

## **Railways Ordinance (Chapter 519)**

### **Scheme annexed with General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-S-G01 to NOL-S-G12 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-S-U01 to NOL-S-U03 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-S-P01 to NOL-S-P02 inclusive describing the Hong Kong Section of Northern Link Spur Line**

#### **General Nature and Effects of the Railway**

The Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes to construct the Hong Kong Section of the Northern Link Spur Line, as described below and shown on General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-S-G01 to NOL-S-G12 inclusive; Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-S-U01 to NOL-S-U03 inclusive; and Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-S-P01 to NOL-S-P02 inclusive (the 'Plans').

2. The proposed Northern Link Spur Line consists of an underground railway of approximately 6.0 kilometres long, of which the Hong Kong Section is about 4.9 kilometres long, connecting the proposed railway station under the Northern Link Main Line at San Tin, and the proposed railway station at the new Huanggang Port in Shenzhen, with two proposed intermediate stations at Chau Tau and the Loop. The proposed Northern Link Spur Line would be a cross-boundary bifurcation of the Northern Link Main Line linking the metro networks of Hong Kong and Shenzhen. The proposed Hong Kong Section of the Northern Link Spur Line includes the following works:

- (a) construction of:
  - (i) the underground railway stations and railway facilities at Chau Tau and the Loop, and associated railway station entrances, emergency accesses, ventilation shafts and plant rooms;
  - (ii) approximately 1.9 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway station bifurcation box under the Northern Link Main Line at San Tin and the proposed railway station at Chau Tau;
  - (iii) approximately 2.7 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway stations at Chau Tau and the Loop; and
  - (iv) approximately 0.3 kilometres long underground railway tunnels connecting the proposed railway station at the Loop to the proposed railway tunnel of the Shenzhen section, which is located at the north of the boundary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at the Shenzhen River;
- (b) fitting out works and construction of other associated railway facilities at the proposed railway tunnels and railway facilities under the Northern Link Main Line at San Tin;

- (c) railway track formation works, earthworks, civil and structural works, electrical and mechanical works;
- (d) modifications of the proposed ventilation building, emergency accesses, railway tunnels and railway facilities under the Northern Link Main Line at San Tin;
- (e) associated reconstruction, modification and realignment of existing roads and facilities including carriageways, footpaths, footbridges, subways, retaining walls, staircases and amenities;
- (f) preventive or remedial works including ground treatment; and
- (g) ancillary works including associated drainage works, waterworks, slope works, landscaping works, other road works, demolition and reprovisioning of existing services and facilities, and demolition of abandoned foundations and facilities.

### **Underground Strata to be Resumed**

3. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 16 of the Railways Ordinance (the ‘Ordinance’) may be exercised to resume the underground strata of the land as shown on the Underground Strata Resumption Plans Nos. NOL-S-U01 to NOL-S-U02 inclusive. The underground strata proposed to be resumed, for the purposes in connection with the construction of underground bored or mined or drill and blast railway tunnels and railway facilities are described in the Underground Strata Resumption Schedule shown on the Underground Strata Resumption Plan No. NOL-S-U03. Further notice regarding the resumption will be issued by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the ‘Government’) under section 19 of the Ordinance as and when required.

### **Roads to be Closed or Substantially Altered**

4. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 22 of the Ordinance may be exercised to authorize the closure or substantial alteration of the roads or part thereof either permanently or temporarily as shown on General Layout Plans Nos. NOL-S-G01 to NOL-S-G12 inclusive and to declare that, or the extent to which, and the time at, or duration for which, any public or private right in, upon, under or over the roads is extinguished, modified or restricted. Further notice, setting out the manner in which the roads are to be closed or substantially altered, will be issued by the Government under section 23 of the Ordinance as and when required.

### **Inspection and Preventive and Remedial Work on Land and Buildings**

5. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 24 of the Ordinance may be exercised to enter any land or building situated wholly or partly within the boundaries of the scheme, or wholly or partly within 70 metres of the boundaries of the scheme to:

- (a) (i) inspect, value, investigate the site or test, including drilling, excavating and installing or removing instruments;
- (ii) survey or take levels; and

(iii) set out any line of works,

for the scheme, an assessment of the value of any land, building or other property or to ascertain the condition of the land or building; and

(b) carry out all reasonably necessary operations of a preventive or remedial nature.

Further notice, setting out the purpose of the entry and the nature of any operations to be carried out, will be issued by the Government under section 24 of the Ordinance as and when required.

### **Utility Services**

6. For the purposes of the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 25 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require the owner of any gas, electricity, water or telecommunications service apparatus situated on any unleased Government land to alter the course or position of any wire, line, cable, pipe, tube, casing, duct, post or other apparatus which belongs to or is maintained by that owner and to repair any road surface disturbed by the action. Further notice, setting out the nature of the apparatus, the manner in which the course or position of such apparatus is to be altered and the repair of any road surface, will be issued by the Government under section 25 of the Ordinance as and when required.

### **Removal of Objects or Structures Attached to or Projecting from Land or Buildings**

7. For the purposes of or incidental to the scheme, the Secretary for Transport and Logistics proposes that powers under section 26 of the Ordinance may be exercised to require the owner of any land or building to remove any object or structure which is attached to or projects from the land or building. Further notice, setting out the object or structure to be removed and the period within which the work of removal is to be carried out will be issued by the Government under section 26 of the Ordinance as and when required.

### **Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Incompatible with the Scheme or the Operation or Maintenance of the Railway**

8. For the purposes of exercise of the powers of the Building Authority under section 27 of the Ordinance, the Control of Building Plans and Commencement of Work Plans Nos. NOL-S-P01 to NOL-S-P02 inclusive show and describe the land on which building works, or the commencement of building works, including building works outside the boundaries of the scheme, would be incompatible with the scheme or the operation or maintenance of the railway.

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