

CROSSRAIL ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Land

Section 6: Acquisition of land within limits shown on deposited plans

21. *Section 6(1)* authorises the Secretary of State, rather than the nominated undertaker, to acquire compulsorily the land required for Crossrail within the Act limits.
22. *Section 6(2)* provides that, without prejudice to the general power granted by section 6(1), the land identified in columns (1) and (2) of the table in Part 1 of Schedule 6 may be acquired or used for the purpose set out in column (3) of the table. This table therefore gives an indication of the purposes for which certain parcels of land may be acquired or used (for example, for utility diversions, means of access, or for a worksite).
23. *Section 6(3)* brings into effect Parts 2 and 3 of Schedule 6, which deal with the application of legislation relating to compulsory purchase and supplementary provisions.
24. *Section 6(4)* provides that the power granted by subsection (1) shall not apply to land if the surface of the land is comprised in a highway and the land is specified in the table in paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 3.
25. *Section 6(5)* provides that the power granted by subsection (1) shall not apply to any land shown as being required temporarily, unless the land is also specified in paragraph 11(1) of Schedule 6. In that case the power does extend to the acquisition of subsoil at a depth greater than 9 metres from the surface of such land.
26. *Section 6(6)* provides that the compulsory purchase power granted by subsection (1) shall expire 5 years after the Act obtained Royal Assent.
27. *Section 6(7)* allows the Secretary of State, by order, to extend the time limit in subsection (6). This extension may be done only once in relation to any particular bit of land, and the time limit may be extended by no more than five years. Any such order is subject to special parliamentary procedure.