application for this Order, referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the environmental statement by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order;

“footway” and “footpath” have the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the 1980 Act and include part of a footway or footpath;

“highway”, “highway authority” and “local highway authority” have the same meaning as in the 1980 Act and “highway” includes part of a highway;

“the land plans” means the plans referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the land plans by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order;

“limits of deviation” means the limits of deviation referred to in article 6 (limits of deviation);

“maintain” in relation to the authorised development includes, to the extent assessed in the environmental statement, to inspect, repair, adjust, alter, remove or reconstruct and any derivative of “maintain” is to be construed accordingly;

⁽¹⁰⁾ The definition of “cycle track” was amended by section 1 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 (c. 38) and paragraph 21(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54).

⁽¹¹⁾ 2003 c. 21. Section 32(1) was amended by S.I. 2011/1210.

“Order land” means the land shown on the land plans which is within the limits of land to be acquired or used permanently or temporarily, and described in the book of reference;

“the Order limits” means the limits of land to be acquired or used permanently or temporarily shown on the land plans and works plans within which the authorised development may be carried out;

“owner”, in relation to land, has the same meaning as in section 7 (interpretation) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981(12);

“relevant planning authority” means in any given provision of this Order, the planning authority for the area to which the provision relates;

“Severn Trent Water Ltd” means the company registered in England and Wales, company number 02366686, whose registered office address is Severn Trent Centre, 2 St John’s Street, Coventry, CV1 2LZ;

“South Staffordshire Plc” means the company registered in England and Wales, company number 04295398, whose registered office address is Green Lane, Walsall, West Midlands, WS2 7PD;

“special road” means a highway which is a special road in accordance with section 16(13) (general provisions as to special roads) of the 1980 Act or by virtue of an order granting development consent;

“statutory undertaker” means any statutory undertaker for the purposes of section 127(8) (statutory undertakers’ land), of the 2008 Act;

“street” means a street within the meaning of section 48(14) (streets, street works and undertakers) of the 1991 Act, together with land on the verge of a street or between two carriageways, and includes part of a street;

“street authority”, in relation to a street, has the same meaning as in Part 3 (street works in England and Wales) of the 1991 Act;

“streets, rights of way and access plans” means the plans referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the streets, rights of way and access plans by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order;

“traffic authority” has the same meaning as in Section 121A (traffic authorities) of the 1984 Act(15);

“tree preservation order/impact removal plans” means the drawings referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the tree preservation order/impact removal plans by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order;

“trunk road” means a highway which is a trunk road by virtue of—

- (a) section 10(16) (general provision as to trunk roads) or 19(1)(17) (certain special roads and other highways to become trunk roads) of the 1980 Act;
- (b) an order or direction under section 10 of that Act;
- (c) an order granting development consent; or

(12) 1981 c. 67. The definition of “owner” was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 15 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c. 34). There are other amendments to section 7 which are not relevant to this Order.

(13) Section 16 was amended by paragraphs 21 and 24 of Schedule 2 to the 2008 Act and section 1(6) of , and paragraphs 1 and 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

(14) Section 48(3A) was inserted by section 124 of the Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26).

(15) Section 121A was inserted by section 168(1) of, and paragraph 70 of Schedule 8 to the 1991 Act, and amended by section 1(6) of, and paragraphs 70 and 95 of Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7) and S.I. 2001/1400.

(16) Section 10 was amended by section 22(2) of the 1991 Act, by section 36 of, and paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to the 2008 Act, and by section 1(6) of, and paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015.

(17) Section 19(1) was amended by section 1(6) of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015.

(d) any other enactment;

“undertaker” means National Highways Limited (company number 09346363) whose registered address is Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LZ;

“watercourse” includes all rivers, streams, ditches, drains, canals, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows except a public sewer or drain;

“Western Power Distribution Plc” means the company registered in England and Wales, company number 09223384 whose registered address is Avonbank, Feeder Road, Bristol, Avon, BS2 0TB; and

“the works plans” means the plans referred to in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) and certified as the works plans by the Secretary of State for the purposes of this Order.

(2) References in this Order to rights over land include references to rights to do, or to place and maintain, anything in, on or under land or in the airspace above its surface and references in this Order to the imposition of restrictive covenants are references to the creation of rights over land which interfere with the interests or rights of another and are for the benefit of land which is acquired under this Order or is otherwise comprised in the Order land.

(3) All distances, directions and lengths referred to in this Order are approximate and distances between points on a work comprised in the authorised development are taken to be measured along that work.

(4) For the purposes of this Order, all areas described in square metres in the book of reference are approximate.

(5) References in this Order to points identified by letters or numbers are to be construed as references to points so lettered or numbered on the streets, rights of way and access plans or the classification of road plans.

(6) References in this Order to numbered works are references to works as numbered in Schedule 1 (authorised development).

(7) The provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017(18), insofar as they relate to temporary possession of land under articles 29 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development) and 30 (temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development), do not apply in relation to the construction of any work or the carrying out of any operation required for the purpose of, or in connection with, the construction of the authorised development and, within the maintenance period defined in article 30(11), any maintenance of any part of the authorised development.

PART 2

PRINCIPAL POWERS

Development consent etc. granted by the Order

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order including the requirements in Schedule 2 (requirements), the undertaker is granted development consent for the authorised development to be carried out within the Order limits.

(2) Any enactment applying to land within or adjacent to the Order limits has effect subject to the provisions of this Order.

(3) Nothing in this Order prevents the carrying out of operations consisting of archaeological investigations, non-intrusive investigations for the purpose of assessing ground conditions, remedial

work in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions, erection of any temporary means of enclosure, and the temporary display of site notices or advertisements immediately upon this Order coming into force.

Maintenance of authorised development

4. The undertaker may at any time maintain the authorised development, except to the extent that this Order, or an agreement made under this Order, provides otherwise.

Maintenance of drainage works

5.—(1) Nothing in this Order, or the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development under it, affects any responsibility for the maintenance of any works connected with the drainage of land, whether that responsibility is imposed or allocated by or under any enactment, or otherwise, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and the person responsible.

(2) In this article “drainage” has the same meaning as in section 72 (interpretation) of the Land Drainage Act 1991⁽¹⁹⁾.

Limits of deviation

6. In carrying out the authorised development the undertaker may—
- (a) deviate laterally from the lines or situations of the authorised development shown on the works plans to the extent of the limits of deviation shown on those plans; and
 - (b) deviate vertically from the levels of the authorised development shown on the engineering drawings and sections—
 - (i) in respect of the construction of any noise barrier, to a maximum of 1 metre upwards or downwards; and
 - (ii) in respect of any other work comprised in the authorised development, to a maximum of 0.5 metres upwards or 0.5 metres downwards,

except that these maximum limits of vertical deviation do not apply where it is demonstrated by the undertaker to the Secretary of State’s satisfaction and the Secretary of State, following consultation with the relevant planning authority, certifies accordingly that a deviation in excess of these limits would not give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects in comparison with those reported in the environmental statement.

Benefit of Order

7.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and article 8 (consent to transfer benefit of Order), the provisions of this Order conferring powers on the undertaker have effect solely for the benefit of the undertaker.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the works for which consent is granted by this Order for the express benefit of owners and occupiers of land, statutory undertakers and other persons affected by the authorised development.

Consent to transfer benefit of Order

- 8.—(1) Subject to paragraph (4), the undertaker may—

⁽¹⁹⁾ 1991 c. 59. The definition of “drainage” was substituted by section 100(2) of, and paragraphs 191 and 194 of, the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25).

- (a) transfer to another person (“the transferee”) any or all of the benefit of the provisions of this Order and such related statutory rights as may be agreed between the undertaker and the transferee; or
- (b) grant to another person (“the lessee”) for a period agreed between the undertaker and the lessee any or all of the benefit of the provisions of this Order and such related statutory rights as may be so agreed.

(2) Where an agreement has been made in accordance with paragraph (1) references in this Order to the undertaker, except in paragraph (3), include references to the transferee or the lessee.

(3) The exercise by a person of any benefits or rights conferred in accordance with any transfer or grant under paragraph (1) is subject to the same restrictions, liabilities and obligations as would apply under this Order if those benefits or rights were exercised by the undertaker.

(4) The consent of the Secretary of State is required for a transfer or grant under this article, except where the transfer or grant is made to—

- (a) Western Power Distribution Plc for the purposes of undertaking Work Nos. 67(i) and 70;
- (b) Severn Trent Water Ltd for the purposes of undertaking Work Nos. 67(iii) and 69(i);
- (c) South Staffordshire Plc for the purposes of undertaking Work No. 69(i);
- (d) British Telecommunications Plc (or a related or subsidiary company) for the purposes of undertaking Work No. 67(ii); or
- (e) Cadent Gas Ltd for the purposes of undertaking Work No. 68.

PART 3

STREETS

Application of the 1991 Act

9.—(1) Works executed under this Order in relation to a highway which consists of or includes a carriageway are to be treated for the purposes of Part 3 of the 1991 Act as major highway works if—

- (a) they are of a description mentioned in any of paragraphs (a), (c) to (e), (g) and (h) of section 86(3) (which defines what highway authority works are major highway works) of that Act ; or
- (b) they are works which, had they been executed by the highway authority, might have been carried out in exercise of the powers conferred by section 64(20) (dual carriageways and roundabouts) of the 1980 Act or section 184(21) (vehicle crossings over footways and verges) of that Act.

(2) In Part 3 of the 1991 Act, in relation to works which are major highway works by virtue of paragraph (1), references to the highway authority concerned are to be construed as references to the undertaker.

(3) The following provisions of the 1991 Act (street works in England and Wales) do not apply in relation to any works executed under the powers of this Order—

- section 56(22) (power to give directions as to timing of street works);

(20) Section 64 was amended by section 102 of, and Schedule 17 to the Local Government Act 1965 (c. 51) and section 168(2) of, and Schedule 9 to, the 1991 Act.

(21) Section 184 was amended by sections 35, 37, 38 and 46 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48), section 4 of, and paragraph 45(11) of Schedule 2 to, the Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990 (c. 11) and section 168 of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule 8 and Schedule 9 to the 1991 Act.

(22) Section 56 was amended by sections 40 and 43 of, and Schedule 1 to, the 2004 Act.

section 56A(23) (power to give directions as to placing of apparatus);
section 58(24) (restrictions on works following substantial road works);
section 58A(25) (restriction on works following substantial street works);
section 73A(26) (power to require undertaker to re-surface street);
section 73B(27) (power to specify timing etc. of re-surfacing);
section 73C(28) (materials, workmanship and standard of re-surfacing);
section 78A(29) (contributions to costs of re-surfacing by undertaker); and
Schedule 3A(30) (restriction on works following substantial street works).

(4) The provisions of the 1991 Act mentioned in paragraph (5) (which, together with other provisions of that Act, apply in relation to the execution of street works) and any regulations made, or code of practice issued or approved under, those provisions apply (with the necessary modifications) in relation to any stopping up, alteration or diversion of a street of a temporary nature by the undertaker under the powers conferred by article 12 (temporary stopping up and restriction of use of streets), whether or not the stopping up, alteration or diversion constitutes street works within the meaning of that Act.

(5) The provisions of the 1991 Act(31) referred to in paragraph (4) are—
section 54(32) (advance notice of certain works), subject to paragraph (6);
section 55(33) (notice of starting date of works), subject to paragraph (6);
section 57(34) (notice of emergency works);
section 59(35) (general duty of street authority to co-ordinate works);
section 60 (general duty of undertakers to co-operate);
section 68 (facilities to be afforded to street authority);
section 69 (works likely to affect other apparatus in the street);
section 75 (inspection fees);
section 76 (liability for cost of temporary traffic regulation); and
section 77 (liability for cost of use of alternative route),

and all such other provisions as apply for the purposes of the provisions mentioned above.

(6) Sections 54 and 55 of the 1991 Act as applied by paragraph (4) have effect as if references in section 57 of that Act to emergency works were a reference to a stopping up, alteration or diversion (as the case may be) required in a case of emergency.

(7) Nothing in article 10 (construction and maintenance of new, altered or diverted streets and other structures)—

(a) affects the operation of section 87 (prospectively maintainable highways) of the 1991 Act;

(23) Section 56A was inserted by section 44 of the 2004 Act.

(24) Section 58 was amended by sections 40 and 51 of, and Schedule 1 to, the 2004 Act.

(25) Section 58A was inserted by section 52 of the 2004 Act.

(26) Section 73A was inserted by section 55 of the 2004 Act.

(27) Section 73B was inserted by section 55 of the 2004 Act.

(28) Section 73C was inserted by section 55 of the 2004 Act.

(29) Section 78A was inserted by section 57 of the 2004 Act.

(30) Schedule 3A was inserted by section 52(2) of, and Schedule 4 to, the 2004 Act.

(31) Sections 54, 55, 57, 60, 68 and 69 were amended by section 40(1) and (2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the 2004 Act.

(32) Section 54 was also amended by section 49(1) of the 2004 Act.

(33) Section 55 was also amended by section 49(2) and 51(9) of the 2004 Act.

(34) Section 57 was also amended by section 52(3) of the 2004 Act.

(35) Section 59 was amended by section 42 of the 2004 Act.

- (b) means that the undertaker is by reason of any duty under that article to maintain a street or to be taken to be the street authority in relation to that street for the purposes of Part 3 of that Act; or
- (c) has effect in relation to maintenance works which are street works within the meaning of the 1991 Act, as respects which the provisions of Part 3 of the 1991 Act apply.

Construction and maintenance of new, altered or diverted streets and other structures

10.—(1) Any street (other than a special road or a trunk road) to be constructed under this Order must be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the local highway authority in whose area the street lies and, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local highway authority, the street including any culverts or other structures laid under it, must be maintained by and at the expense of the local highway authority from its completion.

(2) Where a street (other than a special road or a trunk road) is altered or diverted under this Order, the altered or diverted part of the street must, when completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority in whose area the street lies and, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the local street authority, that part of the street, including any culverts or other structures laid under it, must be maintained by and at the expense of the local street authority from its completion.

(3) In the case of—

- (a) a bridge constructed under this Order to carry a highway (other than a special road or a trunk road) over a special road or a trunk road, the highway surface (being those elements over the waterproofing membrane), must be maintained by and at the expense of the local highway authority and the remainder of the bridge, including the waterproofing membrane and structure below, must be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker; and
- (b) the drainage attenuation and treatment systems to be constructed pursuant to Work No. 58 those works must be maintained by and at the expense of the local highway authority.

(4) In any action against the undertaker in respect of loss or damage resulting from any failure by it to maintain a street or other structure under this article, it is a defence (without prejudice to any other defence or the application of the law relating to contributory negligence) to prove that the undertaker had taken such care as in all the circumstances was reasonably required to secure that the part of the street to which the action relates was not dangerous to traffic.

(5) For the purposes of a defence under paragraph (4), the court must in particular have regard to the following matters—

- (a) the character of the street or structure and the traffic which was reasonably to be expected to use it;
- (b) the standard of maintenance appropriate for a street or structure of that character and used by such traffic;
- (c) the state of repair in which a reasonable person would have expected to find the street or structure;
- (d) whether the undertaker knew, or could reasonably have been expected to know, that the condition of the part of the street or structure to which the action relates was likely to cause dangers to users of the street or structure; and
- (e) where the undertaker could not reasonably have been expected to repair that part of the street or structure before the cause of action arose, what warning notices of its condition had been displayed,

but for the purposes of such a defence it is not relevant to prove that the undertaker had arranged for a competent person to carry out or supervise the maintenance of the part of the street or structure to which the action relates unless it is also proved that the undertaker had given the competent person

proper instructions with regard to the maintenance of the street and that the competent person had carried out those instructions.

Classification of roads etc.

11.—(1) The roads described in Part 1 (special roads) of Schedule 3 (classification of roads etc.) are to be—

- (a) classified as special roads for the purposes of any enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified as special roads; and
- (b) provided for the use of traffic of Classes I and II of the classes of traffic set out in Schedule 4 (classes of traffic for purposes of special roads) to the 1980 Act.

(2) From the date on which the undertaker notifies the Secretary of State that the roads described in Part 1 (special roads) of Schedule 3 have been completed and are open for traffic—

- (a) the undertaker is the highway authority for those roads; and
- (b) they are classified as trunk roads for the purpose of any enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified as trunk roads.

(3) From the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic the roads described in Part 2 (trunk roads) of Schedule 3 are to become trunk roads as if they had become so by virtue of an order under section 10(2)(**36**) (general provisions as to trunk roads) of the 1980 Act specifying that date as the date on which they were to become trunk roads.

(4) From the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic the roads described in Part 3 (classified roads) of Schedule 3 are to become classified roads for the purposes of any enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified as classified roads as if such classification has been made under section 12(3) (general provisions as to principal and classified roads) of the 1980 Act.

(5) From the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic the roads described in Part 4 (unclassified roads) of Schedule 3 are to become unclassified roads for the purpose of any enactment or instrument which refers to unclassified roads.

(6) From the date on which the roads specified in Part 5 (speed limits: new roads) of Schedule 3 are open for traffic, no person is to drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the limit in miles per hour specified in column (2) of that part along the lengths of the road identified in the corresponding row of column (1) of the Part.

(7) The public rights of way described in Part 6 (public rights of way) of Schedule 3 and identified in the streets, rights of way and access plans are to be constructed by the undertaker in the specified locations and open for use from—

- (a) the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic; or
- (b) such date as soon as reasonably practicable after the construction of the public right of way as may be agreed by the undertaker and the local highway authority.

(8) From a date to be determined by the undertaker, which must be no later than three months after the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic, no person is to drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding the limit in miles per hour specified in column (3) of Part 7 (speed limits: realigned road) of Schedule 3 along the length of road identified in the corresponding row of column (2) of that Part and the restriction made under this paragraph is to have effect as if duly

(36) Section 10(2) was amended by section 22(2)(a) of the 1991 Act and by section 1(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 10(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

made by the traffic authority for that length of road as an order under section 84(37) (speed limits on roads other than restricted roads) of the 1984 Act.

(9) From a date to be determined by the undertaker, which must be no later than three months after the date on which the authorised development is open for traffic, the order specified in column (3) of Part 8 (variation of existing traffic regulation orders) of Schedule 3 is to have effect with the variation specified in the corresponding row of column (4) of that Part in respect of the lengths of roads specified in the corresponding row of column (2) of that Part.

(10) The application of paragraphs (1) to (9) may be varied or revoked by any instrument made under any enactment which provides for the variation or revocation of such matters, including by an instrument made under the 1984 Act where the matter in question could have been included in an order made under that Act.

Temporary stopping up and restriction of use of streets

12.—(1) The undertaker, during and for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development, may temporarily stop up, alter, divert or restrict the use of any street and may for any reasonable time—

- (a) divert the traffic from the street; and
- (b) subject to paragraph (3), prevent all persons from passing along the street.

(2) Without limitation on the scope of paragraph (1), the undertaker may use any street temporarily stopped up or restricted under the powers conferred by this article and which is within the Order limits as a temporary working site.

(3) The undertaker must provide reasonable access for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting a street affected by the temporary stopping up, alteration, diversion or restriction of a street under this article if there would otherwise be no such access.

(4) The undertaker must not temporarily stop up, alter, divert or restrict the use of any street for which it is not the street authority without the consent of the street authority, which may attach reasonable conditions to any consent but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(5) Any person who suffers loss by the suspension of any private right of way under this article is entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(6) If a street authority which receives an application for consent under paragraph (4) fails to notify the undertaker of its decision before the end of the period of 28 days beginning with the date on which the application was made, it is deemed to have granted consent.

Permanent stopping up and restriction of use of streets, public rights of way and private means of access

13.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, the undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development, stop up, alter or provide, as the case may be, each of the streets, public rights of way and private means of access specified in column (1) of Parts 1 to 7 of Schedule 4 (permanent stopping up of streets, public rights of way and private means of access) to the extent specified and described in column (2) of those parts of that Schedule (or in respect of Parts 5 and 7 of that Schedule, to the extent necessary for the alteration of public rights of way or provision or alteration of private means of access, as the case may be).

(2) No street, public rights of way or private means of access specified in column (1) of Parts 1, 3 and 6 of Schedule 4 is to be wholly or partly stopped up under this article unless—

(37) Section 84 was amended by section 168(1) of, and paragraph 61(2) of, Schedule 8 to the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22), section 45 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and Section 57(1) of the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

- (a) the new street, public right of way or private means of access to be constructed and substituted for it, which is specified in column (3) of those Parts of that Schedule, is open for use and, in the case of a street has been completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority; or
 - (b) a temporary alternative route for the passage of such traffic as could have used the street, public right of way or private means of access to be stopped up is first provided and, in the case of a street, is subsequently maintained by the undertaker, to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority, between the commencement and termination points for the stopping up of the street, public right of way or private means of access until the completion and opening of the new street, public right of way or private means of access in accordance with sub-paragraph (a).
- (3) No street or public right of way specified in column (1) of Parts 2 and 4 of Schedule 4 is to be wholly or partly stopped up under this article unless the condition specified in paragraph (4) is satisfied in relation to all the land which abuts on either side of the street or public right of way to be stopped up.
- (4) The condition referred to in paragraph (3) is that—
- (a) the undertaker is in possession of the land;
 - (b) there is no right of access to the land from the street or public right of way concerned;
 - (c) there is reasonably convenient access to the land otherwise than from the street or public right of way concerned; or
 - (d) the owners and occupiers of the land have agreed to the stopping up.
- (5) Where a street or private means of access has been stopped up under this article—
- (a) all rights of way over or along the street or private means of access so stopped up are extinguished; and
 - (b) the undertaker may appropriate and use for the purposes of the authorised development so much of the site of the street or private means of access as is bounded on both sides by land owned by the undertaker.
- (6) The undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development, alter the public right of way specified in column (1) of Part 5 of Schedule 4 as specified in column (2) of that Part.
- (7) The undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development, provide or alter the private means of access specified in column (1) of Part 7 of Schedule 4 as specified in column (2) of that Part.
- (8) 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, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.
- (9) This article is subject to article 32 (apparatus and rights of statutory undertakers in stopped up streets).

Access to works

14. The undertaker may, for the purposes of the authorised development, form and layout means of access, or improve existing means of access, at such locations within the Order limits as the undertaker reasonably requires for the purposes of the authorised development.

Clearways

15.—(1) From the date on which the roads described in Part 1 (special roads) of Schedule 3 (classification of roads, etc.) are open for traffic, except as provided in paragraph (2), no person is to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any part of those roads except upon the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform.

(2) Nothing in paragraph (1) may apply—

(a) to render it unlawful to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on any part of a road, for so long as may be necessary to enable that vehicle to be used in connection with—

(i) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;

(ii) the maintenance, improvement, reconstruction or operation of the road;

(iii) the laying, erection, inspection, maintenance, alteration, repair, renewal or removal in or near the road of any sewer, main pipe, conduit, wire, cable or other apparatus for the supply of gas, water, electricity or any electronic communications apparatus as defined in Schedule 3A (the electronic communications code) to the Communications Act 2003⁽³⁸⁾; or

(iv) any building operation or demolition;

(b) in relation to a vehicle being used—

(i) for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;

(ii) in the service of a local authority, safety camera partnership or Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(iii) in the service of a water or sewerage undertaker within the meaning of the Water Industry Act 1991⁽³⁹⁾; or

(iv) by a universal service provider for the purposes of providing a universal postal service as defined by the Postal Service Act 2000⁽⁴⁰⁾; or

(c) in relation to a vehicle waiting when the person in control of it is—

(i) required by law to stop;

(ii) obliged to stop in order to avoid an accident; or

(iii) prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside the person's control.

(3) No person is to cause or permit any vehicle to wait on any part of the roads described in Part 1 of Schedule 3 for the purposes of selling, or dispensing of, goods from that vehicle, unless the goods are immediately delivered at, or taken into, premises adjacent to the land on which the vehicle stood when the goods were sold or dispensed.

(4) Paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) have effect as if made by order under the 1984 Act, and their application may be varied or revoked by an order made under that Act or any other enactment which provides for the variation or revocation of such orders.

(5) In this article “traffic officer” means an individual designated under section 2 (designation of traffic officers) of the 2004 Act.

Traffic regulation

16.—(1) This article applies to roads in respect of which the undertaker is not the traffic authority.

⁽³⁸⁾ 2003 c. 21. Schedule 3A was inserted by section 4(2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c. 30).

⁽³⁹⁾ 1991 c. 56.

⁽⁴⁰⁾ 2000 c. 26.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this article, and the consent of the traffic authority in whose area the road concerned is situated, which consent must not be unreasonably withheld, the undertaker may, for the purposes of the authorised development—

- (a) revoke, amend or suspend in whole or in part any order made, or having effect as if made, under the 1984 Act;
- (b) permit, prohibit or restrict the stopping, waiting, loading or unloading of vehicles on any road;
- (c) authorise the use as a parking place of any road;
- (d) make provision as to the direction or priority of vehicular traffic on any road; and
- (e) permit or prohibit vehicular access to any road,

either at all times or at times, on days or during such periods as may be specified by the undertaker.

(3) The power conferred by paragraph (2) may be exercised at any time prior to the expiry of 12 months from the opening of the authorised development for public use but subject to paragraph (7) any prohibition, restriction or other provision made under paragraph (2) may have effect both before and after the expiry of that period.

(4) The undertaker must consult the chief officer of police and the traffic authority in whose area the road is situated before complying with the provisions of paragraph (5).

(5) The undertaker must not exercise the powers conferred by paragraph (2) unless it has—

- (a) given not less than—
 - (i) 12 weeks' notice in writing of its intention so to do in the case of a prohibition, restriction or other provision intended to have effect permanently; or
 - (ii) 4 weeks' notice in writing of its intention so to do in the case of a prohibition, restriction or other provision intended to have effect temporarily,to the chief officer of police and to the traffic authority in whose area the road is situated; and
- (b) advertised its intention in such manner as the traffic authority may specify in writing within 28 days of its receipt of notice of the undertaker's intention in the case of sub-paragraph (a) (i), or within 7 days of its receipt of notice of the undertaker's intention in the case of sub-paragraph (a)(ii).

(6) Any prohibition, restriction or other provision made by the undertaker under paragraph (2)—

- (a) has effect as if duly made by, as the case may be—
 - (i) the traffic authority in whose area the road is situated, as a traffic regulation order under the 1984 Act; or
 - (ii) the local authority in whose area the road is situated, as an order under section 32(41) (power of local authorities to provide parking spaces) of the 1984 Act,and the instrument by which it is effected may specify savings and exemptions to which the prohibition, restriction or other provision is subject; and
- (b) is deemed to be a traffic order for the purposes of Schedule 7 (road traffic contraventions subject to civil enforcement) to the 2004 Act.

(7) Any prohibition, restriction or other provision made under this article may be suspended, varied or revoked by the undertaker from time to time by subsequent exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph (2) within a period of 24 months from the opening of the authorised development.

(41) Section 32 was amended by section 102 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51) and section 168(1) of, and paragraph 39 of Schedule 8 to, the 1991 Act.

(8) Before exercising the powers of paragraph (2) the undertaker must consult such persons as it considers necessary and appropriate and must take into consideration any representations made to it by any such person.

(9) Expressions used in this article and in the 1984 Act shall have the same meaning in this article as in that Act.

(10) The powers conferred on the undertaker by this article with respect to any road have effect subject to any agreement entered into by the undertaker with any person with an interest in (or who undertakes activities in relation to) premises served by the road.

(11) If the traffic authority fails to notify the undertaker of its decision within 28 days of receiving an application for consent under paragraph (2) the traffic authority is deemed to have granted consent.

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SUPPLEMENTAL POWERS

Discharge of water

17.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the undertaker may use any watercourse or any public sewer or drain for the drainage of water in connection with the carrying out or maintenance of the authorised development and for that purpose may lay down, take up and alter pipes and may, on any land within the Order limits, make openings into, and connections with, the watercourse, public sewer or drain.

(2) Any dispute arising from the making of connections to or the use of a public sewer or drain by the undertaker under paragraph (1) is to be determined as if it were a dispute under section 106 (right to communicate with public sewers) of the Water Industry Act 1991⁽⁴²⁾.

(3) The undertaker must not discharge any water into any watercourse, public sewer or drain except with the consent of the person to whom it belongs; and such consent may be given subject to such terms and conditions as that person may reasonably impose, but must not be unreasonably withheld.

(4) The undertaker must not make any opening into any public sewer or drain except—

- (a) in accordance with plans approved by the person to whom the sewer or drain belongs, but such approval must not be unreasonably withheld; and
- (b) where that person has been given the opportunity to supervise the making of the opening.

(5) The undertaker must take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that any water discharged into a watercourse or public sewer or drain pursuant to this article is as free as may be practicable from gravel, soil or other solid substance, oil or matter in suspension.

(6) Nothing in this article overrides the requirement for an environmental permit under regulation 12 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016⁽⁴³⁾.

(7) In this article—

- (a) “public sewer or drain” means a sewer or drain which belongs to Homes England, the Environment Agency, an internal drainage board, a joint planning board, a local authority, a sewerage undertaker or an urban development corporation; and

⁽⁴²⁾ 1991 c. 56. Section 106 was amended by sections 35(1) and (8), 43(2) and 56(7) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992 (c. 43), sections 36(2) and 99 of the Water Act 2003 (c. 37) and section 32 of, and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 3 to, the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29).

⁽⁴³⁾ S.I. 2016/1154.

(b) other expressions, excluding watercourse, used both in this article and in the Water Resources Act 1991(44) have the same meaning as in that Act.

(8) If a person who receives an application for consent under paragraph (3) or approval under paragraph (4)(a) fails to notify the undertaker of a decision within 28 days of receiving an application that person will be deemed to have granted consent or given approval, as the case may be.

Protective work to buildings

18.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the undertaker may at its own expense carry out such protective works to any building which may be affected by the authorised development as the undertaker considers necessary or expedient.

(2) Protective works may be carried out—

- (a) at any time before or during the carrying out in the vicinity of the building of any part of the authorised development; or
- (b) after the completion of that part of the authorised development in the vicinity of the building at any time up to the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which that part of the authorised development is first opened for use.

(3) For the purpose of determining how the functions under this article are to be exercised the undertaker may enter and survey any building falling within paragraph (1) and any land within its curtilage.

(4) For the purpose of carrying out protective works under this article to a building the undertaker may (subject to paragraphs (5) and (6))—

- (a) enter the building and any land within its curtilage; and
- (b) where the works cannot be carried out reasonably conveniently without entering land which is adjacent to the building but outside its curtilage, enter the adjacent land (but not any building erected on it).

(5) Before exercising—

- (a) a right under paragraph (1) to carry out protective works to a building;
- (b) a right under paragraph (3) to enter a building and land within its curtilage;
- (c) a right under paragraph (4)(a) to enter a building and land within its curtilage; or
- (d) a right under paragraph (4)(b) to enter land,

the undertaker must, except in the case of emergency, serve on the owners and occupiers of the building or land not less than 14 days' notice of its intention to exercise that right and, in a case falling within sub-paragraph (a) or (c), specifying the protective works proposed to be carried out.

(6) Where a notice is served under paragraph (5)(a), (c) or (d), the owner or occupier of the building or land concerned may, by serving a counter-notice within the period of 10 days beginning with the day on which the notice was served, require the question whether it is necessary or expedient to carry out the protective works or to enter the building or land to be referred to arbitration under article 42 (arbitration).

(7) The undertaker must compensate the owners and occupiers of any building or land in relation to which rights under this article have been exercised for any loss or damage arising to them by reason of the exercise of those rights.

(8) Where—

- (a) protective works are carried out under this article to a building; and

- (b) within the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the part of the authorised development carried out in the vicinity of the building is first opened for use it appears that the protective works are inadequate to protect the building against damage caused by the carrying out or use of that part of the authorised development,

the undertaker must compensate the owners and occupiers of the building for any loss or damage sustained by them.

(9) Nothing in this article relieves the undertaker from any liability to pay compensation under section 152 (45) (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) of the 2008 Act.

(10) Any compensation payable under paragraph (7) or (8) is to be determined, in case of dispute, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

(11) In this article “protective works” in relation to a building means—

- (a) underpinning, strengthening and any other works the purpose of which is to prevent damage which may be caused to the building by the carrying out, maintenance or use of the authorised development; and
- (b) any works the purpose of which is to remedy any damage which has been caused to the building by the carrying out, maintenance or use of the authorised development.

Authority to survey and investigate the land

19.—(1) The undertaker may for the purposes of this Order enter on any land shown within the Order limits or which may be affected by the authorised development and—

- (a) survey or investigate the land (including any watercourses, ground water, static water bodies or vegetation on the land);
- (b) without limitation to the scope of sub-paragraph (a), make any excavations or trial holes and boreholes in such positions on the land as the undertaker thinks fit to investigate the nature of the surface layer and subsoil and groundwater and remove soil and water samples and discharge water samples onto the land;
- (c) without limitation to the scope of sub-paragraph (a), carry out ecological or archaeological investigations on such land, including making any excavations or trial holes on the land for such purposes; and
- (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 boreholes.

(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 the undertaker—

- (a) must, if so required, before or after entering the land, produce written evidence of their authority to do so; and
- (b) may take onto the land such vehicles and equipment as are necessary to carry out the surveyor investigation or to make the trial holes and boreholes.

(4) No trial holes or boreholes are to be made under this article—

- (a) in land located within a highway boundary for which the local highway authority is the highway authority without the consent of the local highway authority; or
- (b) in a private street without the consent of the street authority,

but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) The undertaker must compensate the owners and occupiers of the land for any loss or damage arising by reason of the exercise of the authority conferred by this article, such compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

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

- (a) under paragraph (4)(a) in the case of a local highway authority; or
- (b) under paragraph (4)(b) in the case of a street authority,

that authority will be deemed to have granted consent.

PART 5

POWERS OF ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION

Compulsory acquisition of land

20.—(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of the Order land as is required for the authorised development, or to facilitate it, or is incidental to it.

(2) This article is subject to paragraph (2) of article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants) and paragraph (9) of article 29 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development).

Compulsory acquisition of land – incorporation of the mineral code

21. Part 2 of Schedule 2 (minerals) to the Acquisition of Land Act 1981⁽⁴⁶⁾ (minerals) is incorporated in this Order subject to the modification that for “the acquiring authority” substitute “the undertaker”.

Time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily

22.—(1) After the end of the period of 5 years beginning on the day on which this Order is made—

- (a) no notice to treat is to be served under Part 1 of the 1965 Act as modified by article 25 (modification 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 as applied by article 26 (application of the 1981 Act).

(2) The authority conferred by article 29 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development) ceases at the end of the period referred to in paragraph (1), except that nothing in this paragraph prevents the undertaker remaining in possession of land after the end of that period, if the land was entered and possession was taken before the end of that period.

Compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants

23.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), the undertaker may acquire such rights over the Order land, or impose restrictive covenants affecting the Order land, as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under article 20 (compulsory acquisition of land) by creating them as well as acquiring rights already in existence.

(46) 1981 c. 67.

(2) In the case of the Order land specified in column (1) of Schedule 5 (land in which only new rights etc. may be acquired) the undertaker's powers of compulsory acquisition are limited to the acquisition of such wayleaves, easements, new rights in the land or the imposition of restrictive covenants, as may be required for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (2) of that Schedule.

(3) The power to impose restrictive covenants under paragraph (1) is exercisable only in respect of plots specified in column (1) of Schedule 5.

(4) Subject to Schedule 2A (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in notice to treat) to the 1965 Act, as substituted by paragraph 5(8) of Schedule 6 (modification of compensation and compulsory purchase enactments for creation of new rights and imposition of restrictive covenants), where the undertaker acquires a right over land or the benefit of a restrictive covenant affecting land under paragraph (1) or (2), the undertaker is not required to acquire a greater interest in that land.

(5) Schedule 6 has effect for the purpose of modifying the enactments relating to compensation and the provisions of the 1965 Act in their application in relation to the compulsory acquisition under this article of a right over land by the creation of a new right or the imposition of a restrictive covenant.

Private rights over land

24.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights over land subject to compulsory acquisition under this Order are extinguished—

- (a) from the date of acquisition of the land by the undertaker, whether compulsorily or by agreement; or
- (b) on the date of entry on the land by the undertaker under section 11(1)(47) (power of entry) of the 1965 Act,

whichever is the earlier.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights over land subject to the compulsory acquisition of rights or the imposition of restrictive covenants under this Order are extinguished in so far as their continuance would be inconsistent with the exercise of the right or burden of the restrictive covenant—

- (a) as from the date of the acquisition of the right or the benefit of the restrictive covenant by the undertaker, whether compulsorily or by agreement; or
- (b) on the date of entry on the land by the undertaker under section 11(1) of the 1965 Act,

whichever is the earlier.

(3) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights over land owned by the undertaker that are within the Order limits are extinguished on commencement of any activity authorised by this Order which interferes with or breaches those rights.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this article, all private rights over land of which the undertaker takes temporary possession under this Order are suspended and unenforceable for as long as the undertaker remains in lawful possession of the land.

(5) Any person who suffers loss by the extinguishment or suspension of any private right under this article is entitled to compensation in accordance with the terms of section 152 (compensation in case where no right to claim in nuisance) of the 2008 Act to be determined, in case of dispute, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(47) Section 11(1) was amended by section 34(1) of, and 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) and sections 186(1) and (2), 187 and 188 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22).

(6) This article does not apply in relation to any right to which section 138(48) (extinguishment of rights, and removal of apparatus, of statutory undertakers etc.) of the 2008 Act or article 31 (statutory undertakers) applies.

(7) Paragraphs (1) to (4) have effect subject to—

(a) any notice given by the undertaker before—

(i) the completion of the acquisition of the land or the acquisition of the rights or the imposition of restrictive covenants over or affecting the land;

(ii) the undertaker's appropriation of it;

(iii) the undertaker's entry onto it; or

(iv) the undertaker's taking temporary possession of it,

that any or all of those paragraphs do not apply to any right specified in the notice; and

(b) any agreement made at any time between the undertaker and the person in or to whom the right in question is vested or belongs.

(8) If any such agreement as is referred to in paragraph (7)(b)—

(a) is made with a person in or to whom the right is vested or belongs; and

(b) is expressed to have effect also for the benefit of those deriving title from or under that person,

it is effective in respect of the persons so deriving title, whether the title was derived before or after the making of the agreement.

(9) References in this article to private rights over land include any trust, incident, easement, liberty, privilege, right or advantage annexed to land and adversely affecting other land, including any natural right to support and include restrictions as to the user of land arising by virtue of a contract, agreement or undertaking having that effect.

Modification of Part 1 of the 1965 Act

25.—(1) Part 1 of the 1965 Act, as applied to this Order by section 125(49) (application of compulsory acquisition provisions) of the 2008 Act is modified as follows.

(2) In section 4A(1)(50) (extension of time limit during challenge)—

(a) for “section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (application to the High Court in respect of compulsory purchase order)” substitute “section 118 (legal challenges relating to applications for orders granting development consent) of the Planning Act 2008”; and

(b) for “the three year period mentioned in section 4” substitute “the five year period mentioned in article 22 (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily) of the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022”.

(3) In section 11A(51) (powers of entry; further notice of entry)—

(a) in subsection (1)(a), after “land” insert “under that provision”;

(b) in subsection (2), after “land” insert “under that provision”.

(4) In section 22(2) (expiry of time limit for exercise of compulsory purchase power not to affect acquisition of interests omitted from purchase), for “section 4 of this Act” substitute “article 22 (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily) of the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022”.

(48) Section 138 was amended by section 23(1) and (4) of the Growth and Infrastructure Act 2013 (c. 27) and S.I. 2017/1285.

(49) Section 125 was amended by section 190 of, and paragraph 17 of Schedule 16 to, the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22).

(50) Section 4A(1) was inserted by section 202(1) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(51) Section 11A was inserted by section 186(3) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

- (5) In Schedule 2A (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in notice to treat)—
- (a) for paragraphs 1(2) and 14(2) substitute—
- “(2) But see article 27(3) (acquisition of subsoil and airspace only) of the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022, which excludes the acquisition of subsoil or airspace only from this Schedule.”; and
- (b) after paragraph 29, insert—

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INTERPRETATION

30. In this Schedule, references to entering on and taking possession of land do not include doing so under articles 18 (protective work to buildings), 29 (temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development) or 30 (temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development) of the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022.”.

Application of the 1981 Act

- 26.**—(1) The 1981 Act applies as if this Order were a compulsory purchase order.
- (2) The 1981 Act, as applied by paragraph (1), has effect with the modifications.
- (3) In section 1 (application of Act) for subsection 2 substitute—
- “(2) This section applies to any Minister, any local or other public authority or any other body or person authorised to acquire land by means of a compulsory purchase order.”.
- (4) In section 5(**52**) (earliest date for execution of declaration), in subsection (2), omit the words from “, and this subsection” to the end.
- (5) Omit section 5A(**53**) (time limit for a general vesting declaration).
- (6) In section 5B(1)(**54**) (extension of time limit during challenge)—
- (a) for “section 23 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (application to High Court in respect of compulsory purchase order)” substitute “section 118 (legal challenges relating to applications for orders granting development consent) of the Planning Act 2008”; and
- (b) for “the three year period mentioned in section 5A” substitute “the five year period mentioned in article 22 (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily) of the M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022”.
- (7) In section 6(**55**) (notices after execution of declaration) in subsection (1)(b) for “section 15 of, or paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to, the Acquisition of Land Act 1981” substitute “section 134 (notice of authorisation of compulsory acquisition) of the Planning Act 2008”.
- (8) In section 7(**56**) (constructive notice to treat) in subsection (1)(a), omit “(as modified by section 4 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981)”.
- (9) In Schedule A1(**57**) (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration), omit paragraph 1(2).

(52) Section 5 was amended by paragraphs 4 and 6 of Schedule 15 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016 (c. 22).

(53) Section 5A was inserted by section 182(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(54) Section 5B(1) was inserted by section 202(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(55) Section 6 was amended by section 4 of, and paragraph 52(2) of Schedule 2 to, the Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990 (c. 11) and paragraph 7 of Schedule 15 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(56) Section 7(1) was substituted by paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 18 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(57) Schedule A1 was inserted by paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 18 to the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

(10) References to the 1965 Act in the 1981 Act are to be construed as references to the 1965 Act as applied by section 125 (application of compulsory acquisition provisions) of the 2008 Act (and as modified by article 25 (modification of Part 1 of the 1965 Act)) to the compulsory acquisition of land under this Order.

Acquisition of subsoil or airspace only

27.—(1) The undertaker may acquire compulsorily so much of, or such rights in, the subsoil of or of the airspace over the land referred to in paragraph (1) of article 20 (compulsory acquisition of land) as may be required for any purpose for which that land may be acquired under that provision instead of acquiring the whole of the land.

(2) Where the undertaker acquires any part of, or rights in, the subsoil of or the airspace over land referred to in paragraph (1), the undertaker is not required to acquire an interest in any other part of the land.

(3) The following do not apply in connection with the exercise of the power under paragraph (1) in relation to subsoil or airspace only—

- (a) Schedule 2A (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in notice to treat) to the 1965 Act as modified by article 25 (modification of Part 1 of the 1965 Act);
- (b) Schedule A1 (counter-notice requiring purchase of land not in general vesting declaration) to the 1981 Act; and
- (c) Section 153(4A)(**58**) (blighted land; proposed acquisition of part interest; material detriment test) of the 1990 Act.

(4) Paragraphs (2) and (3) are to be disregarded where the undertaker acquires a cellar, vault, arch or other construction forming part of a house, building or manufactory or airspace above a house, building or manufactory.

Rights under or over streets

28.—(1) The undertaker may enter on and appropriate so much of the subsoil of, or airspace over, any street within the Order limits as may be required for the purposes of the authorised development and may use the subsoil or airspace for those purposes or any other purpose ancillary to the authorised development.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the undertaker may exercise any power conferred by paragraph (1) in relation to a street without being required to acquire any part of the street or any easement or right in the street.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not apply in relation to—

- (a) any subway or underground building; or
- (b) any cellar, vault, arch or other construction in, on or under a street which forms part of a building fronting onto the street.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5), any person who is an owner or occupier of land in respect of which the power of appropriation conferred by paragraph (1) is exercised without the undertaker acquiring any part of that person's interest in the land, and who suffers loss as a result, will be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(5) Compensation is not payable under paragraph (4) to any person who is an undertaker to whom section 85 (sharing cost of necessary measures) of the 1991 Act applies in respect of measures of which the allowable costs are to be borne in accordance with that section.

(58) Subsection (4A) of section 153 was inserted by section 200(1) and (2) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

Temporary use of land for carrying out the authorised development

29.—(1) The undertaker may, in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development but subject to article 20(2) (time limit for exercise of authority to acquire land compulsorily)—

- (a) enter on and take temporary possession of—
 - (i) the land specified in column (1) of Schedule 7 (land of which temporary possession may be taken) for the purpose specified in relation to that land in column (2) of that Schedule relating to the part of the authorised development specified in column (3) of that Schedule; and
 - (ii) any other Order land in respect of which no notice of entry has been served under section 11 (powers of entry) of the 1965 Act (other than in connection with the acquisition of rights only) 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) and buildings on that land; and
- (d) construct any works on that land as are mentioned in Schedule 1 (authorised development).

(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)(ii).

(3) The undertaker may 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 (3) of Schedule 7, or
- (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, by 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 the undertaker 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 any ground strengthening works which have been placed on the land to facilitate construction of the authorised development; or
- (d) remove any measures installed over or around statutory undertakers' apparatus to protect that apparatus from 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) Any dispute as to the satisfactory removal of temporary works and restoration of land under paragraph (4) does not prevent the undertaker giving up possession of the land.

(8) 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).

(9) The undertaker may not compulsorily acquire under this Order the land referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(i).

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

(11) Section 13(59) (refusal to give possession to acquiring authority) of the 1965 Act applies to the temporary use of land under 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.

Temporary use of land for maintaining the authorised development

30.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), at any time during the maintenance period relating to any part of the authorised development, the undertaker may—

- (a) enter upon and take temporary possession of any land within the Order limits if such possession is reasonably required for the purpose of maintaining the authorised development; and
- (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) does 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 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 must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land and that notice must state the purpose for which entry is taken.

(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 of the part of the authorised development for which possession of the land was taken.

(5) 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.

(6) 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 powers conferred by this article.

(7) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (6), 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.

(8) 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 execution of any works, other than loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (6).

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

(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 (refusal to give possession to the 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.

(11) In this article “the maintenance period”, in relation to any part of the authorised development means the period of 5 years beginning with the date on which that part of the authorised development is first opened for use.

Statutory undertakers

31.—(1) Subject to the provisions of article 23 (compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants), Schedule 9 (protective provisions) and paragraph (2), the undertaker may—

- (a) acquire compulsorily, or acquire new rights or impose restrictive covenants over any Order land belonging to statutory undertakers; and
- (b) extinguish the rights of, and remove or reposition apparatus belonging to, statutory undertakers over or within the Order land.

(2) Paragraph (1)(b) has no effect in relation to apparatus in respect of which the following provisions apply—

- (a) Part 3 (street works in England and Wales) of the 1991 Act; and
- (b) article 32 (apparatus and rights of statutory undertakers in stopped up streets).

Apparatus and rights of statutory undertakers in stopped up streets

32.—(1) Where a street is stopped up under article 13 (permanent stopping up and restriction of use of streets, public rights of way and private means of access), any statutory utility whose apparatus is under, in, on, along or across the street has the same powers and rights in respect of that apparatus, subject to the provisions of this article, as if this Order had not been made.

(2) Where a street is stopped up under article 13 any statutory utility whose apparatus is under, in, on, over, along or across the street may, and if reasonably requested to do so by the undertaker must—

- (a) remove the apparatus and place it or other apparatus provided in substitution for it in such other position as the statutory utility may reasonably determine and have power to place it; or
- (b) provide other apparatus in substitution for the existing apparatus and place it in such position as described in sub-paragraph (a).

(3) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the undertaker must pay to any statutory utility an amount equal to the cost reasonably incurred by the statutory utility in or in connection with—

- (a) the execution of the relocation works required in consequence of the stopping up of the street; and
- (b) the doing of any other work or thing rendered necessary by the execution of the relocation works.

(4) If in the course of the execution of relocation works under paragraph (2)—

- (a) apparatus of a better type, of greater capacity or of greater dimensions is placed in substitution for existing apparatus; or
- (b) apparatus (whether existing apparatus or apparatus substituted for existing apparatus) is placed at a depth greater than the depth at which the existing apparatus was,

and the placing of apparatus of that type or capacity or of those dimensions or the placing of apparatus at that depth, as the case may be, is not agreed by the undertaker, or, in default of agreement, is not determined by arbitration to be necessary, then, if it involves cost in the execution of the relocation works exceeding that which would have been involved if the apparatus placed had been of the existing type, capacity or dimensions, or at the existing depth, as the case may be, the amount which, apart from this paragraph, would be payable to the statutory utility by virtue of paragraph (3) is to be reduced by the amount of that excess.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4)—

- (a) an extension of apparatus to a length greater than the length of existing apparatus is not to be treated as a placing of apparatus of greater dimensions than those of the existing apparatus; and
- (b) where the provision of a joint in a cable is agreed, or is determined to be necessary, the consequential provision of a jointing chamber or of a manhole is to be treated as if it also had been agreed or had been so determined.

(6) An amount which, apart from this paragraph, would be payable to a statutory utility in respect of works by virtue of paragraph (3) (and having regard, where relevant, to paragraph (4)) must, if the works include the placing of apparatus provided in substitution for apparatus placed more than 7 years and 6 months earlier so as to confer on the statutory utility any financial benefit by deferment of the time for renewal of the apparatus in the ordinary course, be reduced by the amount which represents that benefit.

(7) Paragraphs (3) to (6) do not apply where the authorised development constitutes major highway works, major bridge works or major transport works for the purposes of Part 3 of the 1991 Act, but instead—

- (a) the allowable costs of the relocation works are to be determined in accordance with section 85 (sharing of cost of necessary measures) of that Act and any regulations for the time being having effect under that section; and
- (b) the allowable costs are to be borne by the undertaker and the statutory utility in such proportions as may be prescribed by any such regulations.

(8) In this article—

“apparatus” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the 1991 Act;

“relocation works” means work executed, or apparatus provided, under paragraph (2); and

“statutory utility” means a statutory undertaker for the purposes of the 1980 Act or a public communications provider as defined in section 151(1) (interpretation of Chapter 1) of the Communications Act 2003⁽⁶⁰⁾.

Recovery of costs of new connections

33.—(1) Where any apparatus of a public utility undertaker or of a public communications provider is removed under article 31 (statutory undertakers) any person who is the owner or occupier of premises to which a supply was given from that apparatus is entitled to recover from the undertaker compensation in respect of expenditure reasonably incurred by that person, in consequence of the removal, for the purpose of effecting a connection between the premises and any other apparatus from which a supply is given.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of the removal of a public sewer but where such a sewer is removed under article 31, any person who is—

- (a) the owner or occupier of premises the drains of which communicated with that sewer; or

⁽⁶⁰⁾ 2003 c. 21. There are amendments to section 151(1) which are not relevant to this Order.

(b) the owner of a private sewer which communicated with that sewer, is entitled to recover from the undertaker compensation in respect of expenditure reasonably incurred by that person, in consequence of the removal, for the purpose of making the drain or sewer belonging to that person communicate with any other public sewer or with a private sewerage disposal plant.

(3) This article does not have effect in relation to apparatus to which article 32 (apparatus and rights of statutory undertakers in stopped up streets) or Part 3 of the 1991 Act applies.

(4) In this article—

“public communications provider” has the same meaning as in section 151(1) of the Communications Act 2003; and

“public utility undertaker” means a gas, water, electricity or sewerage undertaker.

PART 6 OPERATIONS

Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows

34.—(1) The undertaker may fell or lop any tree or shrub within or overhanging land within the Order limits, or cut back its roots, if it reasonably believes it to be necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub—

- (a) from obstructing or interfering with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development or any apparatus used in connection with the authorised development; or
- (b) from constituting a danger to persons using the authorised development.

(2) In carrying out any activity authorised by paragraphs (1) or (4), the undertaker must do no unnecessary damage to any tree or shrub and must pay compensation to any person for any loss or damage arising from such activity.

(3) Any dispute as to a person’s entitlement to compensation under paragraph (2), or as to the amount of compensation, is to be determined as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(4) The undertaker may, for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development but subject to paragraph (2), remove any hedgerow described in Part 1 (trees) of Schedule 8 (hedgerows and trees).

(5) The undertaker may, for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development but subject to paragraph (2), remove any hedgerow which is not described in Part 1 of Schedule 8 with the prior consent of the local authority.

(6) In this article “hedgerow” has the same meaning as in the Hedgerow Regulations 1997⁽⁶¹⁾ and includes important hedgerows.

Trees subject to tree preservation orders

35.—(1) The undertaker may fell or lop any tree described in Part 2 (trees subject to tree preservation orders) of Schedule 8 or cut back its roots or undertake such other works if it reasonably believes it to be necessary in order to do so to prevent the tree or shrub—

- (a) from obstructing or interfering with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised project or any apparatus used in connection with the authorised project; or

⁽⁶¹⁾ S.I. 1997/1160.

- (b) from constituting a danger to passengers or other persons using the authorised project.
- (2) In carrying out any activity authorised by paragraph (1)—
 - (a) the undertaker shall do no unnecessary damage to any tree or shrub and must pay compensation to any person for any loss or damage arising from such activity; and
 - (b) the duty contained in section 206(1) (replacement of trees) of the 1990 Act is not to apply.
- (3) The authority given by paragraph (1) shall constitute a deemed consent under the relevant tree preservation order.
- (4) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (2), or as to the amount of compensation, is to be determined as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

PART 7

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Application of landlord and tenant law

36.—(1) This article applies to—

- (a) any agreement for leasing to any person the whole or any part of the authorised development or the right to operate the same; and
- (b) any agreement entered into by the undertaker with any person for the construction, maintenance, use or operation of the authorised development, or any part of it,

so far as any such agreement relates to the terms on which any land which is the subject of a lease granted by or under that agreement is to be provided for that person's use.

(2) No enactment or rule of law regulating the rights and obligations of landlords and tenants prejudices the operation of any agreement to which this article applies.

(3) No such enactment or rule of law applies in relation to the rights and obligations of the parties to any lease granted by or under any such agreement so as to—

- (a) exclude or in any respect modify any of the rights and obligations of those parties under the terms of the lease, whether with respect to the termination of the tenancy or any other matter;
- (b) confer or impose on any such party any right or obligation arising out of or connected with anything done or omitted on or in relation to land which is the subject of the lease, in addition to any such right or obligation provided for by the terms of the lease; or
- (c) restrict the enforcement (whether by action for damages or otherwise) by any party to the lease of any obligation of any other party under the lease.

Operational land for purposes of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

37. Development consent granted by this Order is to be treated as specific planning permission for the purposes of section 264(3) (cases in which land is to be treated as not being operational land for the purposes of that Act) of the 1990 Act.

Defence to proceedings in respect of statutory nuisance

38.—(1) Where proceedings are brought under section 82(1) (summary proceedings by person aggrieved by statutory nuisance) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990(**62**) in relation to a

(62) 1990 c. 43. There is an amendment to section 82(1) which is not relevant to this Order.

nuisance falling within paragraph (g) of section 79(1) (noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance) of that Act no order is to be made, and no fine may be imposed, under section 82(2)(63) of that Act if—

- (a) the defendant shows that the nuisance—
 - (i) relates to premises used by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that the nuisance is attributable to the carrying out of the authorised development in accordance with a notice served under section 60 (control of noise on construction site), or a consent given under section 61 (prior consent for work on construction site), of the Control of Pollution Act 1974(64); or
 - (ii) is a consequence of the construction or maintenance of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided; or
- (b) the defendant shows that the nuisance is a consequence of the use of the authorised development and that it cannot reasonably be avoided.

(2) Section 61(9) (consent for work on construction site to include statement that it does not of itself constitute a defence to proceedings under section 82 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990) of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 does not apply where the consent relates to the use of premises by the undertaker for the purposes of or in connection with the construction or maintenance of the authorised development.

Protection of interests

39. Schedule 9 (protective provisions) has effect.

Certification of documents, etc.

40.—(1) As soon as practicable after the making of this Order, the undertaker must submit copies of each of the plans and documents set out in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) to the Secretary of State for certification that they are true copies of those plans and documents.

(2) Where any plan or document set out in Schedule 10 is required to be amended to reflect the terms of the Secretary of State’s decision to make the Order, that plan or document in the form amended to the Secretary of State’s satisfaction is the version of the plan or document required to be certified under paragraph (1).

(3) A plan or document so certified will be admissible in any proceedings as evidence of the contents of the document of which it is a copy.

(4) The undertaker must, as soon as practicable following the making of this Order, establish and maintain in an electronic form suitable for inspection by members of the public—

- (a) a copy of each of the documents listed in Schedule 10 (documents to be certified) as may be amended in accordance with paragraph (2); and
- (b) a register of those requirements contained in Part 1 of Schedule 2 (requirements) that provide for further approvals to be given by the Secretary of State.

(5) The register pursuant to sub-paragraph (4)(b) must set out in relation to each such requirement the status of the requirement, in terms of whether any approval to be given by the Secretary of State has been applied for or given, providing an electronic link to any document containing any approved details.

(63) Section 82(2) was amended by section 5(2) of the Noise and Statutory Nuisance Act 1993 (c. 40). There is another amendment to this subsection which is not relevant to this Order.

(64) 1974 c. 40. Sections 61(9) was amended by section 162 of, and paragraph 15 of Schedule 3 to, the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (c. 43). There are other amendments to section 61 which are not relevant to this Order.

(6) The electronic record set out in paragraph (4) must be maintained by the undertaker for a period of 3 years following completion of the authorised development.

Service of notices

41.—(1) A notice or other document required or authorised to be served for the purposes of this Order may be served—

- (a) by post;
- (b) by delivering it to the person on whom it is to be served or to whom it is to be given or supplied; or
- (c) with the consent of the recipient and subject to paragraphs (5) to (8) by electronic transmission.

(2) Where the person on whom a notice or other document to be served for the purposes of this Order is a body corporate, the notice or document is duly served if it is served on the secretary or clerk of that body.

(3) For the purposes of section 7 (references to service by post) of the Interpretation Act 1978⁽⁶⁵⁾ as it applies for the purposes of this article, the proper address of any person in relation to the service on that person of a notice or document under paragraph (1) is, if that person has given an address for service, that address, and otherwise—

- (a) in the case of the secretary or clerk of a body corporate, the registered or principal office of that body; and
- (b) in any other case, the last known address of that person at the time of service.

(4) Where for the purposes of this Order a notice or other document is required or authorised to be served on a person as having any interest in, or as the occupier of, land and the name or address of that person cannot be ascertained after reasonable enquiry, the notice may be served by—

- (a) addressing it to that person by name or by the description of “owner”, or as the case may be “occupier”, of the land (describing it); and
- (b) either leaving it in the hands of a person who is or appears to be resident or employed on the land or leaving it conspicuously affixed to some building or object on or near the land.

(5) Where a notice or other document required to be served or sent for the purposes of this Order is served or sent by electronic transmission the requirement will be taken to be fulfilled only where—

- (a) the recipient of the notice or other document to be transmitted has given consent to the use of electronic transmission in writing or by electronic transmission;
- (b) the notice or document is capable of being accessed by the recipient;
- (c) the notice or document is legible in all material respects; and
- (d) the notice or documents is in a form sufficiently permanent to be used for subsequent reference.

(6) Where the recipient of a notice or other document served or sent by electronic transmission notifies the sender within 7 days of receipt that the recipient requires a paper copy of all or part of that notice or other document the sender must provide such a copy as soon as reasonably practicable.

(7) Any consent to the use of electronic communication given by a person may be revoked by that person in accordance with paragraph (8).

(8) Where a person is no longer willing to accept the use of electronic transmission for any of the purposes of this Order—

⁽⁶⁵⁾ 1978 c. 30.

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- (a) that person must give notice in writing or by electronic transmission revoking any consent given by that person for that purpose; and
 - (b) such revocation will be final and will take effect on a date specified by the person in the notice but that date must not be less than 7 days after the date on which the notice is given.
- (9) This article does not exclude the employment of any method of service not expressly provided for by it.
- (10) In this article “legible in all material respects” means that the information contained in the notice or document is available to that person to no lesser extent than it would be if served, given or supplied by means of a notice or document in printed form.

Arbitration

42. Except where otherwise expressly provided for in this Order and unless otherwise agreed between the parties, any difference under any provision of this Order (other than a difference which falls to be determined by the Lands Chamber of the Upper Tribunal) must be referred to and settled by a single arbitrator to be agreed between the parties or, failing agreement, to be appointed on the application of either party (after giving notice in writing to the other) by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st April 2022

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