

HIGHWAYS (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
ACT 1961*The County of Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely
(River Nene Bridge, Wisbech) Scheme 1967*

The Minister of Transport hereby gives notice that he has confirmed the above Scheme which was made by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council under section 3 of the above Act and which, as confirmed, authorises the said Council to construct, as part of a proposed highway to be maintainable at the public expense, a bridge over the navigable waters of the River Nene linking Nene Parade immediately south of the Law Courts building with North Terrace all in the Borough of Wisbech.

Copies of the Confirmation Instrument, the title of which is "The County of Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely (River Nene Bridge, Wisbech) Scheme 1967 Confirmation Instrument 1968" (S.I. 1968 No. 452) can be purchased, price 6d., either through any bookseller, or direct from any branch of Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

Copies of the Scheme (as confirmed) and of the relevant plan and specification have been deposited at the Ministry of Transport, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London S.E.1, and at the Offices of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge, where they are open to inspection free of charge at all reasonable hours.

Any person aggrieved by the Scheme and desiring to question the validity thereof, or of any provision contained therein, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961 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 Scheme, may, within six weeks from 19th April 1968, apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Scheme or of any provision contained therein.

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Ministry of Transport.

HARBOURS ACT 1964

Medway Ports Reorganisation Scheme 1968

Notice is hereby given that the Conservators of the River Medway have, pursuant to section 18 of the Harbours Act 1964, submitted to the Minister of Transport a Harbour Reorganisation Scheme entitled "The Medway Ports Reorganisation Scheme 1968".

The said Scheme provides for the following:

1. The constitution of an authority to be known as the Medway Ports Authority, for the purpose of exercising the functions from time to time conferred or imposed on them by virtue of this Scheme or any other enactment. The Authority shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.

2. The Authority shall consist of not less than thirteen and not more than fourteen members, of whom thirteen shall be appointed by the Minister as follows:

- (a) two after consultation with the National Ports Council;
- (b) two on the nomination of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom;
- (c) two on the joint nomination of the Medway Chamber of Commerce and the British Shippers' Council;
- (d) one on the nomination of the Association of Port Employers for the Medway and adjacent Ports and Harbours;
- (e) one on the nomination of the Rochester Corporation;
- (f) one on the nomination of the Chatham Corporation;
- (g) one on the nomination of the Gillingham Corporation;
- (h) one on the nomination of the Strood Rural District Council;
- (i) one on the nomination of the Kent County Council after consultation with the Faversham Corporation, the Queenborough-in-Sheppey Corporation, the Sittingbourne and Milton Urban District Council and the Swale Rural District Council;
- (j) one after consultation with such persons appearing to the Minister to be representative of organised labour as the Minister considers appropriate.

The appointed members of the Authority may co-opt the general manager for the time being of the Authority to serve as a member of the Authority during such period as may be specified by the appointed members at the time of co-optation: provided that, notwithstanding the terms of his co-optation, the general manager shall cease to be a co-opted member if he ceases to be the general manager of the Authority.

Ancillary provisions enable the Minister to judge the suitability of a nominee and if necessary to refuse a nomination and request the nomination of another person, and further, if any nomination is not made to the Minister's satisfaction, she may make the appointment after consultation with the National Ports Council.

3. The appointment and terms of office of appointed members of the Authority with incidental provisions relating to the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman; the vacation of office by members of the Authority; disqualification for, and re-appointment to, membership of the Authority; appointment of committees; proceedings of the Authority and committees; appointment of officers and servants; remuneration and expenses; power to promote and oppose legislation; and authentication of the Authority's seal.

4. The transfer to the Authority of the powers, duties, property, rights and liabilities of

- (i) the Commissioners of the Faversham Navigation;
- (ii) part of the undertaking of the Medway Lower Navigation Company;
- (iii) the Conservators of the River Medway;
- (iv) the Conservators of Milton Creek;
- (v) the harbour undertaking of the Queenborough-in-Sheppey Corporation;

and for the payment by the Authority as a consideration to the Medway Lower Navigation Company of an amount to be agreed between the Authority and the Company, or, in default of such agreement, by arbitration, which amount shall be that which the Company's undertaking in relation to the Company's navigation might have been expected to realise if it were sold as a going concern on the day of transfer in the open market; for the repayment to Queenborough-in-Sheppey Corporation by the Authority of loan charges, subject to certain provisions; for payments to the Corporation by the Authority in respect of stores transferred by the Scheme and capital expenditure incurred by the Corporation for the purposes of the harbour of Queenborough; for the recovery and apportionment of debts of the Corporation; for carrying on of the undertakings of transferring authorities; for the inspection of books; for the dissolution of the Commissioners of the Faversham Navigation, the Conservators of the River Medway and the Conservators of Milton Creek, and for the terminal audit of their accounts; and for the payment of dividends and interest by, the receipts for payments to, and the cost of winding-up of the Medway Lower Navigation Company.

5. The transfer to the Authority of the full-time staff employed by the transferring authorities wholly or mainly in connection with any of the transferred harbours with provisions to ensure that transferred staff who enter the Authority's service shall do so on terms and conditions no less favourable than those on which they were previously employed.

6. The provision by the Authority of pension schemes for their staff with an obligation to provide pension rights for the transferred staff no less favourable than the pension rights of their previous employment, with provision for financial adjustment between the Authority and the Queenborough-in-Sheppey Corporation.

7. Provision for the determination of questions as to whether terms of service or pension rights are favourable, and for payment of removal or travelling expenses if the Authority consider it necessary, in the interests of their more efficient organisation or administration, to require an officer or servant to work at a place other than that at which he worked before the transfer.

8. Provision requiring the Authority to ensure the existence of machinery which will enable the conclusion of agreements concerning the conditions of employment of the Authority's staff and their safety, health and welfare.