
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 114

The Network Rail (East West Rail) (Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order 2020

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Network Rail (East West Rail) (Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order 2020 and comes into force on 25th February 2020.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

“the 1961 Act” means the Land Compensation Act 1961(1);

“the 1965 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965(2);

“the 1980 Act” means the Highways Act 1980(3);

“the 1981 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981(4);

“the 1990 Act” means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(5);

“the 1991 Act” means the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991(6);

“the 2003 Act” means the Communications Act 2003(7);

“address” includes any number or address used for the purposes of electronic transmission;

“authorised works” means the scheduled works and any other works authorised by this Order or any part of them;

“the book of reference” means the book of reference certified by the Secretary of State as the book of reference for the purposes of this Order;

“bridleway” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act;

“building” includes any structure or erection or any part of a building, structure or erection;

“carriageway” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act;

“cycle track” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act;

“deposited plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the deposited plans for the purposes of this Order;

(1) 1961 c. 33.
(2) 1965 c. 56.
(3) 1980 c. 66.
(4) 1981 c. 66.
(5) 1990 c. 8.
(6) 1991 c. 22.
(7) 2003 c. 21.

“deposited sections” means the sections certified by the Secretary of State as the deposited sections for the purposes of this Order;

“East West Railway Company Limited” means East West Railway Company Limited (company registration number 11072935) whose registered office is at Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry Road, London, England, SW1P 4DR and includes any persons as may assume its functions prior to any transfer under article 34 (power to transfer undertaking);

“electronic transmission” means a communication transmitted—

(a) by means of an electronic communications network; or

(b) by other means but while in electronic form;

“footpath” and “footway” have the same meanings as in the 1980 Act;

“highway” and “highway authority” have the same meaning as in the 1980 Act;

“limits of deviation” means the limits of deviation for the scheduled works shown on the deposited plans;

“limits of land to be acquired or used” means the limits of land to be acquired or used shown on the deposited plans;

“maintain” includes inspect, repair, adjust, alter, remove, reconstruct and replace, and “maintenance” is to be construed accordingly;

“Network Rail” means Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (company registration number 02904587) whose registered office is at 1 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN;

“Order land” means the land shown on the deposited plans which is within the limits of land to be acquired or used or the limits of deviation and described in the book of reference;

“Order limits” means the limits of deviation and the limits of land to be acquired or used and shown on the deposited plans;

“owner”, in relation to land, has the same meaning as in section 7 (interpretation) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981⁽⁸⁾;

“road hump” has the same meaning as in the 1980 Act⁽⁹⁾;

“the scheduled works” means the works specified in Schedule 1 (scheduled works) or any part of them;

“statutory undertaker” means—

(a) any person who is a statutory undertaker for any of the purposes of the 1990 Act; and

(b) any public communications provider within the meaning of section 151(1) of the 2003 Act;

“street” includes part of a street;

“street authority”, in relation to a street, has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the 1991 Act;

“the tribunal” means the Lands Chamber of the Upper Tribunal;

“the Winslow Station works” means works at Winslow Station permitted by a grant of planning permission under the 1990 Act, with the reference no 13/02112/AOP and dated 29th November 2013, and any variation or replacement of that planning permission; and

“watercourse” includes all rivers, streams, ditches, drains, canals, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows except a public sewer or drain.

(8) 1981 c. 67. The definition of “owner” was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 15 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1992 (c. 34). There are other amendments to section 7 which are not relevant to this Order

(9) The definition of “road hump” was inserted by section 32 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 6 to, the Transport Act 1981 (c. 56).

(2) References in this Order to rights over land include references to rights to do, or to place and maintain, anything in, on or under land or in the air-space above its surface.

(3) References in this Order to numbered plots are references to plot numbers on the deposited plans.

(4) All distances, directions and lengths referred to in this Order are approximate and distances between points on a scheduled work are taken to be measured along that work.

(5) References in this Order to points identified by letters with or without numbers, are construed as references to points so lettered on the deposited plans.

(6) References in this Order to numbered works are references to the scheduled works as numbered in Schedule 1.

Incorporation of the Railway Clauses Acts

3.—(1) The following provisions of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845(**10**) are incorporated in this Order—

section 58(**11**) (company to repair roads used by them), except for the words from “and if any question” to the end;

section 61 (company to make sufficient approaches and fences to highways crossing on the level);

section 68 (accommodation works by company);

section 71 (additional accommodation works by owners), except for the words “or directed by such justices to be made by the company” and “or, in case of difference, as shall be authorised by two justices”;

sections 72 and 73 (supplementary provisions relating to accommodation works);

section 77 (presumption that minerals excepted from acquisition of land);

sections 78 to 85E(**12**) and Schedules 1 to 3 (minerals under railways), as respectively substituted and inserted by section 15 of the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Act 1923(**13**);

section 103(**14**) (refusal to quit carriage at destination);

section 105 (carriage of dangerous goods on railway), except for the words from “and if any person” to “for every such offence”; and

section 145(**15**) (recovery of penalties).

(2) Section 12 (signals, watchmen etc.) of the Railways Clauses Act 1863(**16**) is incorporated in this Order.

(3) In those provisions, as incorporated in this Order—

“the company” means Network Rail;

“goods” includes anything conveyed on the railway authorised to be constructed by this Order;

“lease” includes an agreement for a lease;

(10) 1845 c. 20.

(11) Section 58 was amended by section 46 of, and Part 3 of Schedule 7 to, the Justices of the Peace Act 1949 (c. 101).

(12) Section 84, as substituted, was amended by Part 3 of Schedule 7 to the Justices of the Peace Act 1949 (c. 101) and section 46 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48). Section 85C, as substituted, was amended by virtue of section 17(2)(a) of the Interpretation Act 1978 (c. 30).

(13) 1923 c. 20.

(14) Section 103 was amended by the Statute Law Revision Act 1892 (c. 19), Part 3 of Schedule 7 to the Justices of the Peace Act 1949 (c.101) and section 46 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48).

(15) Section 145 was amended by the Statute Law Revision Act 1892 and Part 2 of Schedule 12 to the Transport Act 1962 (c. 46).

(16) 1863 c. 92.

“prescribed”, in relation to any such provision, means prescribed by this Order for the purposes of that provision;

“the railway” means any railway authorised to be constructed by this Order and any other authorised works; and

“the special Act” means this Order.

Application of the 1991 Act

4.—(1) Works executed under this Order in relation to a highway which consists of or includes a carriageway are to be treated for the purposes of Part 3 (street works in England and Wales) of the 1991 Act as major transport works if—

- (a) they are of a description mentioned in any of paragraphs (a), (c) to (e), (g) and (h) of section 86(3) (which defines what highway authority works are major highway works) of that Act; or
- (b) they are works which, had they been executed by the highway authority, might have been carried out in exercise of the powers conferred by section 64(17) (dual carriageways and roundabouts) of the 1980 Act.

(2) The following provisions of the 1991 Act do not apply in relation to any works executed under the powers conferred by this Order—

- section 56 (directions as to timing);
- section 56A (power to give directions as to placing of apparatus);
- section 58 (restrictions following substantial road works);
- section 73A (power to require undertaker to re-surface street);
- section 73B (power to specify timing, etc., of re-surfacing);
- section 73C (materials, workmanship and standard of re-surfacing);
- section 78A (contributions to costs of re-surfacing by undertaker); and
- Schedule 3A (restriction on works following substantial street works).

(3) The provisions of the 1991 Act mentioned in paragraph (4) (which, together with other provisions of that Act, apply in relation to the carrying out of street works) and any regulations made or code of practice issued or approved under those provisions apply (with the necessary modifications) in relation to the temporary stopping up, temporary alteration or temporary diversion of a street by Network Rail under the powers conferred by article 14 (temporary stopping up of streets) and the carrying out of works under article 12 (power to execute street works) whether or not the stopping up, alteration or diversion, or the carrying out of such works, constitutes street works within the meaning of that Act.

(4) The provisions of the 1991 Act(18) referred to in paragraph (3) are—

- section 54(19) (advance notice of certain works), subject to paragraph (5);
- section 55(20) (notice of starting date of works), subject to paragraph (5);
- section 57(21) (notice of emergency works);

(17) Section 64 was amended by section 102 of, and Schedule 17 to, the Local Government Act 1985 (c. 51) and section 168(2) of, and Schedule 9 to, the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22).

(18) Sections 54, 55, 57, 60, 68 and 69 were amended by section 40(1) and (2) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Traffic Management Act 2004 (c. 18).

(19) As amended by section 49(1) of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

(20) As also amended by sections 49(2) and 51(9) of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

(21) As also amended by section 52(3) of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

section 59(22) (general duty of street authority to co-ordinate works);
section 60 (general duty of undertakers to co-operate);
section 68 (facilities to be afforded to street authority);
section 69 (works likely to affect other apparatus in the street);
section 76 (liability for cost of temporary traffic regulation); and
section 77 (liability for cost of use of alternative route),

and all such other provisions as apply for the purposes of the provisions mentioned above.

(5) Sections 54 and 55 of the 1991 Act as applied by paragraph (3) have effect as if references in section 57 of that Act to emergency works were a reference to a stopping up, alteration or diversion (as the case may be) required in a case of emergency.

(6) Nothing in article 15 (construction and maintenance of new or altered highways)—

- (a) prejudices the operation of section 87 (prospectively maintainable highways) of the 1991 Act; and Network Rail is not, by reason of any duty under that article to maintain a street, to be taken to be a street authority in relation to that street for the purposes of Part 3 of that Act; or
- (b) has effect in relation to street works with regard to which the provisions of Part 3 of the 1991 Act apply.

Disapplication of legislative provisions

5.—(1) The following provisions do not apply in relation to any works executed under the powers conferred by this Order—

- (a) regulation 12(1)(a) (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016(23) in relation to the carrying out of a relevant flood risk activity;
- (b) section 23 (prohibition on obstructions etc. in watercourses) of the Land Drainage Act 1991(24);
- (c) paragraph 5 (consent required for alteration, removal or replacement of a designated feature) of Schedule 1 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010(25);
- (d) paragraph 7 (approval required for a drainage system for construction work) of Schedule 3 (sustainable drainage) to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010; and
- (e) the provisions of any byelaws made under, or having effect as if made under, section 66 (powers to make byelaws) of the Land Drainage Act 1991, which require consent or approval for the carrying out of the works.

(2) In this article, “flood risk activity” means an activity described in paragraph 3(1)(a), (b) or (c) of Schedule 25 (flood risk activities and excluded flood risk activities) to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

(22) As amended by section 42 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

(23) S.I. 2016/1154.

(24) 1991 c. 59.

(25) 2010 c. 29.