

The Scheme and Orders which have been prepared in draft by the Secretary of State for Transport under the above-mentioned Acts are:

1. The M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing Variation) Scheme 197, notice of which was published on 5th April 1977. This is a Scheme which if made, will authorise the Secretary of State to vary "The M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing) Scheme 1976" (S.I. 1976/669), by substituting for the Schedule to that Scheme the similarly entitled Schedule to this Scheme, the chief effect of which will be to re-locate the piers supporting the viaduct over the River Wey Navigation.
2. The M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section Side Roads) Order 197, notice of which was published on 5th April. This is an Order, which, if made, will:
 - (a) authorise the Secretary of State to:
 - (i) improve, raise, lower or otherwise alter highways;
 - (ii) stop up highways;
 - (iii) construct new highways;
 - (iv) stop up private means of access to premises;
 - (v) provide new means of access to premises; and
 - (vi) construct a bridge over the navigable waters of the River Wey Navigation;

all on or in the vicinity of the M25 Motorway between Chertsey and South of Byfleet in the County of Surrey and,
 - (b) provide for the transfer of each of the said new highways to the County Council of Surrey as from the date on which he notifies that authority that the new highway has been completed and is open for through traffic.
3. The M25 Motorway (Spinney Hill to Clearmount Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSE) 197, notice of which was published on 12th May 1977. This is an Order under sections 214 and 215 of the Highways Act 1959 and sections 44, 47 and 51 of the Highways Act 1971, under section 22 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and under section 1 of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act 1946, which, if made, will authorise the Secretary of State to purchase compulsorily:
 - (a) the land and rights described in Schedule 1 therein for the following purposes:
 - (i) the construction of a new special road from Spinney Hill in the Parish of Chertsey to Clearmount in the Parish of Wisley, in the Boroughs of Woking and Guildford and the District of Runnymede in the County of Surrey, in pursuance of the M25 South Orbital Motorway (Egham—Chertsey Section) Scheme 1971, the M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section) Scheme 1976, the M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing Scheme 1976 and M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing Variation) Scheme 197;
 - (ii) the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in the Parishes of Chertsey, Byfleet and Wisley in the said Boroughs and District in the said County in pursuance of the M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section Side Roads) Order 197;
 - (iii) the diversion of watercourses and the execution of other works on watercourses in the Parishes of Chertsey, Byfleet and Wisley in the said Boroughs and District in the said County in connection with the construction of the special road, the construction and improvement of other highways and the execution of other works mentioned above; and
 - (iv) used by the Secretary of State in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and such execution of other works as aforesaid;
 - (b) the land and rights described in Schedule 2 therein for the purpose of mitigating any adverse effect which the existence or use of certain of the highways proposed to be constructed or improved by him as mentioned above will have on the surroundings thereof, and
 - (c) the land described in Schedule 3 therein for the purpose of the provision of other facilities to be used in connection with the use or maintenance of the special road.

Copies of the M25 South Orbital Motorway (Egham—Chertsey Section) Scheme 1971, the M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section) Scheme 1976, the M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing Scheme) 1976 and the draft M25 Motorway (River Wey Navigation Crossing Variation) Scheme 197 and the M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section Side Roads) Order 197 and the M25 Motorway (Spinney Hill to Clearmount Section) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. CSE) 197 and their relevant plans have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours at the Department of Transport, Room S7/17, 2 Marsham Street, S.W.1; the South-Eastern Road Construction Unit, Department of Transport, Room 110, Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey; at the Unit's Surrey County Sub-Unit, 28/30 High Street, Guildford; and at the offices of the Surrey County Council, County Deeds Office, Room 119, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames; the Runnymede District Council, Information Office, Room 56, Council Offices, Station Road, Addlestone, Weybridge; and at the New Haw Branch Library, The Broadway, New Haw, Weybridge; and the Byfleet Library, High Road, Byfleet.

Proceedings on the above mentioned draft Variation Scheme and Orders are being taken concurrently by virtue of sections 14 (7) and 53 of the Highways Act 1971.

The Secretaries of State hereby direct that any person who intends at the Inquiries to submit that any highway or proposed highway to which the draft Side Roads Order relates should follow an alternative route, or that, instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway to which the draft Side Roads Order relates, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route, shall send to them at the South-Eastern Road Construction Unit, Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ not later than 12th August 1977 sufficient information about the alternative route or the route of the new highway, as the case may be, to enable it to be identified. Failure to comply with this direction will entitle the Secretaries of State and the person holding the Inquiries to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such submission.

Any person who proposes to make a submission about an alternative route for a highway or proposed highway, or about the construction of a new highway on a particular route instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway, is reminded of the power of the Secretaries of State to disregard objections which in their opinion amount in substance to objections to the M25 South Orbital Motorway (Egham—Chertsey Section) Scheme 1971 or the M25 Motorway (Chertsey—South of Byfleet Section) Scheme 1976.

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OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

FAIR TRADING ACT 1973

MONOPOLY REFERENCE

CREDIT CARD FRANCHISE SERVICES

The Director General of Fair Trading in exercise of his powers under sections 47 (1), 49 (1) and 50 (1) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 hereby refers to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission the matter of the existence or possible existence of a monopoly situation in relation to the supply in the United Kingdom of credit card franchise services.

The Commission shall investigate and report on the questions whether a monopoly situation exists and if so:

- (a) by virtue of which provisions of sections 6 to 8 of the said Act that monopoly situation is to be taken to exist;
- (b) in favour of what person or persons that monopoly situation exists;
- (c) whether any steps (by way of uncompetitive practices or otherwise) are being taken by that person or those persons for the purpose of exploiting or maintaining the monopoly situation and, if so, by what uncompetitive practices or in what other way;
- (d) whether any action or omission on the part of that person or those persons is attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation and, if so, what action or omission and in what way it is so attributable; and