



**TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992**

**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006**

**The Northampton And Lamport Light Railway (Amendment) Order 202[\*]**

## **A1: Application to the Secretary of State**

**Rule 9**





**For the attention of Caroline O'Neill**  
Secretary of State for Transport  
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Our Ref  
PXT/MXC/AGN/167571.0001  
Date  
15 August 2023

Dear Sir

**Transport and Works Act 1992**  
**The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ("the Application Rules")**  
**Proposed Northampton and Lamport Light Railway (Amendment) Order ("the Order")**

On behalf of the Northampton Steam Railway Limited ("the Company") (Company Registration Number 01939314) of 30 Harbrough Road, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, NN2 7AZ, application is hereby made for an Order under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 in the terms of the draft Order accompanying this application.

The Company currently operates the Northampton and Lamport Railway ("the Railway"), under the authority of the Northampton and Lamport Light Railway Order 1995 ("the 1995 Order"). The Railway is a heritage railway staffed by volunteers, currently running half-hour round trips, departing from Pitsford & Brampton station and using steam or diesel locomotive(s). The frequency of operations varies according to demand: usually there are around six scheduled departures (generally hourly) on a Sunday, with further trips on Bank Holidays, occasional Saturdays and for "gala events".

The Order would extend the Company's operations and maintenance powers over a recently constructed southern extension of the Railway of approximately 750m (i.e. from just north of Bridge 11 southwards as far as Boughton). The extended operation over this new southern section would increase existing journey times on the Railway, generally adding to the enjoyment and attractiveness of the Railway as a tourist destination. The physical works associated with the southern extension have already been undertaken, permitted by separate planning permissions granted by the relevant local planning authorities.

The Order accordingly contains provisions which would modify the 1995 Order as follows—

- (a) an amendment to the description of the Railway which the Company is authorised to operate and maintain in the 1995 Order to include the southern extension, thereby extending the operation and

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maintenance powers which the Company exercises over the Railway currently described in the 1995 Order to that new section; and

- (b) an amendment to require the construction of a level crossing on the extended section of the Railway so that Public Footpath CC4 can cross the Railway. The Company has already constructed the required level crossing, under the Planning Consents.

As the Order would not itself authorise physical works to extend the existing Railway or compulsory acquisition of land or rights, the application does not include works or land plans or sections, a book of reference, a planning statement, or a request for direction under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The application does not include an environmental impact assessment, as we have obtained a screening decision from the Secretary of State (dated 6 July 2022) that the proposed operation and maintenance works are not likely to have a significant impact on the environment and so an EIA is not required. We have included a copy of the screening application and decision with the application.

In accordance with Rule 10 of the Application Rules, and by virtue of the Waiver direction granted on 5 July 2023, the application documents, as particularised in the accompanying Schedule, are being submitted electronically but can also be downloaded from the Company's website at <https://www.nlr.org.uk/>.

We should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this application.

Yours faithfully



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**SCHEDULE**

**THE NORTHAMPTON AND LAMPORT LIGHT RAILWAY (AMENDMENT) ORDER**

**LIST OF APPLICATION DOCUMENTS**

- A1 Transport and Works Act Order Application Letter
- A2 Draft Order
- A3 Explanatory Memorandum
- A4 Concise Statement of Aims
- A5 Consultation Report
- A6 Estimate of costs and funding statement
- A7 List of other consents
- A8 EIA screening request and decision
- A9 Waiver direction in relation to Rule 10(2), Rule 14(2) and (5)(e), and Rule 14(10) given under Rule 18