

under section 9 of the Highways Act 1959 an Order which will—

(a) authorise him—

- (i) to improve, raise, lower or otherwise alter highways;
 - (ii) to stop up highways; and
 - (iii) to construct new highways;
- all at East Bergholt aforesaid, and

(b) provide for the transfer of each of the said new highways to the County Council of Suffolk as from the date on which he notifies the Council that the new highway has been completed and is open for through traffic.

Copies of the draft Order and of the relevant plan may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours from 15th September 1978 to 15th December 1978 at the Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London, S.W.1, and at the offices of the Regional Controller (Roads and Transportation) Eastern Region, Heron House, Goldington Road, Bedford and of Suffolk County Council, County Hall, Ipswich, Suffolk; Babergh District Council, 32 High Street, Hadleigh and at the Post Offices at Stratford St. Mary, East Bergholt and Great Wenham.

Any person may not later than 15th December 1978 object to the making of the Order, by notice to the Secretary of State, at his address at the office of the Regional Controller (Roads and Transportation) Eastern Region quoting reference 507509/A12/S81 and stating the grounds of objection. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it.

Dated 25th August 1978.

J. K. Saville, A Senior Executive Officer to the Regional Controller in the Department of Transport.

HIGHWAYS ACTS 1959 TO 1971

Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act 1946

Notice is hereby given that Public Local Inquiries in connection with the Orders mentioned below will be held by Mr. H. G. Lambert, M.A. (a person appointed for the purpose by the Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor) beginning at 10.30 a.m. on 14th November 1978 at The Village Hall, Brimfield to hear representations from statutory objectors (as defined in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976) and from any other persons having an interest in the land the subject of the compulsory purchase order, and also, at his discretion, to hear representations from any other persons who may desire to appear and be heard.

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

1. The Newport-Shrewsbury Trunk Road (Ashton-Brimfield and Woofferton Diversions Side Roads) (Variation) Order 197, notice of which was published in 9th and 10th February 1978. This is an Order under section 9 of the Highways Act 1959, which, if made, will authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to vary the Newport-Shrewsbury Trunk Road (Ashton-Brimfield and Woofferton Diversions Side Roads) Order 1972.
2. The Newport-Shrewsbury Trunk Road (Brimfield Bypass) Compulsory Purchase Order (WMRT No.) 19, notice of which was published on 27th and 28th April 1978. This Order is an Order under sections 214 and 215 of the Highways Act 1959 and section 44 of the Highways Act 1971 and under section 1 of the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) Act 1946 which, if made, will authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to purchase compulsorily the land described therein for the purpose of the construction of a new trunk road at Brimfield in the County of Hereford and Worcester in pursuance of the Newport-Shrewsbury Trunk Road (Ashton-Brimfield and Woofferton Diversions) Order 1972, and for the purpose of the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in the District of Brimfield in pursuance of the above-mentioned Side Roads Order.

Copies of the above-mentioned draft Side Roads Order and Compulsory Purchase Order and of the plans referred

to therein have been deposited, and may be seen at all reasonable hours free of charge at the Department of Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London S.W.1 and at the offices of the Regional Controller, Roads and Transportation, West Midland Region, Departments of the Environment and Transport, Five Ways House, Islington Row Middleway, Birmingham, B15 1SL, and at Hereford and Worcester County Council, Shirehall, Hereford and Brimfield Post Office, Brimfield, Salop.

Proceedings on the above-mentioned draft Orders are being taken concurrently by virtue of section 53 of the Highways Act 1971.

Objectors are reminded that the substance of their objections or representations may be communicated to other people who may be affected by them; that they will be passed to the Inspector holding the inquiry; and that in that event the Inspector may be required to disclose the objections or representations at the Inquiry and unless there are special reasons to the contrary, the identity of the authors.

The Secretaries of State for Transport and the Environment hereby direct that any person who intends at the Inquiries to submit that any highway or proposed highway to which the draft Orders or either of them relate should follow an alternative route, or that, instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway to which the draft Orders or either of them relate, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route, shall send to the Secretary of State for Transport at his office of the Regional Controller, Roads and Transportation, West Midland Region, Departments of the Environment and Transport, Five Ways House, Islington Row Middleway, Birmingham, B15 1SL not later than 17th October 1978 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 a 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 for Transport and Environment to disregard objections which in their opinion amount in substance to objections to the Newport-Shrewsbury Trunk Road (Ashton-Brimfield and Woofferton Diversions) Order 1972.

14th September 1978.

P. M. Clewlow, Principal for Regional Director, West Midland Region Departments of the Environment and Transport.

Proposals for the Improvement of the A50 Trunk Road at Upper Tean, Staffordshire

The Department is proposing to realign the A50 Trunk Road at Upper Tean, Staffordshire where it crosses the River Tean. Major structural work is necessary due to the progressive serious deterioration of the supports to the Foot Paths on the existing river bridge which necessitates closing the existing carriageway. There is no feasible alternative route suitable for the diversion of Trunk Road traffic whilst this remedial work is being carried out and a bridge alongside the existing structure will therefore be required to provide at least one traffic lane during the repair operations. The Department is also taking the opportunity to improve the junction of Riverside Way in the vicinity of the bridge, which is below the Department's minimum design standards.

The Department would normally seek to publicise for comment by interested persons alternative ways of effecting an improvement. However, it has been found that there is no genuine alternative to these proposals.

Fuller details of the proposals together with a sketch plan may be obtained upon application in writing to the Regional Controller, Roads and Transportation, West Midland Regional Office, Departments of the Environment and Transport, Five Ways House, Islington Row Middleway, Birmingham, B15 1SL. Copies of the notice and sketch plan may also be obtained at the offices of the County Council of Staffordshire, County Buildings, Stafford; Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, New Stockwell House, Stockwell Street, Leek, Staffs and East Staffordshire District Council, Town Hall, Burton-on-Trent.

Any person who wishes to comment upon the proposal or who considers that there is an equally acceptable alternative which should be examined should make repre-