



# New Roads and Street Works Act 1991

## 1991 CHAPTER 22

### PART III

#### STREET WORKS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

##### *Streets subject to special controls*

#### **63 Streets with special engineering difficulties.**

- (1) The provisions of Schedule 4 have effect for requiring the settlement of a plan and section of street works to be executed in a street designated by the street authority as having special engineering difficulties.
- (2) The Secretary of State may prescribe—
  - (a) the criteria for designating a street as having special engineering difficulties,
  - (b) the procedure for making or withdrawing such a designation, and
  - (c) the information to be made available by a street authority as to the streets for the time being so designated by them.
- (3) Where [<sup>F1</sup>a strategic highways company or] a local highway authority are asked to designate a street as having special engineering difficulties—
  - (a) by a transport authority on the ground of the proximity of the street to a structure belonging to, or under the management or control of, the authority, or
  - (b) by an undertaker having apparatus in the street,and decline to do so, the transport authority or undertaker may appeal to the Secretary of State who may direct that the street be designated.
- (4) The designation of a street as having special engineering difficulties shall not be withdrawn except after consultation with any transport authority or undertaker at whose request the designation was made; and a designation made in pursuance of a direction by the Secretary of State shall not be withdrawn except with his consent.

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[<sup>F2</sup>(5) In addition to criteria for designation prescribed under subsection (2)(a), Schedule 3 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires designation in certain circumstances (relating to sustainable drainage systems).]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 63(3) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 118**; S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F2** S. 63(5) inserted (2.5.2018 for W. for specified purposes, 7.1.2019 for W. in so far as not already in force) by Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29), s. 49(3), **Sch. 3 para. 27** (with s. 49(1)(6)); S.I. 2018/557, arts. 2(b), 3(b)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pt. 3 applied (11.1.2006) by The Cambridgeshire Guided Busway Order 2005 (S.I. 2005/3523), arts. 1, **3(1)** (with art. 52)
- C2** Pt. 3 modified (22.7.2008) by Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18), **Sch. 3 para. 8**
- C3** Pt. 3 excluded (22.7.2008) by Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18), **Sch. 17 para. 1(3)**
- C4** Pt. 3 applied (with modifications) (9.4.2013) by The Hinkley Point C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/648), arts. 1, **9** (with arts. 48, 68, 79)
- C5** Pt. 3 restricted (6.8.2014) by The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1873), art. 1, **Sch. 12 Pt. 2 para. 3** (with arts. 12, 13, Sch. 12 Pt. 1 paras. 6(3), 19, Pt. 2 paras. 3, 6, 13, Pt. 3 para. 5, Pt. 4 para. 4, Pt. 5 para. 4)
- C6** Pt. 3 modified (24.9.2014) by The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2384), arts. 1, **10(5)**, 11(4)
- C7** Pt. 3 applied (with modifications) (2.8.2016) by The Midland Metro (Wolverhampton City Centre Extension) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/684), arts. 1, **5(1)(2)** (with arts. 46, 47, Sch. 8 para. 2(7), Sch. 9 para. 4, Sch. 10 para. 12(2))
- C8** Pt. 3 modified (23.9.2016) by The M4 Motorway (Junctions 3 to 12) (Smart Motorway) Development Consent Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/863), arts. 1, **9(2)**
- C9** Pt. 3 modified (23.2.2017) by High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 (c. 7), s. 70(1), **Sch. 4 para. 8(1)** (with Sch. 4 para. 8(2))
- C10** Pt. 3 excluded (23.2.2017) by High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 (c. 7), s. 70(1), **Sch. 33 para. 1(3)**
- C11** Pt. 3 modified (29.3.2017) by The Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Generating Station Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/330), arts. 1, **12(1)** (with art. 31)
- C12** Pt. 3 applied (with modifications) (27.2.2020) by The A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Development Consent Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/121), arts. 1, **12(1)(2)** (with art. 3(1))
- C13** Pt. 3 modified (11.6.2020) by The M42 Junction 6 Development Consent Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/528), arts. 1, **13(1)(2)** (with art. 37)
- C14** Pt. 3 modified (9.2.2021) by The A1 Birtley to Coal House Development Consent Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/74), arts. 1, **10(1)(2)** (with art. 5, Sch. 27 para. 36)
- C15** Pt. 3 excluded (11.2.2021) by High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 (c. 2), s. 64(1), **Sch. 32 para. 1(3)** (with Sch. 32 para. 1(1))
- C16** Pt. 3 modified (11.2.2021) by High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 (c. 2), s. 64(1), **Sch. 4 paras. 10(1), 14(3)** (with Sch. 4 para. 10(2))
- C17** Pt. 3 modified (11.8.2022) by The Sizewell C (Nuclear Generating Station) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/853), arts. 1, **15(1)** (with arts. 62, 76, 87)  
 Pt. 3 modified (2.9.2022) by The A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/911), arts. 1, **10(1)(2)** (with arts. 4, 53)
- C18** Pt. 3 modified (7.12.2022) by The A57 Link Roads Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1206), arts. 1, **11(1)(2)** (with art. 5)

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- C19 Pt. 3 modified (7.12.2022) by The A417 Missing Link Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1248), arts. 1, **12(1)(2)** (with art. 4)
- C20 Pt. 3 modified (10.3.2023) by The A47 Wansford to Sutton Development Consent Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/218), arts. 1, **11(1)(2)** (with arts. 4, 50)
- C21 Pt. 3 modified (27.7.2023) by The Boston Alternative Energy Facility Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/778), arts. 1, **11(2)** (with arts. 5, 53, Sch. 8 paras. 6, 64)
- C22 Pt. 3 modified (7.9.2023) by The A38 Derby Junctions Development Consent Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/923), arts. 1, **12(1)(2)** (with arts. 4, 45, Sch. 9 paras. 6, 46, 54(1))
- C23 Ss. 54-106 applied (28.2.2013) by The Rookery South (Resource Recovery Facility) Order 2011 2013 (S.I. 2013/680), **art. 10(3)**
- C24 Ss. 54-106 applied (9.4.2013) by The Lancashire County Council (Torrisholme to the M6 Link (A683 Completion of Heysham to M6 Link Road)) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/675), arts. 1, **9(2)**
- C25 Ss. 54-106 applied (15.6.2013) by The Galloper Wind Farm Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1203), arts. 1, **13(3)** (with arts. 11, 12)
- C26 Ss. 54-106 applied (15.8.2013) by The North Blyth Biomass Power Station Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1873), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with art. 30)
- C27 Ss. 54-106 applied (7.7.2014) by The East Anglia ONE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1599), arts. 1, **8(3)** (with arts. 37, 38, Sch. 9 para. 19)
- C28 Ss. 54-106 applied (6.8.2014) by The Rampion Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1873), arts. 1, **15(3)** (with arts. 7(6), 12, 13, Sch. 12 Pt. 1 para. 19, Sch. 12 Pt. 2 para. 6, sch. 12 Pt. 3 para. 5, Sch. 12 Pt. 4 para. 4, Sch. 12 Pt. 5 para. 4)
- C29 Ss. 54-106 applied (24.9.2014) by The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2384), arts. 1, **10(4)**, 11(5) (with arts. 55, 56)
- C30 Ss. 54-106 applied (2.10.2014) by The North Killingholme (Generating Station) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2434), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with arts. 6, 9(4), 13, Sch. 8 Pt. 1 para. 6, Sch. 8 Pt. 3 paras. 4(3), 6, 17, Sch. 8 Pt. 5 para. 9)
- C31 Ss. 54-106 applied (29.10.2014) by The Able Marine Energy Park Development Consent Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2935), **art. 15(3)** (with arts. 30(4), 53)
- C32 Ss. 54-106 applied (28.11.2014) by The Walney Extension Offshore Wind Farm Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2950), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with arts. 38, 39)
- C33 Ss. 54-106 applied (7.1.2015) by The Willington C Gas Pipeline Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/3328), arts. 1, **10(3)**
- C34 Ss. 54-106 applied (2.2.2015) by The Northumberland County Council (A1 – South East Northumberland Link Road (Morpeh Northern Bypass)) Development Consent Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/23), arts. 1, **9(2)**
- C35 Ss. 54-106 applied (26.2.2015) by The Cornwall Council (A30 Temple to Higher Carblake Improvement) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/147), arts. 1, **9(3)**
- C36 Ss. 54-106 applied (11.3.2015) by The Dogger Bank Creyke Beck Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/318), arts. 1, **13(3)** (with arts. 8(5), 35, 40, 41, **Sch. 12 Pt. 1 paras. 4, 9(2), 10, Pt. 2 paras. 4(2)(3), 19, Pt. 4 paras. 3, 4, 16)**
- C37 Ss. 54-106 applied (1.4.2015) by The Knottingley Power Plant Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/680), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with art. 7(6), Sch. 8 para. 10)
- C38 Ss. 54-106 applied (23.6.2015) by The Norfolk County Council (Norwich Northern Distributor Road (A1067 to A47(T))) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1347), arts. 1, **9(2)**
- C39 Ss. 54-106 applied (30.6.2015) by The Swansea Bay Tidal Generating Station Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1386), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with arts. 51, 53)
- C40 Ss. 54-106 applied (7.8.2015) by The Preesall Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1561), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with art. 44)
- C41 Ss. 54-106 applied (14.8.2015) by The Progress Power (Gas Fired Power Station) Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1570), arts. 1, **10(3)**
- C42 Ss. 54-106 applied (26.8.2015) by The Dogger Bank Teesside A and B Offshore Wind Farm Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1592), arts. 1, **14(3)** (with arts. 35, 40, 41)

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- C43 Ss. 54-106 applied (19.11.2015) by The Ferrybridge Multifuel 2 Power Station Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1832), arts. 1(2), **9(3)**
- C44 Ss. 54-106 applied (30.12.2015) by The Port Talbot Steelworks Generating Station Order 2015 (S.I. 2015/1984), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with art. 26)
- C45 Ss. 54-106 applied (with modifications) (25.3.2016) by The Thorpe Marsh Gas Pipeline Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/297), arts. 1, **12(3)** (with art. 39)
- C46 Ss. 54-106 applied (2.8.2016) by The Meaford Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/779), arts. 1, **11(3)**
- C47 Ss. 54-106 applied (10.8.2016) by The York Potash Harbour Facilities Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/772), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with arts. 35, 36)
- C48 Ss. 54-106 applied (19.8.2016) by The North Wales Wind Farms Connection Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/818), arts. 1, **10(5)** (with art. 35)
- C49 Ss. 54-106 applied (with modifications) (15.9.2016) by The River Humber Gas Pipeline Replacement Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/853), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with art. 43)
- C50 Ss. 54-106 applied (23.9.2016) by The M4 Motorway (Junctions 3 to 12) (Smart Motorway) Development Consent Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/863), arts. 1, **11(3)**
- C51 Ss. 54-106 applied (27.9.2016) by The Triton Knoll Electrical System Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/880), arts. 1(2), **8(3)** (with arts. 39, 40, Sch. 8 para. 19)
- C52 Ss. 54-106 applied (18.3.2017) by The North London Heat and Power Generating Station Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/215), arts. 1, **10(3)**
- C53 Ss. 54-106 applied (29.3.2017) by The Glyn Rhonwy Pumped Storage Generating Station Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/330), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with art. 31)
- C54 Ss. 54-106 applied (5.4.2017) by The Keuper Underground Gas Storage Facility Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/433), arts. 1, **10(4)**
- C55 Ss. 54-106 applied (8.8.2017) by The Wrexham Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/766), arts. 1, **10(3)**
- C56 Ss. 54-106 applied (29.8.2017) by The East Anglia THREE Offshore Wind Farm Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/826), arts. 1, **8(3)** (with arts. 5(9), 36, 37, Sch. 8 para. 34)
- C57 Ss. 54-106 applied (12.10.2018) by The Eggborough Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2018 (S.I. 2018/1020), arts. 1, **8(3)** (with arts. 6, 42)
- C58 Ss. 54-106 applied (3.4.2019) by The Millbrook Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/578), arts. 1, **9(3)**
- C59 Ss. 54-106 applied (10.10.2019) by The Abergelli Power Gas Fired Generating Station Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1268), arts. 1, **9(3)**
- C60 Ss. 54-106 applied (25.10.2019) by The Drax Power (Generating Stations) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1315), arts. 1, **9(3)**
- C61 Ss. 54-106 applied (27.2.2020) by The A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Development Consent Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/121), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with art. 3(1))
- C62 Ss. 54-106 applied (14.4.2020) by The Reinforcement to the North Shropshire Electricity Distribution Network Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/325), arts. 1, **10(4)** (with art. 7)
- C63 Ss. 54-106 applied (1.5.2020) by The Riverside Energy Park Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/419), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with art. 7)
- C64 Ss. 54-106 applied (11.6.2020) by The M42 Junction 6 Development Consent Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/528), arts. 1, **12(3)** (with art. 37)
- C65 Ss. 54-106 applied (1.9.2020) by The Immingham Open Cycle Gas Turbine Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/847), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with Sch. 9 para. 144)
- C66 Ss. 54-106 applied (9.2.2021) by The A1 Birtley to Coal House Development Consent Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/74), arts. 1, **12(3)** (with art. 5, Sch. 27 para. 36)
- C67 Ss. 54-106 applied (22.12.2021) by The Morlais Demonstration Zone Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/1478), arts. 1, 7, **Sch. 10 para. 2** (with arts. 15, 50, Sch. 11 para. 29)
- C68 Ss. 54-106 applied (10.3.2022) by The Thurrock Flexible Generation Plant Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/157), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with Sch. 8 Pt. 6 para. 19)

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- C70** Ss. 54-106 applied (2.9.2022) by The A47 North Tuddenham to Easton Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/911), arts. 1, **14(3)** (with arts. 4, 53)
- C71** Ss. 54-106 applied (with modifications) (4.11.2022) by The A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1070), arts. 1, **15(3)** (with arts. 4, 52, Sch. 9 para. 82)
- C72** Ss. 54-106 applied (7.12.2022) by The A57 Link Roads Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1206), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with arts. 5, 11)
- C73** Ss. 54-106 applied (7.12.2022) by The A417 Missing Link Development Consent Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1248), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with arts. 4, 12)
- C74** Ss. 54-106 applied (29.12.2022) by The Keadby 3 (Carbon Capture Equipped Gas Fired Generating Station) Order 2022 (S.I. 2022/1396), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with art. 32, Sch. 10 paras. 26(2), 68)
- C75** Ss. 54-106 applied (10.3.2023) by The A47 Wansford to Sutton Development Consent Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/218), arts. 1, **15(3)** (with arts. 4, 50)
- C76** Ss. 54-106 applied (18.7.2023) by The Longfield Solar Farm Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/734), arts. 1, **8(3)**
- C77** Ss. 54-106 applied (27.7.2023) by The Boston Alternative Energy Facility Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/778), arts. 1, **10(3)** (with arts. 5, 53, Sch. 8 paras. 6, 64)
- C78** Ss. 54-106 applied (7.9.2023) by The A38 Derby Junctions Development Consent Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/923), arts. 1, **11(3)** (with arts. 4, 45, Sch. 9 paras. 6, 46, 54(1))
- C79** Ss. 54-106 applied (7.2.2024) by The Drax Power Station Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage Extension Order 2024 (S.I. 2024/70), arts. 1, **9(3)** (with art. 43, Sch. 12 paras. 5, 24)
- C80** S. 63(1) excluded (22.7.2008) by Crossrail Act 2008 (c. 18), **Sch. 14 para. 14(7)**
- C81** S. 63(1) excluded (24.9.2014) by The Thames Water Utilities Limited (Thames Tideway Tunnel) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/2384), art. 1, **Sch. 19 Pt. 1 para. 4(7)**
- C82** S. 63(1) excluded (23.2.2017) by High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017 (c. 7), s. 70(1), **Sch. 24 para. 2(7)** (with Sch. 24 para. 2(16))
- C83** S. 63(1) excluded (30.10.2019) by The Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1358), art. 1, **Sch. 14 para. 3(7)** (with art. 45(7), Sch. 13 Pt. 1 para. 19)
- C84** S. 63(1) excluded (11.2.2021) by High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Act 2021 (c. 2), s. 64(1), **Sch. 24 para. 2(7)** (with Sch. 24 para. 2(16))

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