
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Blackpool Tramway (Blackpool
North Extension) Order 2017**

PART 2

WORKS PROVISIONS

Supplemental powers

Attachment of equipment to buildings

18.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the promoter may affix to any building for the time being constructed on any land mentioned in the book of reference—

- (a) any brackets, cables, wires, insulators and other apparatus required in connection with the authorised tram system; and
- (b) any lamps, brackets, pipes, electric lines and other apparatus required for the provision of additional or substitute street lighting in consequence of the construction of the authorised tram system.

(2) The promoter must not under the powers conferred by this article affix any apparatus to a building without the written consent of the relevant owner of the building; and such consent may be given subject to reasonable conditions (including, where appropriate, the payment of rent) but must not be unreasonably withheld.

(3) Where—

- (a) the promoter serves on the relevant owner of a building a notice requesting the owner's consent to the affixing of specified apparatus to the building; and
- (b) the relevant owner does not within the period of 56 days beginning with the date upon which the notice is served give consent unconditionally or give it subject to conditions or refuse it,

the consent is deemed to have been withheld.

(4) Where, in the opinion of the promoter, a consent required under this article for the affixing of specified apparatus is unreasonably withheld or given subject to unreasonable conditions, the promoter may apply to the magistrates' court, who may either allow the apparatus to be affixed subject to such conditions, if any, as it thinks fit or may disallow the application.

(5) Where apparatus is affixed to a building under this article—

- (a) any owner for the time being of the building may serve on the promoter not less than 56 days' notice requiring the promoter at its own expense temporarily to remove the apparatus during any reconstruction, demolition or repair of the building if such removal is reasonably necessary for that purpose; and
- (b) the promoter has the right as against any person having an interest in the building to use and maintain the apparatus.

(6) Where, in the opinion of the promoter, a requirement temporarily to remove any apparatus affixed to a building under this article during any reconstruction, demolition or repair of the building is not reasonably necessary for that purpose, the promoter may refer the matter to an arbitrator under article 66 (arbitration), who may either allow the apparatus to be temporarily removed or may order that it must not be temporarily removed.

(7) The promoter must pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of the building for any loss or damage sustained by them by reason of the exercise of the powers conferred by paragraphs (1) and (5)(b); and any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation, or as to the amount of the compensation, is determined under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

(8) In this article "relevant owner" means—

(a) in relation to a building occupied under a lease or tenancy having an unexpired term exceeding 5 years, means that occupier of the building; or

(b) in relation to any other building, means the person for the time being receiving the rack rent of the building whether on the person's own account or as agent or trustee for any other person, or who would so receive it if the building were let at a rack rent.

Discharge of water

19.—(1) The promoter may use any watercourse or any public sewer or drain for the drainage of water in connection with the construction, operation or maintenance of the authorised works and for that purpose may lay down, take up and alter pipes and may, on any land within the Order limits or in any street along which any authorised street tramway is authorised to be laid, make openings into, and connections with, the watercourse, sewer or drain.

(2) Any dispute arising from the exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph (1) to connect to or use a public sewer or drain is to be determined as if it were a dispute under section 106 (right to communicate with public sewers) of the Water Industry Act 1991(1).

(3) The promoter must not discharge any water into any watercourse, public sewer or drain except with the consent of the authority to which it belongs; and such consent may be given subject to such terms and conditions as the authority may reasonably impose but must not be unreasonably withheld.

(4) The promoter must not make any opening into any public sewer or drain except in accordance with plans approved by, and under the superintendence (if provided) of, the authority to which the sewer or drain belongs, but such approval must not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) The promoter must not, in the exercise of the powers conferred by this article, damage or interfere with the bed or banks of any watercourse forming part of a main river.

(6) The promoter must take such steps as are reasonably practicable to secure that any water discharged into a watercourse or public sewer or drain under the powers conferred by this article is as free as may be practicable from gravel, soil or other solid substance or oil or matter in suspension or any other potentially polluting material.

(7) Nothing in this article overrides the requirement for an environmental permit under regulation 12(1)(b) (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016(2).

(8) In this article—

(1) 1991 c. 56. Section 106 was amended by sections 35(1) and (8) and 43(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Competition and Service (Utilities) Act 1992 (c. 43), sections 36(2) and 99 of the Water Act 2003 (c. 37) and paragraph 16(1) of Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29).

(2) S.I. 2016/1154.

- (a) “public sewer or drain” means a sewer or drain which belongs to a sewerage undertaker, the Environment Agency, an internal drainage board, a local authority, or a harbour authority within the meaning of the Harbours Act 1964⁽³⁾;
- (b) “watercourse” includes all docks, rivers, streams, ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows, except a public sewer or drain; and
- (c) other expressions used both in this article and in the Water Resources Act 1991⁽⁴⁾ have the same meaning as in that Act.

Safeguarding works to buildings

20.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this article, the promoter may at its own expense and from time to time carry out such safeguarding works to any building lying within the Order limits as the promoter considers to be necessary or expedient.

(2) Safeguarding works may be carried out—

- (a) at any time before or during the construction, in the vicinity of the building, of any part of the authorised works (other than works authorised by this article); or
- (b) after the completion of the construction of that part of the authorised works (other than works authorised by this article), at any time up to the end of the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which that part of the authorised works is first opened for use.

(3) For the purpose of determining how the functions under this article are to be exercised the promoter may (subject to paragraph (5)) enter and survey any building falling within paragraph (1) and any land within its curtilage.

(4) For the purpose of carrying out safeguarding works under this article to a building the promoter may (subject to paragraphs (5) and (6))—

- (a) enter the building and any land within its curtilage; and
- (b) where the works cannot be carried out reasonably conveniently without entering land adjacent to the building, enter the adjacent land (but not any building erected on it).

(5) Before exercising—

- (a) a right under paragraph (1) to carry out safeguarding works to a building;
- (b) a right under paragraph (3) to enter a building and any within its curtilage;
- (c) a right under paragraph (4)(a) to enter a building or land and any land within its curtilage; or
- (d) a right under paragraph (4)(b) to enter land,

the promoter must, except in the case of emergency, serve on the owners and occupiers of the building or land not less than 14 days’ notice of its intention to exercise that right and in a case falling within sub-paragraph (a) or (c), specifying the safeguarding works proposed to be carried out.

(6) Where notice is served under paragraph (5)(a), (c) or (d), the owner or occupier of the building or land concerned may, by serving a counter-notice within the period of 10 days beginning with the day on which the notice was served, require the question whether it is necessary or expedient to carry out the safeguarding works or to enter the building or land to be referred to arbitration under article 66 (arbitration).

⁽³⁾ 1964 c. 40.

⁽⁴⁾ 1991 c. 57.

(7) The promoter must compensate the owners and occupiers of any building or land in relation to which the powers of this article have been exercised for any loss or damage arising to them by reason of the exercise of those powers.

(8) Where—

- (a) safeguarding works are carried out under this article to a building; and
- (b) within the period of 5 years beginning with the day on which the part of the authorised works constructed within the vicinity of the building is first opened for use, it appears that the safeguarding works are inadequate to protect the building against damage caused by the construction or operation of that part of the works,

the promoter must compensate the owners and occupiers of the building for any damage sustained by them.

(9) Without affecting article 65 (no double recovery), nothing in this article relieves the promoter from any liability to pay compensation under section 10(2)(5) (further provision as to compensation for injurious affection) of the 1965 Act.

(10) Any compensation payable under paragraph (7) or (8) is to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

(11) In this article “safeguarding works”, in relation to a building, means—

- (a) underpinning, strengthening and any other works the purpose of which is to prevent damage which may be caused to the building by the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised works;
- (b) any works the purpose of which is to remedy any damage which has been caused to the building by the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised works; and
- (c) any works the purpose of which is to secure the safe operation of the tram system or to prevent or minimise the risk of such operation being disrupted.

Power to construct temporary street tramway

21.—(1) The promoter may, if it considers it necessary or expedient in consequence of any works executed or proposed to be executed in a street along which an authorised street tramway is constructed—

- (a) remove or discontinue the operation of the authorised street tramway; and
- (b) lay, maintain and operate in that street or in a street near to that street a temporary street tramway in lieu of the authorised street tramway.

(2) The powers conferred by this article may only be exercised with the consent of the street authority but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

(3) The provisions of article 9(2) (power to alter layout etc., of streets), article 10 (power to keep apparatus in streets), article 11 (power to execute street works) and article 40 (traffic signs) apply in relation to any temporary street tramway laid under this article as they apply in relation to the authorised street tramway.

Planning permission

22.—(1) Planning permission which is deemed by a direction under section 90(2A)(6) (development with government authorisation) of the 1990 Act to be granted in relation to the

(5) Section 10 was amended by section 4 of, and paragraph 13(2) of Schedule 2 to, the Planning (Consequential Provisions) Act 1990 (c. 11) and S.I. 2009/1307.

(6) Section 90(2A) was inserted by section 16(1) of the Transport and Works Act 1992 (c. 42).

authorised works is to be treated as specific planning permission for the purposes of section 264(3) (a) (cases in which land is to be treated as operational land for the purposes of that Act) of that Act.

Power to survey and investigate land, etc.

23.—(1) The promoter may for the purposes of this Order—

- (a) survey or investigate any land within the Order limits, any street along which any authorised street tramway is authorised to be laid and any street having a junction with such a street;
- (b) without limitation on the scope of sub-paragraph (a), make trial holes in such positions as the promoter thinks fit on the land to investigate the nature of the surface layer and subsoil and remove soil samples;
- (c) without limitation on the scope of sub-paragraph (a), carry out archaeological investigations on any such land;
- (d) take steps to protect or remove any flora or fauna on the land where the flora or fauna may be affected by the carrying out of the authorised works;
- (e) place on, leave on and remove from the land apparatus for use in connection with the exercise of any of the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (a) to (d); and
- (f) enter on the land for the purpose of exercising the powers conferred by sub-paragraphs (a) to (e).

(2) No land may be entered, or equipment placed or left on or removed from the land, under paragraph (1), unless at least 7 days' notice has been served on every owner and occupier of the land.

(3) Any person entering land under this article on behalf of the promoter—

- (a) must, if so required, before or after entering the land produce written evidence of the person's authority to do so; and
- (b) may take onto the land such vehicles and equipment as are necessary to carry out the survey or investigation or to make the trial holes.

(4) No trial holes are to be made under this article in a carriageway or footway without the consent of the street authority, but such consent must not be unreasonably withheld.

(5) The promoter must pay compensation for any damage occasioned, by the exercise of the powers conferred by this article, to the owners and occupiers of the land, such compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, under Part 1 (determination of questions of disputed compensation) of the 1961 Act.

(6) Nothing in this article overrides the requirement to obtain scheduled monument consent under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979(7).

Mode of construction and operation of tram system

24.—(1) The authorised tram system is to be operated by electricity or, in an emergency or for the purposes of maintenance, by diesel power or other means.

(2) The authorised street tramway and authorised tramroad is to be constructed on a nominal gauge of 1,435 millimetres.

(3) Where a tramway is constructed along a street or in any place to which the public has access (including any place to which the public has access only on making a payment), the promoter must take such care as in all the circumstances is reasonable to ensure that the tramway is constructed and maintained so that the street or other place is safe for other users.

(4) When considering what measures are required under paragraph (3) the promoter must have particular regard to the character and usage of the street or other place and to those who could reasonably be expected to use it.

(5) Where the authorised street tramway has been constructed in a street, works by any person which affect or are likely to affect the promoter's obligations under paragraph (3), including works to any street surfaces and works affecting any equipment or apparatus placed in the street under article 10 (power to keep apparatus in streets) must not be carried out without the consent of the promoter, which may be given subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the promoter may require but must not be unreasonably withheld.

Obstruction of construction of authorised works

25. Any person who, without reasonable excuse—

- (a) obstructs another person from constructing any of the authorised works under the powers conferred by this Order; or
- (b) interferes with, moves or removes any apparatus belonging to any person acting under the authority of the promoter,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.