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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2024 No. 564**

**The Sheringham Shoal and Dudgeon  
Extensions Offshore Wind Farm Order 2024**

**PART 7**

Miscellaneous and general

**Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows**

**33.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2) and article 35 (trees subject to tree preservation orders) the undertaker may fell or lop, or cut back the roots of, any tree or shrub within or overhanging land within the Order limits or near any part of the authorised project if the undertaker reasonably believes it to be necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub from obstructing or interfering with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised project or any apparatus used in connection with the authorised project.

(2) In carrying out any activity authorised by paragraph (1), the undertaker must not do any 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, must be determined under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(4) The undertaker may, for the purposes of the authorised project—

- (a) subject to paragraph 33 above, remove any hedgerows as are within the Order Limits and specified in Schedule 16, Part 1 (removal of hedgerows) that may be required to be removed for the purposes of carrying out the authorised project; and
- (b) remove the important hedgerows as are within the Order Limits and specified in Schedule 16, Part 2 (removal of potentially important hedgerows) and Schedule 16, Part 3 (removal of important hedgerows).

(5) In this article “hedgerow” and “important hedgerow” have the same meaning as in the Hedgerows Regulations 1997(1).