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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

PROVISIONS AS TO BREAKING OPEN STREETS AND LAYING COMMUNICATION AND SUPPLY PIPES

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 3: power to apply conferred (1.10.1991) by [Natural Heritage \(Scotland\) Act 1991 \(c. 28, SIF 46:1, 130\)](#), s. 20(10), **Sch. 7 para. 5(1)(b)**

PART I

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 3 Pt. 1 (paras. 1–3) applied with modifications by [Local Government \(Scotland\) Act 1973 \(c. 65, SIF 81:2\)](#), s. 170A(5) (as inserted by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 102, **Sch. 13**)

Provisions as to breaking open streets, etc.

Power to break open streets.

- 1 Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Schedule, a water authority and water development board may, within their limits of supply or area for the purpose of laying, constructing, inspecting, repairing, altering, renewing or removing mains, service pipes, plant or other works, and outside those limits of supply or area for the purpose of laying any mains which they are authorised to lay and of inspecting, repairing, altering, renewing or removing mains, break open [^{F1}a road], and any cellar or vault below any [^{F2}road], and any sewer, drain or tunnel in or under any such [^{F3}road], and may remove and use the soil or other materials in or under any such [^{F3}road]:

Provided that they shall in the exercise of the powers conferred by this paragraph cause as little inconvenience and do as little damage as may be, and for any damage done shall pay compensation to be determined, in case of dispute, by arbitration.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(a)(i)**
F2 Word substituted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(a)(ii)**
F3 Word substituted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(a)(iii)**

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Protection for railway companies, navigation authorities, tramway undertakers, etc.

- 2 (1) Except in cases of emergency arising from defects in existing pipes, plant or works, [^{F4}a private road] under the control or management of, or maintainable by, a railway company or navigation authority shall not be broken open without their consent, but that consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, and any question whether or not consent is unreasonably withheld shall be referred to and determined by the Secretary of State.
- (2) Where the authority or board propose to break open [^{F5}any length of road] which forms a level-crossing belonging to persons not being a railway company or navigation authority and which is not under the control or management of a railway company or navigation authority, they shall give to those persons the like notice as is referred to in [^{F6}section 6 of the ^{M1}Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950][^{F6}section 114 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991] and, if and in so far as the proposed work is likely to affect the structure of any bridge or other works belonging to those persons, shall carry out the work to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer or other authorised officer acting on behalf of those persons in accordance with plans approved by him.
- Any dispute arising under this sub-paragraph between the authority or board and those persons shall be determined by arbitration.
- (3) For the protection of persons entitled to the benefit of section 32 of the ^{M2}Tramways Act 1870 (which relates to the rights of authorities and companies, etc., to open roads) that section shall be construed as applying to operations authorised by the special Act, and in the said section as so applied any reference to a tramway shall be construed as including a reference to a trolley vehicle system.
- (4) Nothing contained in this paragraph for the protection of owners of level-crossings shall affect the decision of any question which may arise as to the legality of the construction of, or the right to continue, any level-crossing.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words substituted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(b)(i)**
- F5** Words substituted by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(b)(ii)**
- F6** Words "section 114 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991" substituted (prosp.) for words "section 6 of the Public Utilities Street Works Act 1950" by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), ss. 168(1), 170, **Sch. 8 Pt. IV para. 108(7)(a)**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1950 c. 39.
- M2** 1870 c. 78.

Textual Amendments

- F7** [Sch. 3 para. 3](#) repealed by [Roads \(Scotland\) Act 1984 \(c. 54, SIF 108\)](#), s. 156(1)(3), **Sch. 9 para. 81(14)(c)**, Sch. 11

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