



# Housing Act 1957

## 1957 CHAPTER 56

### PART III

#### CLEARANCE AND RE-DEVELOPMENT

##### *General provisions as to land affected by provisions of Part III*

#### **65 Provisions as to apparatus of statutory undertakers**

- (1) Where the removal or alteration of apparatus belonging to statutory undertakers on, under, or over land purchased by a local authority under this Part of this Act, or on, under, or over a street running over, or through, or adjoining any such land, is reasonably necessary for the purpose of enabling the authority to exercise any of the powers conferred upon them by the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Act, the local authority shall have power to execute works for the removal or alteration of the apparatus subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) A local authority who intend to remove or alter any apparatus under the powers conferred by the foregoing subsection shall serve on the undertakers notice in writing of their intention with particulars of the proposed works and of the manner in which they are to be executed, and plans and sections thereof, and shall not commence any works until the expiration of a period of twenty-eight days from the date of service of the notice, and the undertakers may within that period by notice in writing served on the authority—
  - (a) object to the execution of the works or any of them on the ground that they are not necessary for the purpose aforesaid; or
  - (b) state requirements to which, in their opinion, effect ought to be given as to the manner of, or the observance of conditions in, the execution of the works, as to the execution of other works for the protection of other apparatus belonging to the undertakers or as to the execution of other works for the provision of substituted apparatus whether permanent or temporary;

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- (i) if objection is so made to any works and not withdrawn, the local authority shall not execute the works unless they are determined by arbitration to be so necessary;
  - (ii) if any such requirement as aforesaid is so made and not withdrawn, the local authority shall give effect thereto unless it is determined by arbitration to be unreasonable.
- (3) A local authority shall make to statutory undertakers reasonable compensation for any damage which is sustained by them by reason of the execution by the authority of any works under subsection (1) of this section and which is not made good by the provision of substituted apparatus.

Any question as to the right of undertakers to recover compensation under this subsection or as to the amount thereof shall be determined by arbitration.

- (4) Where the removal or alteration of apparatus belonging to statutory undertakers, or the execution of works for the provision of substituted apparatus, whether permanent or temporary, is reasonably necessary for the purposes of their undertaking by reason of the stopping up, diversion, or alteration of the level or width of a street by a local authority under powers exercisable by virtue of this Act, they may, by notice in writing served on the authority, require them at the expense of the authority to remove or alter the apparatus or to execute the works, and where any such requirement is so made and not withdrawn, the local authority shall give effect thereto unless they serve notice in writing on the undertakers of their objection to the requirement within twenty-eight days from the date of service of the notice upon them and the requirement is determined by arbitration to be unreasonable.
- (5) At least seven days before commencing any works which they are authorised or required under the foregoing provisions of this section to execute, the local authority shall, except in case of emergency, serve on the undertakers notice in writing of their intention so to do, and the works shall be executed by the authority under the superintendence (at the expense of the authority) and to the reasonable satisfaction of the undertakers:

Provided that, if within seven days from the date of service on them of notice under this subsection the undertakers so elect, they shall themselves execute the works in accordance with the reasonable directions and to the reasonable satisfaction of the authority, and the reasonable costs thereof shall be repaid to the undertakers by the authority.

- (6) Any difference arising between statutory undertakers and a local authority under the last foregoing subsection and any matter which is by virtue of the foregoing provisions of this section to be determined by arbitration shall—
- (a) in the case of a question arising under subsection (3) of this section be referred to and determined by the Lands Tribunal;
  - (b) in any other case, be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be appointed, in default of agreement, by the Minister.
- (7) In this section references to the alteration of apparatus include references to diversion and to alterations of position or level.