STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 1663

The Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order 2020

PART 3

ACQUISITION AND POSSESSION OF LAND

Temporary possession or use of land

Temporary use of land for construction of works

22.—(1) — Network Rail may in connection with the carrying out of the authorised works enter upon and take temporary possession of the land specified in columns (1) and (2) of Schedule 4 (land of which temporary possession may be taken) for the purposes specified in relation to that land in column (3) of that Schedule.

(2) Not less than 14 days before entering upon and taking temporary possession of land under this article Network Rail must serve notice of the intended entry on the owners and occupiers of the land.

(3) Network Rail may not, without the agreement of the owners of the land, remain in possession of any land under this article after the end of the period of one year beginning with the date of completion of the authorised works for the purposes of which temporary possession of that land was taken.

(4) Before giving up possession of land of which temporary possession has been taken under this article, Network Rail must remove all temporary works and restore the land to the reasonable satisfaction of the owners of the land; but Network Rail is not required to—

- (a) replace a building removed in connection with the carrying out of the authorised works; or
- (b) restore the land on which any permanent works have been constructed under article 5 (power to construct and maintain works).

(5) Network Rail must pay compensation to the owners and occupiers of land of which temporary possession is taken under this article for any loss or damage arising from the exercise in relation to the land of the powers conferred by this article.

(6) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (5), or as to the amount of the compensation, is to be determined under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(7) Without affecting article 33 (no double recovery), nothing in this article affects any liability to pay compensation under section 10(2)(1) (further provision as to compensation for injurious affection) of the 1965 Act or under any other enactment in respect of loss or damage for which compensation is payable under paragraph (5).

(8) Where Network Rail takes possession of land under this article, it is not required to acquire the land or any interest in it.

⁽¹⁾ 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.

(9) Section 13(2) (refusal to give possession to the acquiring authority) of the 1965 Act applies to the temporary use of land under this article.

 ⁽²⁾ Section 13 was amended by sections 62(3) and 139 of, and paragraphs 27 and 28 of Schedule 13, and Part 3 of Schedule 23 to, the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (c. 15).
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