



Infrastructure (Wales) Act 2024

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PART 1

SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Transport

8 Railways

- (1) The construction of a railway is a significant infrastructure project if—
 - (a) the railway will (when constructed) start, end and remain in Wales,
 - (b) the railway will (when constructed) be part of a network operated by an approved operator,
 - (c) the railway will (when constructed) include a stretch of track that is a continuous length of more than 2 kilometres, and
 - (d) the construction of the railway is not permitted development.
- (2) The alteration of a railway is a significant infrastructure project if—
 - (a) the part of the railway to be altered is part of a railway that starts, ends and remains in Wales,
 - (b) the railway is part of a network operated by an approved operator,
 - (c) the alteration of the railway will include laying a stretch of track that is a continuous length of more than 2 kilometres, and
 - (d) the construction of the railway is not permitted development.
- (3) This section does not apply to construction or alteration of a railway to the extent that the railway forms part (or will when constructed form part) of a rail freight interchange.
- (4) In this section—

“approved operator” (“*gweithredwr a gymeradwywyd*”) means—

 - (a) a person who is authorised to be the operator of a network by a licence granted under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43) (licences for operation of railway assets), or

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- (b) a wholly-owned subsidiary of a company that is such a person;
“network” (“*rhwydwaith*”) has the meaning given by section 83(1) of the Railways Act 1993 (c. 43);
“permitted development” (“*datblygu a ganiateir*”) means development in relation to which planning permission is granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (SI 1995/418) (as it has effect from time to time);
“wholly-owned subsidiary” (“*is-gwmni o dan berchnogaeth llyr*”) has the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46) (see section 1159 of that Act).