

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1967,
SECTION 12

Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order affecting the M3 Motorway in the District of Surrey Heath in the County of Surrey.

The effect of the Order is to:

- (a) prohibit vehicles from using the southbound carriageway of the Motorway between a point 680 metres north of where it crosses A325 (Portsmouth Road) and a point 1,920 metres south of that junction, a total distance of 2,600 metres;
- (b) permit the hard shoulder adjacent to the northbound carriageway to be used as a running lane by northbound traffic.

The Order, which will come into operation at 0800 hours on 6th July 1981, is necessary to allow maintenance works to be carried out on the southbound carriageway.

While the works are being carried out, southbound traffic will be diverted on to the two outer lanes of the northbound carriageway, and northbound traffic will be confined to the slow lane and hardshoulder.

V. A. Tyrrell, A Higher Executive Officer in the Department of Transport.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A40 ROSS-ON-WYE RELIEF ROAD

The Department of Transport today announced that the preferred route for a Relief Road for Ross-on-Wye in the County of Hereford and Worcester is a by-pass which lies outside the built-up area to the east of the town. The announcement follows detailed consideration of the response received to the Public Examination and Consultation which took place in May and June 1980.

There has been an overwhelming response by the Public in favour of the outer route on the grounds that it takes the traffic out of the town of Ross-on-Wye and is the most acceptable environmentally. It is also the less costly of the two alternatives offered to the public as a choice at the Consultation.

The next step will be to proceed with the preparation of detailed plans and the publication of draft statutory Orders. There will then be a further opportunity for the public to comment upon, and, if they wish, to make objections to, the proposal. Dependent upon the weight and nature of any objections to the draft Orders, it may be necessary to hold a local public inquiry.

N. E. Firkins, Chief Administration Officer to the Regional Controller, Roads and Transportation, West Midlands Regional Office, Department of Transport.

(37 SI)

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The Derbyshire County Council (Ripley By-pass Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 1979

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he has confirmed with modifications the above Order which was made by the Derbyshire County Council under sections 1, 3 and 62 of the Highways Act 1971 which has

effect as if made under sections 14, and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 and which, as confirmed, provides for authorising the Council:

- (a) to improve, raise, lower or otherwise alter highways,
- (b) to stop up highways,
- (c) to construct new highways,
- (d) to stop up private means of access to premises, and
- (e) to provide new means of access to premises,

all on or in the vicinity of the route of the classified road which the Council are proposing to construct between the A38 Trunk Road at its junction with the A610 Principal Road and the A610 Principal Road near Bridle Lane in the District of Amber Valley.

Copies of the Order (as confirmed) and of the relevant plans may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours at the offices of the Derbyshire County Council, Matlock, Derbyshire; Amber Valley District Council, Town Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire, and at the Department of Transport, East Midlands Region, Cranbrook House, Cranbrook Street, Nottingham.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980 or on the ground that any requirement of that Act or of any regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within 6 weeks of 3rd July 1981 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

W. W. Skipworth, Chief Administration Officer to the Regional Controller (Roads and Transportation), East Midlands Region, Department of Transport.

22nd June 1981.

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OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

COMPETITION ACT 1980

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 3(2)(b)

London Electricity Board

Under section 3 of the Competition Act 1980 the Director General of Fair Trading is to investigate whether the London Electricity Board has been or is pursuing a course of conduct which may amount to an anti-competitive practice.

The matters to be investigated are:

- (a) Whether the Board has been or is carrying on at a loss its business of retailing domestic electrical goods, spare parts and ancillary goods.
- (b) If it has been so carrying on that business, whether that is a course of conduct which has or is intended to have or is likely to have the effect of restricting, distorting or preventing competition in connection with the production, supply or acquisition of goods.

In determining for the purposes of (a) and (b) above the extent of any loss there shall be a proper allocation of all costs, including interest charges.

The goods concerned in the investigation are domestic electrical goods, spare parts and ancillary goods.

If you have any information which you consider would help the Director General please write to:

Office of Fair Trading, Branch CP4, Chancery House, 53 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SP.

Your letter should arrive as soon as possible if it is to be taken into account in the enquiry.

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