junction with the A417 Trunk Road near the Air Balloon Public House shall become a trunk road, and

(2) a length of the A40 trunk road between its junction with the A436 Principal Road at Shipton Solers and its junction with the B4063 at Arle Court, Cheltenham shall cease to be a trunk road, and shall be classified as a principal road,

as from the date when the Order comes into force.

Copies of the draft Order and the plan referred to in it may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours from 23rd August to 4th October 1996, or within six weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, at the Highways Agency, Room 12/08, St. Christopher House, London SE1 0TE; at the offices of the Director Midland Network Management Division, the Highways Agency, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3LL; and of Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Gloucester; Cheltenham Borough Council, The Promenade, Cheltenham and at Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester.

Any person may object to the making of any of this Order not later than 4th October 1996 or within six weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, by notice to the Secretary of State at the office of the Director, Midland Network Management Division, the Highways Agency, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3LL, quoting reference 5056/08/TR10/06 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.

(746) R. Gow, a Principal in the Highways Agency

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The A46 Trunk Road (Blacksmith Lane, Upper Swainswick) (Prohibition of right hand turns) Order 1996

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he made this permanent Order on 12th August 1996, coming into force on 2nd September 1996, on the A46 Trunk Road in the Council area of Bath and North East Somerset. The notice of the proposal to make it (reference MSE 5041A/46/0/41/71/1) was published in issue number 54426 of *The London Gazette* on 14th June 1996, and the effect of the Order is as described in that notice.

A copy of the made Order, of a plan illustrating the effect of the Order and of the temporary Order it supersedes may be inspected during office hours at the offices of Bath and North East Somerset Council, 9-10 Bath Street, Bath, and during opening hours at Swainswick Post Office, 62 Gloucester Road, Lower Swainswick. They may also be obtained by application to the Southern Network, Management Division, Highways Agency, Department of Transport, Federated House, London Road, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 1SZ, quoting the reference MSE 5041/A46/0/41/7/1. 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 above Act, or on the ground that any requirement of that Act, or of regulations made thereunder, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within six weeks from 12th August 1996, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or any provisions contained therein.

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Mr J. G. Berresford, Project Engineer, at the Highways Agency at the address stated above or by telephoning 01306 878214.

P. Egerton, Southern Network Management Division, Highways Agency, Department of Transport. (745)

OFFICE OF THE RAIL REGULATOR

THE RAILWAYS ACT 1993

Application for Licence Exemption

THE WEALDEN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED ("THE APPLICANT") (REGISTRATION NO. 1936470)

Principal address of the Applicant: West Station, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8HL.

Directors of the Applicant: Mark Andrew de Candole, Peter George Lawne, Roderick Lynch, Richard William Sharpe.

The Rail Regulator hereby gives notice in accordance with section 7(4) of the Railways Act 1993, that he proposes to grant the Applicant an exemption from the requirement to be authorised by licence to operate the network which the Applicant proposes to operate in the districts of Tunbridge Wells and Wealden, county of Kent, between Tunbridge Wells, West Station and Groombridge Junction, and generally from any requirements to hold a train operator's licence, a station licence and a Light Maintenance Depot licence on the grounds that the Applicant is proposing to operate a preserved railway, and that it is therefore not appropriate for the licensing provisions of the Railways Act to be applied to it. Any person who wishes to make any representation or objection with respect to the proposed exemption should send such representation or objection, Passenger Services Group, Office of the Rail Regulator, I Waterhouse Square, 138-142 Holborn, London ECIN 2ST, not later than 20th September 1996.

A plan showing the extent of the railway to which the proposed network licence exemption applies is available for inspection at the above address between 1000 hours and 1600 hours on any working day.

J. Swift, QC 23rd August 1996. (251)