
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 475

The M54 to M6 Link Road Development Consent Order 2022

PART 6

OPERATIONS

Felling or lopping of trees and removal of hedgerows

34.—(1) The undertaker may fell or lop any tree or shrub within or overhanging land within the Order limits, or cut back its roots, if it reasonably believes it to be necessary to do so to prevent the tree or shrub—

- (a) from obstructing or interfering with the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development or any apparatus used in connection with the authorised development; or
- (b) from constituting a danger to persons using the authorised development.

(2) In carrying out any activity authorised by paragraphs (1) or (4), the undertaker must do no unnecessary damage to any tree or shrub and must pay compensation to any person for any loss or damage arising from such activity.

(3) Any dispute as to a person's entitlement to compensation under paragraph (2), or as to the amount of compensation, is to be determined as if it were a dispute under Part 1 of the 1961 Act.

(4) The undertaker may, for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development but subject to paragraph (2), remove any hedgerow described in Part 1 (trees) of Schedule 8 (hedgerows and trees).

(5) The undertaker may, for the purposes of carrying out the authorised development but subject to paragraph (2), remove any hedgerow which is not described in Part 1 of Schedule 8 with the prior consent of the local authority.

(6) In this article "hedgerow" has the same meaning as in the Hedgerow Regulations 1997⁽¹⁾ and includes important hedgerows.

⁽¹⁾ S.I. 1997/1160.