

*These notes refer to the Crossrail Act 2008 (c.18)
which received Royal Assent on 22 July 2008*

CROSSRAIL ACT 2008

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS AND SCHEDULES

Miscellaneous and general

Section 41: Burial grounds

112. *Section 41(1)* disapplies existing ecclesiastical and other law in relation to any disturbance of human remains that may be required as a result of the Crossrail works. This provision is included in case the Crossrail works require that any human remains be disturbed (some suggest that some London squares to be used for Crossrail were used as burial grounds during the period of the Black Death).
113. *Section 41(2)* provides that the disapplication in subsection (1) only applies in respect of human remains removed, reinterred or cremated in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 15, and if any monument (such as a headstone) of the deceased in question has also been dealt with in accordance with Schedule 15. Schedule 15 therefore sets out the regime that applies in order to ensure that any such remains and monuments are dealt with in an appropriate manner.
114. *Section 41(3)* provides that subsection (2) shall not apply where the use of land required by Crossrail does not involve disturbing the human remains interred in it.