THE ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981 ("the 1981 Act")

THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992 ("the 1992 Act")

THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (STALYBRIDGE TO DIGGLE (SADDLEWORTH) ENHANCEMENTS) ORDER

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE UNDER SECTION 19(1)(b), AND PARAGRAPH 6(1)(a) OF SCHEDULE 3 TO THE 1981 ACT IN RELATION TO OPEN SPACE LAND IN THE COUNTY OF GREATER MANCHESTER, DISTRICT OF TAMESIDE

1. Network Rail Infrastructure Limited ("Network Rail") of Waterloo General Office, London SE1 8SW has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under section 6 of the 1992 Act for the above named Order under sections 1 and 5 of that Act. If made, the Order will authorise the compulsory acquisition of land ("the Order land") described in the First Schedule to this notice and new rights over land ("the rights land") described in the Second Schedule to this notice which forms part of an open space, as defined in the 1981 Act; that is, land laid out as a public garden, or used for the purposes of public recreation, or a disused burial ground.

2. The Order will be subject to Special Parliamentary Procedure unless the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government ("the Secretary of State") gives a certificate in accordance with the provisions of section 19 of the 1981 Act. The Secretary of State has been asked by Network Rail to certify:

    (a) under section 19(1)(b), that the Secretary of State is satisfied that the Order land described in the First Schedule to this notice does not exceed 209 square metres in extent and that the giving in exchange of other land is unnecessary, whether in the interests of the persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights or in the interests of the public; and

    (b) under paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 3 that the rights land, when burdened with the new rights, will be no less advantageous to those persons in whom it is vested and other persons, if any, entitled to rights of common or other rights, and to the public, than it was before.

3. The Order land, as described in the First Schedule to this notice, for which no exchange land is to be provided is shown coloured green on the open space plan referred to in

paragraph 5 below. The rights land, as described in the Second Schedule to this notice, is shown coloured hatched green on the open space plan referred to in paragraph 5 below.

4. The Secretary of State is required to direct Network Rail to give public notice of the Secretary of State's intention to issue a certificate before he reaches a decision, to afford an opportunity for representations and objections to be made. Network Rail hereby gives that notice. Any representations or objections in relation to this proposal should be sent in writing to:-

   The Planning Casework Unit
   23 Stephenson Street
   Birmingham
   B2 4BH

   by 5 January 2026 quoting reference **PCU/S19/G4240/3375954**.

5. Copies of the proposed Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements) Order, the Book of Reference and the Order plans, which includes a plan showing the Order land described in the First Schedule to this notice and the rights land described in the Second Schedule to this notice (referred to as the "open space plan") may be viewed and downloaded from Network Rail's website at https://www.networkrail.co.uk/our-work/railway-upgrade-plan/key-projects/transpennine-route-upgrade/stalybridge-to-diggle-saddleworth-scheme/

6. Copies of the documents referred to in paragraph 5 above may be inspected free of charge from 11 December 2025 until 5 January 2026 at the places and at the times (excluding public holidays) set out in the Third Schedule to this notice.

7. The Secretary of State may, if the Secretary of State considers it expedient, hold a public inquiry into the matter.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Plot Number on the Order plans	**Extent and Description of Land (*shown coloured green on the open space plan*)**
10-002B	200.15 Square metres Woodland at land on the east side of Stockport Road, Mossley
10-012	0.12 Square metres Woodland and public highway, footpath MOS/68/10 at Heron Lane, land on the east side of Stockport Road, Mossley

SECOND SCHEDULE

Plot Number on the Order plans	**Extent and Description of Land (*shown coloured hatched green on the open space plan*)**
10-007	146.05 Square metres Woodland alongside railway to the north of Heron Lane, Mossley, OL5 9HF

THIRD SCHEDULE

ADDRESS	**TIMES FOR INSPECTION**
Mossley Library George Lawton Hall Stamford Street Mossley OL5 0HR	Monday 13:00 – 17:00 Tuesday - Closed Wednesday 09:00 – 13:00 Thursday - Closed Friday 09:00 – 13:00 Saturday – Closed Sunday - Closed
Greenfield Library Chew Vale Greenfield OL3 7EQ	Monday - Closed Tuesday 14:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 14:00 – 19:00 Thursday 14:00 – 19:00 Friday 09:30 – 13:00 Saturday 09:30 – 13:00 Sunday - Closed

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