

LEVEL CROSSINGS ACT 1983

THE NETWORK RAIL POLEGATE LEVEL CROSSING VARIATION ORDER 2021

Made on 20 October 2021. Coming into force on 20 October 2021.

The Secretary of State for Transport, having been requested by Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd (“the operator”) to make an order under section 1 of the Level Crossings Act 1983¹ (“the Act”) makes the following order in exercise of his powers under Act and of all other enabling powers, in accordance with the draft order that accompanied the request subject to those modifications the Secretary of State thought fit to make.

1. This Order may be cited as the Network Rail Polegate Level Crossing Variation Order 2021 and shall come into force on 20 October 2021.
2. The Network Rail Polegate Level Crossing Order 2015 shall continue to apply with the following variations:

In Schedule 2:

- a. By deleting paragraph 11 and substituting the following:

“11. An audible warning device shall be provided on or adjacent to each traffic light signal post. These devices shall be capable of volume adjustment to suit local requirements.”

- b. By adding a new paragraph 11A:

“11A A light signal for pedestrians of the size, colour, and type shown in Diagram 4006 in the Regulations shall be provided on or adjacent to each traffic light signal post.”

- c. By deleting paragraph 29 and substituting the following:

“29. When the automatic lower is initiated or when the 'lower' control is selected, the sequence of events to close the crossing to road traffic shall begin. The sequence shall be:

- a. the amber lights of the road traffic light signals shall immediately show and the audible warning shall begin. The lights shall show for approximately 5 seconds;
- b. immediately the amber lights are extinguished the red lights of the road traffic light signals and the pedestrian light signals shall show;

¹ 1983, c.16

- c. 4 to 6 seconds later, if the obstacle detection system confirms the crossing is clear, the entrance barriers shall begin to descend and take a further 6 to 10 seconds to reach the lowered position;
- d. after the entrance barriers have been lowered, if the obstacle detection system confirms the crossing is clear, the exit barriers shall begin to descend and take 6 to 10 seconds to reach the lowered position;
- e. the audible warning shall stop when all the barriers are fully lowered.”

e. By deleting paragraph 30 and substituting the following:

“30. Under normal automatic operation, the obstacle detection system shall be used in lowering both sets of barriers to avoid trapping road users.”

f. By deleting paragraph 34 and substituting the following:

“34. The red lights of the road traffic light signals and the pedestrian light signals shall continue to show until the barriers have begun to rise and shall be extinguished before the barriers have risen to their fully raised position.”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State on 20 October 2021



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