
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order authorises Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (referred to in this Order as Network Rail) to construct and operate new sections of railway in the vicinity of Norton Bridge, Staffordshire.

The railway works comprise:

- (a) a new railway, partly two track and partly single track from Little Bridgeford Junction on the West Coast Main Line to a junction adjacent to Heamies Bridge on the West Coast Main Line; and
- (b) a new two track railway from the Searchlight Lane Junction on the above work, passing over the West Coast Main Line, to the Yarnfield Junction on the Norton Bridge to Stone branch railway,

the combined effect of which will be to remove an at-grade crossing and provide greater capacity and efficiency for trains using the West Coast Main Line.

In order to accommodate these railway works, the Order also authorises National Grid Gas plc (referred to in this Order as National Grid) to divert a high pressure gas pipe-line in one location and another high pressure gas pipe-line in two locations.

The Order permits Network Rail to acquire, compulsorily or by agreement, land and rights in land and to use land for these purposes and National Grid to acquire compulsorily rights in land and to use land in connection with the diversion of its gas pipe-lines.

The Order also makes provision in connection with the maintenance of the new section of railway.

A copy of the plans and sections, book of reference, design brief, design drawings and environmental statement mentioned in this Order and certified in accordance with article 41 of this Order (certification of plans etc.) may be inspected free of charge during working hours at the offices of the Company Secretary to Network Rail Infrastructure Limited at Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG.