

LEVEL CROSSINGS ACT 1983

THE NETWORK RAIL BALNACRA LEVEL CROSSING

VARIATION ORDER 2021

Made on 03 March 2022

Coming into force on 07 March 2022

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 the Act and of all other enabling powers, in accordance with the draft Order which 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 Balnacra Level Crossing Variation Order 2022 and shall come into force on 07 March 2022.
2. The Network Rail Balnacra Level Crossing Order 2016 shall continue to apply with the following variations:

In Schedule 2:

- a. By adding a new clause 11A as follows:

“11A A reflectorized pedestrian give way line of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1003.2 in the Regulations shall be provided across the right-hand side of the carriageway on both sides of the railway. The line shall be approximately 1 metre before the traffic light signal on the same side of the carriageway, not nearer than 2 metres to the running edge of the nearest rail and shall be as nearly as possible at right angles to the centre line of the carriageway.”

- b. By deleting clause 22 and substituting the following:

“22. The surface of the carriageway over the crossing shall be maintained in a good and even condition. The carriageway shall be between approximately 5.5 and 6 metres wide.”

- c. By adding a new clause 23A as follows:

“23A An additional by-pass crossing, at least 3 metres wide, shall be provided on each road approach to the crossing so that livestock can be taken across the railway on foot. Vehicle and pedestrian gates of an appropriate type shall be provided across each by-pass crossing

and positioned to form, when closed, a continuous barrier with the adjacent lineside fencing to prevent access onto the railway by persons and livestock.”

d. By adding a new clause 23B as follows:

“23B Cattle grids shall be provided adjacent to each by-pass crossing on each road approach to the crossing. The grids shall extend the full distance between the fences on each side of the road to prevent access onto the railway by livestock.”

e. By deleting “39 seconds” and replacing with “31 seconds” in clause 26.

In Schedule 3:

f. By deleting clause 34 and substituting the following:

“34. The centre line of the carriageway shall be marked for a distance of approximately 46 metres on the western side of the railway and approximately 36 metres on the eastern side of the railway measured along the centre of the carriageway from the vehicular stop line with a reflectorized double line road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1013.1D in the Regulations wherein the continuous line is on the left-hand side of the broken line.”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State on 03 March 2022



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