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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

PROVISIONS AS TO BREAKING OPEN STREETS AND LAYING COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLY PIPES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Sch. 3: power to apply conferred (1.10.1991) by Natural Heritage (Scotland) Act 1991 (c. 28, SIF 46:1, 130), s. 20(10), Sch. 7 para. 5(1)(b)

PART II

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Sch. 3 Pt. II (paras. 4–9) applied with modifications by Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 65, SIF 81:2), s. 170A(5) (as inserted by Electricity Act 1989 (c. 29, SIF 44:1), s. 102, Sch. 13)

Provisions as to laying communication and supply pipes, etc.

Power to lay service pipes, etc.

4 (1) A water authority may in any [F¹road] within their limits of supply lay such service pipves with such stopcocks and other fittings as they deem necessary for supplying water to premises within the said limits, and may from time to time inspect, repair, alter or renew and may at any time remove any service pipe laid in a [F¹road] whether by virtue of this section or otherwise:

Provided that before exercising any of the powers conferred by this paragraph, the authority shall, except in cases of emergency arising from defects in any existing pipes, plant or works, give [F2not less than 72 hours'][F2such] notice, to [F3—

- (i) where the road is a public road, the roads authority; and
- (ii) in any other case, the authority or person responsible for the maintenance of the road, or, if no authority or person is so responsible, to the owners of the solum of the road][F4as would require to be given by an undertaker under section 114 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (notice of starting date of works) in accordance with that section and with section 156 of that Act (service of notice)].
- (2) Where a service pipe has been lawfully laid in, on or over any land not forming part of a [F5 road], the authority may from time to time enter upon that land and inspect, repair, alter, renew or remove the then existing pipe or lay a new pipe in substitution therefor, but shall pay compensation for any damage done by them.

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Any dispute as to the amount of compensation to be paid under this sub-paragraph shall be determined by arbitration.

Textual Amendments

- F1 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(d)(i)
- **F2** "such" substituted (prosp.) for "not less than 72 hours" by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), ss. 168(1), 170, Sch. 8 Pt. IV para. 108(7)(b)
- F3 Words substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(d)(i)
- **F4** Words added (prosp.) by New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22, SIF 59, 108), ss. 168(1), 170, Sch. 8 Pt. IV para. 108(7)(b)
- F5 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(d)(ii)

Laying of supply pipes, etc.

- An owner or occupier of any premises within the limits of supply who desires to have a supply of water for his domestic purposes from the waterworks of the authority shall, subject as hereinafter provided, comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) he shall give to the authority 14 days' notice of his intention to lay the necessary supply pipe; and
 - (b) he shall lay the supply pipe at his own expense, having first obtained, as respects any land not forming part of a [F6road], the consent of the owners and occupiers thereof:

Provided that, where any part of the supply pipe is to be laid in a [^{F6}road], he shall not himself break open the [^{F6}road] or lay that part of the pipe.

Textual Amendments

F6 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(e)**

Laying of communication pipes, etc.

- 6 (1) Upon receipt of such a notice as is referred to in the last foregoing paragraph, the authority shall, within 14 days after the person by whom the notice was given has laid a supply pipe in accordance with the provisions of the last foregoing paragraph, lay the necessary communication pipe and any part of the supply pipe which is to be laid in a [F7 road] and shall connect the communication pipe with the supply pipe:
 - Provided that, where any part of the supply pipe is to be laid in a [F⁷road], they may elect to lay a main in the [F⁷road] for such distance as they think fit in lieu of a supply pipe, and in that case shall lay a communication pipe from that main and connect it with the supply pipe.
 - (2) The whole, or such part as the water authority may think fit, of the expenses reasonably incurred by the authority in executing the work which they are required or authorised by this paragraph to execute shall be repaid to them by the person by whom the notice was given and may be recovered by them from him:

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Provided that, if under the provisions of this paragraph the authority lay a main in lieu of part of a supply pipe, the additional cost incurred in laying a main instead of a supply pipe shall be borne by them.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, an authority to whom such a notice as aforesaid is given may, within seven days after the receipt thereof, require the person giving the notice either to pay to them in advance the cost of the work, as estimated by their engineer, or to give security for payment thereof to their satisfaction, and, where they make such a requirement, the period of 14 days referred to in sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph shall not commence to run until the requirement has been complied with.

If any payment so made to the authority exceeds the expenses which under the foregoing provisions of this paragraph they would be entitled to recover from the person giving the notice, the excess shall be repaid by them, and, if and so far as those expenses are not covered by the payment, they may recover the balance from him.

Textual Amendments

F7 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(e)

Power of authority to require separate service pipes.

- 7 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph the authority may require the provision of a separate service pipe for each house supplied, or to be supplied by them, with water.
 - (2) If, in the case of a house already supplied with water but not having a separate service pipe, the authority give notice to the owner of the house, requiring the provision of such a pipe, the owner shall within three months lay so much of the required pipe as will constitute a supply pipe and is not required to be laid in a [F8 road], and the authority shall, within 14 days after he has done so, lay so much of the required pipe as will constitute a communication pipe or a supply pipe to be laid in a [F8 road] and make all necessary connections.
 - (3) If an owner upon whom a notice has been served under the last foregoing subparagraph fails to comply therewith, the authority may themselves execute the work which he was required to execute.
 - (4) The expenses reasonably incurred by the authority in executing the work which they are required by sub-paragraph (2) to execute, or which they are empowered by the last foregoing sub-paragraph to execute, shall be repaid to them by the owner of the house and may be recovered by them from him, but without prejudice to the rights and obligations as between themselves, of the owner and occupier of the house.
 - (5) Where two or more houses are being supplied with water by a single service pipe, the authority shall not require the provision of separate service pipes for those houses until ^{F9}—
 - (a) the existing supply pipe becomes so defective as to require renewal, or is no longer sufficient to meet the requirements of the houses; or
 - (b) the houses are, by structural alterations to one or more of them, converted into a larger number of houses. [F10; or

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- (c) the owner or occupier of any of the houses has interfered with, or allowed another person to interfere with, the existing service pipe or the stop-cock fixed to that pipe and has thereby caused the supply of water to any of the houses to be interfered with; or
- (d) the authority have reasonable grounds to believe that such interference as is mentioned in (c) above is likely to take place.]

Textual Amendments

- F8 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(e)
- F9 Word repealed by Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 43, SIF 81:2), s. 58(a), Sch. 4 Pt. I
- **F10** Word and subparas.(c)(d) added by Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982 (c. 43, SIF 81:2), s. 58(b)

Power to break open streets forming boundary of limits of supply.

Where any premises which are within the limits of supply abut on, or are situated near to, any [FII road] which is, as to the whole or a part of its width, outside those limits, the authority may for the purpose of supplying water to the owner or occupier of those premises exercise with respect to the whole width of the [FII road] the like powers of laying, inspecting, repairing, altering, renewing and removing service pipes with any necessary stopcocks and fittings and of breaking open the [FII road] for that purpose as are exercisable by them with respect to streets within the said limits, subject however to the like conditions and obligations.

Textual Amendments

F11 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(e)

Provisions as to the position of stopcocks.

- 9 (1) On every service pipe laid after 16th May 1946 the authority shall, and on every service pipe laid before that date the authority may, fit a stopcock enclosed in a covered box, or pit, of such size as may be reasonably necessary.
 - (2) Every stopcock fitted on a service pipe after 16th May 1946 shall be placed in such position as the authority deem most convenient:

Provided that—

- (a) a stopcock in private premises shall be placed as near as is reasonably practicable to the [F12 road] from which the service pipe enters those premises; and
- (b) a stopcock in a [F12road] shall, after consultation with the [F13roads] authority concerned, be placed as near to the boundary thereof as is reasonably practicable.

Textual Amendments

F12 Word substituted by Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54, SIF 108), s. 156(1), Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(f)(i)

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