



# Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988

## CHAPTER 20

### DARTFORD-THURROCK CROSSING ACT 1988

#### PART I

##### CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE OVER RIVER THAMES

- 1 Construction of the scheduled works.
- 2 Acquisition of land for the scheduled works and other authorised works.
- 3 Supplementary provision as to authorised works.

#### PART II

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*Status of tunnel highway and tunnel approaches, etc.*

- 4 Trunking of tunnel highway and tunnel approaches.
- 5 Status of roads, etc., other than the tunnel highway.

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- 6 Transfer of tunnel crossing and tunnel approaches to Secretary of State.
- 7 Transfer of toll undertaking to person appointed under section 11.
- 8 Supplementary provisions and transfers of staff.

*Financial provisions*

- 9 Termination of borrowings for tunnels, etc.
- 10 Payment of transfer expenses.

#### PART III

##### OPERATION OF THE CROSSING

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*Power to levy tolls and management and maintenance,  
etc., of the crossing and the approach roads*

- 11 Power to levy tolls for use of the crossing.
- 12 Delegation of functions of Secretary of State in relation to the crossing and the approach roads.
- 13 Leases of crossing land, etc.: application of landlord and tenant law.
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- 16 Time limit for levy of tolls.

*Tolls and their administration*

- 17 Classification of vehicles and level of tolls.
- 18 Temporary suspension of tolls.
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- 20 Composition agreements.
- 21 List of tolls to be exhibited.
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- 23 Restriction on use by certain classes of traffic.
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- 28 Traffic officers.
- 29 Offences.

*Miscellaneous and supplementary*

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- 31 Pollution controls, etc.
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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 — The Scheduled Works

Part I — THE WORKS

Part II — SUPPLEMENTARY

*Limits of deviation*

- 1 In constructing the scheduled works the Secretary of State may,...

*Particulars of the bridge*

- 2 (1) The piers in the river Thames carrying the central...

SCHEDULE 2 — Acquisition of Land

Part I — PURPOSES FOR WHICH CERTAIN LAND MAY BE ACQUIRED OR USED

Part II — SUPPLEMENTARY

*Period of notice*

- 1 Section 11(1) of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 (power to...

*Acquisition of rights*

- 2 (1) The Secretary of State may under section 2 of...

*Subsoil and under-surface*

- 3 (1) The Secretary of State may under section 2 of...

*Minerals*

- 4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, Parts II and III...

*Private rights of way*

- 5 (1) All private rights of way over any land which...

*Provisions as to compensation*

- 6 Section 4 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 (assessment...

- 7 Where land is or rights in or over land are...

SCHEDULE 3 — Supplementary Provisions as to Authorised Works

*Temporary occupation of specified sites*

- 1 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph the Secretary...

*Stopping up of and interference with highways*

- 2 (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, the Secretary...

Note: In the foregoing table the references to the footpath...

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*Temporary interference with highways*

- 3 (1) The Secretary of State may, for the purpose of...

*Status of new highways*

- 4 On the date on which this Act is passed the...  
5 (1) On the date certified by the Secretary of State...

*Application of highways legislation*

- 6 For the purposes of any enactment relating to highways and,...  
7 (1) The carrying out of Works Nos. 1A, 2, 4,...  
8 (1) The carrying out of any of the scheduled works...  
9 Any provision of Schedule 1 to this Act or of...

*Road traffic regulation*

- 10 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, any power under the...  
11 (1) In order to facilitate the reconstruction of the bridges...

SCHEDULE 4 — Transfer of Tunnels and Tunnel Approaches: Supplementary and Transitional Provisions

*Connected transfers and supplementary provisions*

- 1 Subject to paragraph 3 below, the Secretary of State and...  
2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and paragraph 3 below, where...  
3 Paragraphs 1(b) and 2(1)(b) above do not apply in relation...  
4 Any property— (a) vested by virtue of section 6 of...  
5 Any dispute as to the effect of any transfer under...  
6 The Councils shall produce to the Secretary of State such...

*Transitional provisions*

- 7 All orders and regulations made and all directions, consents and...  
8 Notwithstanding the repeal by this Act on the transfer date...  
9 All contracts, deeds, bonds or agreements entered into or made...  
10 All proceedings, legal or other, begun before the effective date...

SCHEDULE 5 — Transfers of Staff

Part I — STAFF EMPLOYED AT THE TUNNEL CROSSING BEFORE THE TRANSFER DATE

*Application of Employment Transfer Regulations*

- 1 (1) For the purposes of the Employment Transfer Regulations section...

*Provision with respect to pensions, etc.*

- 2 (1) The application to any relevant employee of Kent County...  
Part II — STAFF EMPLOYED BY THE PERSON APPOINTED TO LEVY TOLLS

*Application of Employment Transfer Regulations*

- 3 (1) For the purposes of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection...

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*Preservation of pensions, etc.*

- 4 Regulation 10 of the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment)...
- 5 (1) Without prejudice to the operation of those regulations by...  
Part III — SUPPLEMENTARY
- 6 (1) In this Schedule, “the Employment Transfer Regulations” means the...

SCHEDULE 6 — The Toll Period

Part I — THE PERIOD ALLOWED FOR THE LEVY OF TOLLS BY THE PERSON APPOINTED

*The maximum toll period*

- 1 Subject to the following provisions of this Part of this...

*Early termination of the toll period*

- 2 (1) Where— (a) on any date (“the determination date”) before...
- 3 (1) For the purposes of paragraph 2 above, the funding...

*Toll extension period*

- 4 (1) This paragraph applies where on any date on which...  
Part II — THE PERIOD ALLOWED FOR THE LEVY OF TOLLS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

*The original maximum toll period*

- 5 Subject to the following provisions of this Part of this...

*Relevant receipts and assumed interest receipts*

- 6 (1) In this Part and in Part III of this...

*Extension of the original maximum toll period*

- 7 (1) If at any time during the original maximum toll...

*Early termination of the relevant period*

- 8 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, if as respects any...

*References to interest*

- 9 (1) Any reference in paragraph 6(3) above or Part III...

*Assumptions as to application of relevant receipts and assumed interest receipts*

- 10 (1) For the purpose of determining any question arising under...  
Part III — PURPOSES RELEVANT TO PART II
- 11 Reimbursement with interest of all expenses properly chargeable to capital...
- 12 Reimbursement with interest of all expenses (not falling within paragraph...
- 13 Reimbursement with interest of all expenses properly chargeable to capital...

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- 14 Meeting all expenses (including administrative expenses) which are properly chargeable...
- 15 Making such provision as in the opinion of the Secretary...
- 16 Making such provision as in the opinion of the Secretary...
- 17 Meeting all expenses (not falling within paragraph 8(3) above or...
- 18 Provision for interest on any deficiency which may arise during...

#### SCHEDULE 7 — Protective Provisions

##### Part I — PROTECTION OF PORT AUTHORITY AND RIVER USERS

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
- 2 The Secretary of State shall not, under section 2 of...
- 3 (1) Not less than 56 days before commencing any operations...
- 4 (1) Operations for the construction of a tidal work, and...
- 5 The Secretary of State shall carry out all operations—
- 6 On the completion of the construction of the bridge, or...
- 7 (1) Except so far as may be necessary or unavoidable...
- 8 The Secretary of State shall at all reasonable times allow...
- 9 If any pile, stump or other obstruction becomes exposed in...
- 10 (1) The Secretary of State shall carry out to the...
- 11 (1) Before carrying out any of the works authorised by...
- 12 (1) If— (a) within the period beginning with the commencement...
- 13 (1) Except as provided in sub-paragraph (2) below, the Port...
- 14 (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph 15 below,...
- 15 (1) The Secretary of State shall, at or near every...
- 16 (1) If a tidal work is abandoned or falls into...
- 17 If— (a) by reason of the construction of the bridge...
- 18 Any difference arising between the Secretary of State and the...

##### Part II — PROTECTION AGAINST SILTATION OR SCOURING

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
- 2 If— (a) within the period beginning with the commencement of...
- 3 If, within a period specified in paragraph 2 above, any...
- 4 If, when requested by a protected body to carry out...
- 5 The Secretary of State shall pay to the protected body...
- 6 Any difference arising between the Secretary of State and a...

##### Part III — PROTECTION OF RAILWAYS BOARD

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
- 2 The Secretary of State shall not under section 2 of...
- 3 (1) Not less than 56 days before commencing the construction...
- 4 (1) On signifying their approval of the plans the Railways...
- 5 The Secretary of State shall give to the engineer of...
- 6 (1) The construction of the authorised works shall, when commenced,...
- 7 The Secretary of State shall at all times afford reasonable...
- 8 (1) If any alteration or addition, whether permanent or temporary,...
- 9 The Secretary of State shall pay to the Railways Board...
- 10 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the Secretary of State...
- 11 If the Railways Board give notice to the Secretary of...
- 12 Any difference arising between the Secretary of State and the...

##### Part IV — PROTECTION OF SEWERS AND LAND DRAINAGE

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
- 2 For the purpose of the preparation of the plans for...
- 3 The carrying out of the works authorised by this Act...
- 4 In the design and carrying out of the works authorised...
- 5 (1) Not less than 56 days before commencing the construction...

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- 6 The Secretary of State shall give to the protected authority...
- 7 In carrying out any specified work the Secretary of State...
- 8 All works for the provision of new, altered or substituted...
- 9 When works for the provision of any such new, altered...
- 10 If by reason of the carrying out of a specified...
- 11 (1) The Secretary of State shall indemnify the protected authority...
- 12 Nothing in section 23 of this Act shall preclude the...
- 13 (1) An officer of the protected authority duly appointed for...
- 14 Any difference arising between the Secretary of State and the...
  - 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule...
  - 2 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, the Secretary of State...
  - 3 Any difference arising between the Secretary of State and the...

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