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State Intelligence

BILLS RECEIVING ROYAL ASSENT

27th November 1997

In accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, the Royal Assent was notified to the following Acts on 27th November 1997:

Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1997 (c. 64).

Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 (c. 65).

Plant Varieties Act 1997 (c. 66).

(23 SI)

P. D. G. Hayter, Clerk of Public Bills

CROWN OFFICE

House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

1st December 1997

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm dated 1st December 1997, to appoint Stephen Price Richards, Esquire, to be a Justice of Her Majesty's High Court.

(24 SI)

C. I. P. Denyer

House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

1st December 1997

The QUEEN has been pleased by Warrant under Her Royal Sign Manual dated 1st December 1997, to appoint John Prophet, Esquire, to be a Circuit Judge in accordance with the Courts Act 1971.

(25 SI)

C. I. P. Denyer

WELSH OFFICE

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Stopping-up of Highways (Highway to the Rear of Pontypool Police Station and Magistrates' Court, Pontypool, Torfaen) Order 1997

The Secretary of State for Wales hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under section 247 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to authorise the stopping-up of the length of highway described in Schedule 1 to this notice.

If the Order is made, the stopping-up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in Schedule 2 to this notice to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted by Torfaen County Borough Council on 8th September 1997 under ref. 97/P/00777. The proposed Order shall cease to have effect upon the cessation of the planning permission.

During the 28 days from 4th December 1997 copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected, free of charge, during normal office hours at Pontypool Town Council Offices, 35A Commercial Street, Pontypool, or may be obtained, free of charge, from the address below quoting the Welsh Office Reference.

Within the above-mentioned period of 28 days any person may, by notice to the Welsh Office, Highways Directorate, RA3, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ (quoting ref. ZC 510-5-33-2), object to the making of the Order. In the preparation of an 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.

R. D. Chaffey, Roads Administration Division, Welsh Office

SCHEDULE 1

Length of highway adjacent to the rear of the Pontypool Police Station and Magistrates' Court, 40 metres in length and 11 metres wide.

SCHEDULE 2

Erection of security gates and fence to the car parking area at the rear of Pontypool Police Station and Magistrates' Court. (484)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND THE REGIONS

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 20

The following notice affects consumers of Thames Water Utilities Ltd. in the Deddington water supply zone, which includes the Wroxton, Hook Norton, Steeple Aston and Stratton Audley areas, who receive water supplies from Shenington service reservoir.

The steps Thames Water has carried out to secure compliance with the total coliforms standard in water supplies from Shenington service reservoir have not been successful.

The Secretary of State is therefore proposing to make an Enforcement Order requiring Thames Water to carry out necessary