



# High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021

## 2021 CHAPTER 2

### *Works*

#### **1 Power to construct and maintain works for Phase 2a of High Speed 2**

- (1) The nominated undertaker may construct and maintain the works specified in Schedule 1, being—
  - (a) works for the construction of a railway between—
    - (i) a junction with Phase One of High Speed 2 near Fradley Wood in Staffordshire, and
    - (ii) a junction with the West Coast Main Line near Crewe in Cheshire,
  - (b) other railway works which are required for the purposes of—
    - (i) the railway mentioned in paragraph (a), or
    - (ii) a high speed railway transport system of which that railway forms or is to form part, and
  - (c) works consequent on, or incidental to, works within paragraph (a) or (b).
- (2) In this Act, the works specified in Schedule 1 are called the “scheduled works”.
- (3) References in this Act to “Phase 2a of High Speed 2” are to the railway mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (4) In subsection (1)(a), “Phase One of High Speed 2” has the same meaning as in the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 (see section 1(3) of that Act).

#### **2 Further provision about works**

- (1) The nominated undertaker may, for the purposes of or in connection with the scheduled works or otherwise for Phase 2a purposes, do any of the following within the Act limits—
  - (a) carry out and maintain railway electrification and signalling works;

- (b) make, provide and maintain all such approaches, bridges, subways, interchanges, roundabouts, turning places, lifts, stairs, escalators, ramps, passages, means of access, shafts, buildings, apparatus, plant and machinery as may be necessary or expedient;
  - (c) construct, provide and maintain all such embankments, aprons, abutments, retaining walls, wing walls, culverts and other works as may be necessary or expedient;
  - (d) demolish the whole or part of any building or structure;
  - (e) alter or remove any structure erected upon any highway or adjoining land;
  - (f) alter, or alter the position of, railway track and any apparatus associated with railway track;
  - (g) install or alter, or alter the position of, other apparatus, including mains, sewers, drains and cables;
  - (h) alter the course of, or otherwise interfere with, non-navigable rivers, streams or watercourses;
  - (i) carry out and maintain such other works, of whatever description, as may be necessary or expedient.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not authorise the making of any cut for drainage purposes which is more than 3.4 metres wide at the bottom.
- (3) The nominated undertaker may within the Act limits—
- (a) carry out and maintain landscaping and other works to mitigate any adverse effects of the construction, maintenance or operation of any of the works authorised by this Act, and
  - (b) carry out and maintain works for the benefit or protection of land affected by any of the works authorised by this Act.
- (4) Schedule 2 contains further and supplementary provision about works.
- (5) Without prejudice to subsection (1)(g), the nominated undertaker may, for the purposes of or in connection with the works authorised by this Act, undertake the electric line diversions and other works specified in the table in Schedule 3.

### **3 Highways**

- (1) The powers conferred on the nominated undertaker under this Act with respect to works may not be exercised in relation to a highway for which a strategic highways company is the highway authority unless the company consents.
- (2) Schedule 4 contains provision about—
- (a) highway access;
  - (b) power to stop up and interfere with highways;
  - (c) construction and maintenance of highways.
- (3) Schedule 5 contains tables that are relevant to the powers exercisable under Part 2 of Schedule 4.