
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 752

The M3 Junction 9 Development Consent Order 2024

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the M3 Junction 9 Development Consent Order 2024 and comes into force on [].

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order except where provided otherwise—

“the 1961 Act” means the Land Compensation Act 1961(1);

“the 1965 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965(2);

“the 1980 Act” means the Highways Act 1980(3);

“the 1981 Act” means the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981(4);

“the 1984 Act” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(5);

“the 1990 Act” means the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(6);

“the 1991 Act” means the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991(7);

“the 2008 Act” means the Planning Act 2008(8);

“address” includes any number or address for the purposes of electronic transmission;

“apparatus” has the same meaning as in Part 3 of the 1991 Act;

“authorised development” means the development and associated development described in Schedule 1 (authorised development);

“the book of reference” means the book of reference certified by the Secretary of State as the book of reference for the purposes of this Order;

“bridleway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) (further provision as to interpretation) of the 1980 Act;

“building” includes any structure or erection or any part of a building, structure or erection;

“carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) (further provision as to interpretation) of the 1980 Act;

(1) 1961 c. 33.
(2) 1965 c. 56.
(3) 1980 c. 66.
(4) 1981 c. 66.
(5) 1984 c. 27.
(6) 1990 c. 8.
(7) 1991 c. 22.
(8) 2008 c. 29.

“the classification of road plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the classification of road plans for the purposes of this Order;

“commence” means beginning to carry out any material operation (as defined in section 56(4) of the 1990 Act) forming part of the authorised development other than operations consisting of archaeological investigations, investigations for the purpose of assessing ground conditions, remedial work in respect of any contamination or other adverse ground conditions, ecological surveys and pre-construction ecological mitigation, erection of any temporary means of enclosure, and the temporary display of site notices or advertisements, and “commencement” is to be construed accordingly;

“cycle track” has the same meaning as in section 329(1)(9) (further provision as to interpretation) of the 1980 Act and for the purposes of this Order includes parts of a cycle track and a right of way on foot;

“de-trunking plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the de-trunking plans for the purposes of this Order;

“electronic transmission” means a communication transmitted—

- (a) by means of an electronic communications network; or
- (b) by other means but while in electronic form;

and in this definition “electronic communications network” has the same meaning as in section 32(1) (meaning of electronic communications networks and services)(10) of the Communications Act 2003;

“the engineering and structural drawings and sections” means the documents certified by the Secretary of State as the engineering plans and sections, and the structural plans and sections for the purposes of this Order;

“the environmental statement” means the documents certified by the Secretary of State as the environmental statement for the purposes of this Order;

“footpath” and “footway” have the same meaning as in section 329(1) (further provision as to interpretation) of the 1980 Act;

“highway” has the same meaning as in section 328 (meaning of “highway”) of the 1980 Act;

“the land plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the land plans for the purposes of this Order;

“the limits of deviation” means the limits of deviation referred to in article 8 (limits of deviation);

“the local highway authority” means Hampshire County Council;

“maintain” includes inspect, repair, adjust, alter, remove, replace or reconstruct in relation to the authorised development and any derivative of “maintain” is to be construed accordingly;

“the Order land” means the land shown on the land plans which is within the limits of land to be acquired or used permanently or temporarily, and described in the book of reference;

“the Order limits” means the limits of the land to be acquired or used permanently or temporarily shown on the land plans and works plans within which the authorised development may be carried out;

“owner”, in relation to land, has the same meaning as in section 7 (interpretation) of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981(11);

(9) The definition of “cycle track” was amended by section 1 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 (c. 38) and paragraph 21(2) of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (c. 54).

(10) 2003 c. 21. Section 32(1) was amended by S.I. 2011/1210.

(11) 1981 c. 67. The definition of “owner” was amended by paragraph 9 of Schedule 15 to the Planning and Compensation Act 1991 (c. 34). There are other amendments to section 7 which are not relevant to this Order.

“the protected trees and hedgerows to be removed plans” means that plans certified by the Secretary of State as the protected trees and hedgerows to be removed plans for the purposes of this Order;

“the relevant planning authority” means the local planning authority for the land in question;

“the revoking existing clearway orders plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the revoking existing clearway orders plans for the purposes of this Order;

“the rights of way and access plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the rights of way and access plans for the purposes of this Order;

“special road” means a highway which is a special road in accordance with section 16 (general provision as to special roads) of the 1980 Act or by virtue of an order granting development consent;

“the speed limits plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the speed limits plans for the purposes of this Order;

“statutory undertaker” means any statutory undertaker for the purposes of section 127(8) (statutory undertakers’ land) of the 2008 Act;

“street” means a street within the meaning of section 48(12)(streets, street works and undertakers) of the 1991 Act, together with land on the verge of a street or between two carriageways, and includes part of a street;

“street authority” has the same meaning as in section 49 (the street authority and other relevant authorities) of the 1991 Act;

“traffic authority” has the same meaning as in section 121A(13) (traffic authorities) of the 1984 Act;

“the traffic regulation measures plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the traffic regulation measures plans for the purposes of this Order;

“trunk road” means a highway which is a trunk road by virtue of—

- (a) section 10(14) (general provision as to trunk roads) or section 19(1)(15) (certain special roads and other highways to become trunk roads) of the 1980 Act;
- (b) an order made or direction given under section 10 of that Act;
- (c) an order granting development consent; or
- (d) any other enactment;

“the undertaker” means National Highways Limited, company number 09346363, whose registered office is at Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4LZ;

“watercourse” includes all rivers, streams, ditches, drains, canals, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows except a public sewer or drain; and

“the works plans” means the plans certified by the Secretary of State as the works plans for the purposes of this Order.

(2) References in this Order to rights over land include references to rights to do or to place and maintain, anything in, on or under land or in the airspace above its surface and references in this Order to the imposition of restrictive covenants are references to the creation of rights over land

(12) Section 48 was amended by section 124 of the Local Transport Act 2008 (c. 26)

(13) Section 121A was inserted by section 168(1) of, and paragraph 70 of Schedule 8 to, the 1991 Act; and amended by section 1(6) of, and paragraph 95(2) and (3) of Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7) and S.I. 2001/1400.

(14) Section 10 was amended by section 22(2) of the 1991 Act, by section 36 of, and paragraph 22 of Schedule 2 to, the 2008 Act, and by section 1 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7).

(15) Section 19 was amended by section 1 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Infrastructure Act 2015. There are other amendments to section 19 that are not relevant to this Order.

which interfere with the interests or rights of another and are for the benefit of land which is acquired under this Order or is otherwise comprised in the Order land.

(3) All distances, directions, areas and lengths referred to in this Order are approximate and distances between points on a work comprised in the authorised development are taken to be measured along that work.

(4) For the purposes of this Order, all areas described in square metres in the book of reference are approximate.

(5) References in this Order to points identified by letters or numbers are to be construed as references to points so lettered or numbered on the relevant plans.

(6) References in this Order to numbered works are references to the works as numbered in Schedule 1 (authorised development).

(7) The expression “includes” may be construed without limitation, unless so construing would give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects in comparison with those reported in the environmental statement.

Disapplication of legislative provisions

3.—(1) The following provisions do not apply in relation to the construction of any work or the carrying out of any operation required for the purpose of, or in connection with, the construction of the authorised development and, within any maintenance period defined in article 35(11), any maintenance of any part of the authorised development—

- (a) regulation 12 (requirement for environmental permit) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016⁽¹⁶⁾ in relation to the carrying on of a flood risk activity;
- (b) the provisions of any byelaws made under, or having effect as if made under, paragraphs 5, 6 or 6A of Schedule 25 (bye-law making powers of the appropriate agency) to the Water Resources Act 1991⁽¹⁷⁾;
- (c) the provisions of any byelaws made under section 66 (powers to make byelaws) of the Land Drainage Act 1991⁽¹⁸⁾ including, but not limited to, the Southern Water Authority Land Drainage and Sea Defence Byelaws 1981;
- (d) sections 28E (duties in relation to sites of special scientific interest) and 28H (Statutory undertakers, etc.: duty in relation to carrying out operations) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981⁽¹⁹⁾; and
- (e) in so far as they relate to the temporary possession of land, the provisions of the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017⁽²⁰⁾.

(2) In paragraph 3(1)(a) “flood risk activity”⁽²¹⁾ has the meaning given in the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

⁽¹⁶⁾ S.I. 2016/1154.

⁽¹⁷⁾ 1991 c. 57. Paragraph 5 was amended by section 100(2) of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (c. 16), paragraph 49 of Schedule 2 to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (c. 29), section 84(2) of, and paragraph 3 of Schedule 11 to, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (c. 23), paragraph 32(2) and (3) of Schedule 10 to the Fisheries Act 2020 (c. 22) and by S.I. 2013/755. Paragraph 6 was amended by paragraph 26 of Schedule 15 to the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25), section 224(2), (4), (5), (6) and (9) of, and paragraph 24(2) and (3) of Schedule 16 and Part 5(B) of Schedule 22 to, the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and by S.I. 2013/755. Paragraph 6A was inserted by section 103(3) of the Environment Act 1995.

⁽¹⁸⁾ 1991 c. 59.

⁽¹⁹⁾ 1981 c. 69.

⁽²⁰⁾ 2017 c. 20.

⁽²¹⁾ This term is defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 25 to the Regulations.

Maintenance of drainage works

4.—(1) Nothing in this Order, or the construction, maintenance or operation of the authorised development under it, affects any responsibility for the maintenance of any works connected with the drainage of land, whether that responsibility is imposed or allocated by or under any enactment, or otherwise, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the undertaker and the person responsible.

(2) In this article “drainage” has the same meaning as in section 72 (interpretation) of the Land Drainage Act 1991⁽²²⁾.

(22) 1991 c. 59. The definition of “drainage” was substituted by section 100(2) of the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25).