
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1936

The Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (Ashton-under-Lyne Extension) Order 1998

PART II

WORKS PROVISIONS

Streets

Power to alter layout of streets

8.—(1) The undertaker may alter the layout of any street specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 3 to this Order in the manner specified in relation to that street in column (3) of that Schedule.

(2) Without prejudice to the specific powers conferred by paragraph (1) above but subject to paragraph (3) below, the undertaker may for the purpose of constructing, maintaining or using any authorised street tramway alter the layout of the street along which the street tramway is or is to be laid and the layout of any street having a junction with such a street; and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the undertaker may—

- (a) increase the width of the carriageway of the street by reducing the width of any kerb, footpath, footway, cycle track or verge within the street,
- (b) alter the level or increase the width of any such kerb, footpath, footway, cycle track or verge,
- (c) reduce the width of the carriageway of the street by forming a reserved area in the street as a stopping place for tramcars or by carrying out other works for that purpose,
- (d) carry out works for the provision or alteration of parking places,
- (e) carry out traffic calming works which are of a description prescribed in the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1993⁽¹⁾ and which are constructed in compliance with those Regulations,
- (f) carry out works to the carriageway of the street for the purpose of deterring or preventing vehicles other than tramcars from passing along the transit system, and
- (g) make and maintain crossovers, sidings or passing places.

(3) The powers in paragraph (2) above shall not be exercised without the consent of the street authority, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Power to keep apparatus in streets

9.—(1) The undertaker may, for the purposes of or in connection with the construction, maintenance and use of the authorised transit system, place and maintain in any street in which the

(1) S.I.1993/1849.

transit system is or is to be laid and in any street having a junction with such a street any work, equipment or apparatus including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, foundations, platforms, road islands, substations, electric lines and any electrical or other apparatus.

(2) In this article—

- (a) “apparatus” has the same meaning as in Part III of the 1991 Act,
- (b) “electric line” has the meaning given by section 64(1) of the Electricity Act 1989(2), and
- (c) the reference to any work, equipment, apparatus or other thing in a street includes a reference to any work, equipment, apparatus or other thing under, over, along or upon the street.

Power to execute street works

10.—(1) The undertaker may, for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by article 9 above and the other provisions of this Order, enter upon any street in which the authorised transit system is or is to be laid and any street having a junction with such a street and may execute any works required for or incidental to the exercise of those powers including, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, breaking up or opening the street, or any sewer, drain or tunnel under it, or tunnelling or boring under the street.

(2) This article is subject to paragraph 3 of Schedule 10 to this Order.

Stopping up of streets and extinguishment of rights

11.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this article, the undertaker may, in connection with the construction of the authorised works, stop up each of the streets specified in columns (1) and (2) of Part I and Part III of Schedule 4 to this Order and extinguish all vehicular rights of access and egress in each of the streets mentioned in columns (1) and (2) of Part II of that Schedule to the extent specified, by reference to the letters and numbers shown on the works plans, in column (3) of Parts I, II and III of that Schedule.

(2) No street specified in columns (1) and (2) of Part I of Schedule 4 (being a street to be stopped up for which a substitute is to be provided) shall be wholly or partly stopped under this article until the new street to be substituted for it, and which is specified in relation to it by reference to one of the scheduled works in column (4) of that Part of that Schedule, has been completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority and is open for use.

(3) No street specified in columns (1) to (3) of Part III of Schedule 4 to this Order (being a street to be stopped up for which no substitute is to be provided) shall be wholly or partly stopped up under this article unless the condition specified in paragraph (4) below is satisfied in relation to all the relevant land; and for this purpose “relevant land” means any land which abuts on either side of the street to be stopped up.

(4) The condition referred to in paragraph (3) above is that—

- (a) the undertaker is in possession of the land, or
- (b) there is no right of access to the land from the street concerned, or
- (c) there is reasonably convenient access to the land otherwise than from the street concerned,
or
- (d) the owners and occupiers of the land have agreed to the stopping up.

(5) Where a street has been the subject of a stopping up under this article the undertaker may, without making any payment but subject to the provisions of sections 77 to 85E of, and Schedules

1 to 3 to, the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845⁽³⁾ (which, as incorporated by this Order, relate to minerals under the authorised tramroads), appropriate and use for the purposes of its transit system undertaking so much of the site of the street as is bounded on both sides by land owned by the undertaker.

(6) Any person who suffers loss by the extinguishment or suspension of any private right of way under this article shall be entitled to compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part I of the Land Compensation Act 1961⁽⁴⁾.

(7) This article is subject to paragraph 2 of Schedule 10 to this Order.

Temporary stopping up of streets

12.—(1) The undertaker may, during and for the purposes of the execution of the authorised works, temporarily stop up, alter or divert any street and may for any reasonable time—

- (a) divert the traffic from the street, and
- (b) subject to paragraph (2) below, prevent all persons from passing along the street.

(2) The undertaker shall provide at all times reasonable access for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting a street affected by the exercise of the powers conferred by this article if there would otherwise be no such access.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) above, the undertaker may exercise the powers of this article in relation to the streets specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 4 and in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 5 to this Order to the extent specified, by reference to the letters and numbers shown on the works plans, in column (3) of those Schedules.

(4) The undertaker shall not exercise the powers of this article—

- (a) in relation to any street specified as mentioned in paragraph (3) above without first consulting the street authority, and
- (b) in relation to any other street without the consent of the street authority, but such consent shall not be reasonably withheld.

(5) The temporary stopping up, alteration or diversion of any street authorised by this Order shall not affect any right of any telecommunications operator as provided for in accordance with paragraph 9 of the telecommunications code.

Access to works

13. The undertaker may, for the purposes of the scheduled works, form and lay out means of access or improve existing means of access in such locations within the limits of deviation for the scheduled works shown on the works plan or, where article 6(2) above applies, within the boundaries of the street in question as may be approved by the highway authority, but such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Construction and maintenance of new or altered streets

14.—(1) Any street to be constructed under this Order shall be completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority and shall, unless otherwise agreed, be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker for a period of 12 months from its completion and at the expiry of that period by and at the expense of the highway authority.

(2) Where a street is altered or diverted under this Order, the altered or diverted part of the street shall when completed to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority, unless otherwise agreed,

(3) 1845 c. 20.

(4) 1961 c. 33.

be maintained by and at the expense of the undertaker for a period of 12 months from its completion and at the expiry of that period by and at the expense of the street authority.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) above do not apply in relation to the structure of any bridge or tunnel carrying a street over or under any tramroad of the undertaker.

Construction of bridges and tunnels

15. Any bridge or tunnel to be constructed under this Order for carrying a highway over or under a tramroad shall be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the highway authority, but such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Restoration of streets if street tramway discontinued

16. If the undertaker permanently ceases to operate any of the authorised street tramways (“the discontinued tramway”), it shall as soon as reasonably practicable and unless otherwise agreed with the street authority—

- (a) remove from any street in which the discontinued tramway is laid the rails and any other works, equipment and apparatus which have become redundant, and
- (b) restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the street authority, the portion of the street along which the discontinued tramway was laid regard being had to the condition of the street before the tramway was laid.

Agreements with street authorities

17.—(1) A street authority and the undertaker may enter into agreements with respect to—

- (a) the construction of any new street (including any structure carrying the street over or under a tramroad) under the powers conferred by this Order,
- (b) the maintenance of any street or of the structure of any bridge or tunnel carrying a street over or under a tramroad,
- (c) any stopping up, alteration or diversion of a street under the powers conferred by this Order, or
- (d) the execution in the street of any of the works referred to in article 10(1) above.

(2) Such an agreement may, without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) above—

- (a) provide for the street authority to carry out any function under this Order which relates to the street in question, and
- (b) contain such terms as to payment and otherwise as the parties consider appropriate.

Level crossings

18.—(1) The undertaker may construct the authorised transit system so as to carry it on the level across the highways specified in Parts I and II of Schedule 6 to this Order.

(2) The undertaker may provide, maintain and operate at or near any new level crossing such barriers or other protective equipment as the Secretary of State may in writing approve.

(3) Any traffic sign placed pursuant to this article on or near a highway or other road to which the public has access shall be treated for the purposes of section 64(4) of the 1984 Act as having been placed as provided by that Act.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of article 8 above, the undertaker may in the exercise of the powers of this article alter the level of any highway specified in Schedule 6 to this Order.

(5) The highway authority may enter into agreements with the undertaker with respect to the construction and maintenance of any new level crossing; and such an agreement may contain such terms as to payment or otherwise as the parties consider appropriate.

(6) In this article—

“barrier” includes gate;

“new level crossing” means the place at which an authorised tramroad crosses a highway on the level under the powers conferred by this article;

“protective equipment” includes lights, traffic signs (within the meaning of section 64(1) of the 1984 Act), manual, mechanical, automatic, electrical or telephonic equipment or other devices.