

works to secure compliance. These works are to be identified by investigations to be carried out by an independent consultant.

The failures to comply to date have not made the water unsafe to drink.

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 20

The Secretary of State for the Environment hereby gives notice as required by section 20(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991 ("the 1991 Act") that:

1. he proposes to make a Final Enforcement Order under section 18 of the 1991 Act requiring Thames Water Utilities Ltd. ("the Company):

(a) to commission an independent consultant to review, investigate and report by 31st March 1998, on the adequacy of steps taken previously by the Company to secure or facilitate compliance with the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, as amended in 1989 and 1991 ("the Regulations"), the cause of recurring contraventions, the options available and time required for steps to be taken to rectify the cause, and the most appropriate option to secure compliance at Shenington service reservoir;

(b) to provide a copy of the consultant's report to the Drinking Water Inspectorate within seven days of its receipt by the Company;

(c) to carry out, or cause to be carried out, the most appropriate option, within the time specified by the independent consultant; and

(d) to provide a detailed report on progress to the Drinking Water Inspectorate by no later than the last day of each calendar month in respect of the works carried out in accordance with (c) above during the previous calendar month.

2. the proposed Order is made for the purpose of securing compliance with the requirement in section 68(1)(a) of the 1991 Act to supply only water which is wholesome at the time of supply;
3. the Company supplied water which was unwholesome by virtue of the presence in it on transfer from Shenington service reservoir of total coliforms in excess of the prescribed concentration for total coliforms in the Regulations in more than 5 per cent. of samples and is likely to do so again;
4. the Company gave an undertaking on 23rd August 1993, to identify the cause of the contraventions. It gave further undertakings on 25th May 1994 and 22nd December 1995, to take specified steps to secure or facilitate compliance with the prescribed concentration for total coliforms;
5. although the steps have been completed the Company has failed to secure compliance with the total coliforms standard and it is not appropriate to accept a new undertaking from the Company;
6. representations or objections with respect to the proposed Order may be made by 5th January 1998, and should be addressed to:

O. Hydes, Deputy Chief Inspector, Drinking Water Inspectorate, Room B148B, Romney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1 3PY. (26 SI)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act to authorise the stopping-up of areas of highway at Wendover Way, Wendover Close, and Winslow Close in Witherwack, Sunderland, in the county of Tyne and Wear.

If the Order is made, the stopping-up will be authorised only in order to enable the development described in the Schedule to this notice to be carried out in accordance with the planning permission granted to Anthony Watson, Chartered Architect, acting on behalf of Bradford Northern Housing Association Limited, by the Council of the City of Sunderland, on 23rd May 1997, under reference 97/0149.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan may be inspected at all reasonable hours during 28 days commencing on 4th December 1997, at the offices of the Council of the City of Sunderland, Reception Desk, Administration Department, Civic Centre, Burdon Road, Sunderland SR2 7DN, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (quoting ref. GO-NE/97/5038/35/18) at the address stated below.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed Order within the period of 28 days commencing on 4th December 1997 by notice to the Secretary of State for Transport, quoting the above reference, at the office of the Director Planning, Environment and Transport, Government Office for the North East, Wellbar House, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 4TD.

In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be affected by it and that those persons may wish to communicate with the objector about it.

A. Johnson, a Grade 7 Official in the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions.

SCHEDULE

The planning permission granted is for the demolition of 15 No. blocks of flats in 2 phases and erection of 12 No. 2B 4P houses, together with environmental improvements and change of use from public highway to residential, private garden, public open space and landscaped areas at Witherwack, Sunderland. (860)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Stopping-up of Highways at Stalybridge

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that on the application of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, he has made an Order under section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping-up of Highways (Metropolitan Borough of Tameside) (No. 4) Order 1997" authorising the stopping-up of lengths of Trinity Street and Bennett Street, Stalybridge.

Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Government Office for the North West (Transport), Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE (quoting reference GO/TNW 5087/35/11/27), and may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the offices of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, Stalybridge Resource Centre, Waterloo Road, Stalybridge.

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 that any requirement of that Act or of any regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within 6 weeks of 4th December 1997, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

G. Tarr, Government Office for the North West, Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. (863)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he has made an Order under section 247 of the above Act entitled "The Stopping-up of Highways (County of West Sussex) (No. 14) Order 1997", authorising the stopping-up of two areas of highway at June Meadow, Midhurst in the county of West Sussex.

Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, on application to the Head of Transport (East), Government Office for the South East, First Floor, Bridge House, Guildford GU1 4GA (quoting reference GOSE/029/001/CHIC/004). It may also be inspected at all reasonable hours at the offices of Chichester District Council, Midhurst Area Office, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DW.

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 power of the above Act or that any requirement of that Act or of any Regulation made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may, within 6 weeks of 4th December 1997, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision contained therein.

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to *H. M. Foulkes* at the address stated above or by telephoning 01483-882356.

M. Longes, a Higher Executive Officer in the Government Office for the South East. (861)