

## HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

## ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

Notice is hereby given that concurrent public local inquiries will be held by Major General F. M. Sexton, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., an Inspector appointed by the Secretaries of State for the Environment and Transport on the nomination of the Lord Chancellor, in connection with the orders drafted by the Secretary of State for Transport and referred to at 1 below. The Inquiries will be held, beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 26th April 1989, at the Penquin Hotel, Backford Cross, near Chester, when the Inspector will hear representations from statutory objectors and also, at his discretion, any other person who may desire to appear and be heard (Note: "statutory objectors" is defined in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976, so far as concerns the orders at A, B and C below, and in the Compulsory Purchase by Ministers (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1967, so far as concerns the order at D below.

1. The Orders which have been prepared in draft by the Secretary of State for Transport under the above-mentioned Acts are:

(a) The Shrewsbury-Whitchurch-Warrington Trunk Road (A49 Weaverham Diversion, Cheshire) Order 198, notice of which was published on 15th September 1988. This is an Order under Sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, will provide that a new highway about 2.84 kilometres in length which the Secretary of State for Transport proposes to construct, between a point on the existing A49 Trunk Road 761 metres south-east of its junction with Acton Lane and a point 134 metres north-east of its junction with Cuddington Lane shall become a trunk road.

(b) The Shrewsbury-Whitchurch-Warrington Trunk Road (A49 Trunk Road Weaverham) (Detrunking) Order 198, notice of which was published on 15th September 1988. This is an Order under sections 10 and 12 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, will transfer responsibility for the 3.29 kilometres section of the existing A49 that would be superseded by the new trunk road referred to at A above, from the Department of Transport to Cheshire County Council, such transfer to take effect when the new trunk road is open for through traffic.

(c) The Shrewsbury-Whitchurch-Warrington Trunk Road (A49 Weaverham Diversion, Cheshire) (Side Roads) Order 198, notice of which was published on 15th September 1988. This is an Order under sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if made, will authorise the Secretary of State for Transport:

- (a) to carry out the improvement of 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 at Weaverham in the Borough of Northwich in the County of Cheshire.

(d) The Shrewsbury-Whitchurch-Warrington Trunk Road (A49 Weaverham Diversion, Cheshire) Compulsory Purchase Order (No. NW ) 198, notice of which was published on 1st and 8th December 1988. This is an Order under sections 239, 240 and 246 of the Highways Act 1980 as extended and supplemented by section 250 of that Act and under section 2 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, which, if made, will authorise the Secretary of State for Transport to purchase compulsorily the various lands and rights described therein for the purpose of:

- (i) the construction of new trunk road referred to in (a) above;
- (ii) the construction and improvement of highways and the provision of new means of access to premises in pursuance of the Order referred to at (c) above;
- (iii) the improvement of the A49 Trunk Road at Weaverham in the said Parishes and County;
- (iv) the diversion of watercourses and the execution of other works on watercourses in connection with the construction of the new trunk road, the construction and improvement of other highways and the execution of other works mentioned above, and
- (v) use by the Secretary of State in connection with such construction and improvement of highways and the execution of other works mentioned above.

2. Copies of the above-mentioned draft Orders and of plans referred to therein have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours free of charge, at the Department of Transport, North West Regional Office, Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE; the Departments of the Environment and

Transport, 2 Marsham Street, London S.W.1; Cheshire County Council, County Hall, Chester and Backford Hall, near Chester; Vale Royal District Council, School Lane, Hartford, Northwich; Weaverham Library, Russett Road, Weaverham; and Weaverham Post Office, Church Street, Weaverham.

3. Proceedings on the above-mentioned draft Orders are being taken concurrently by virtue of section 257 and paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to the Highways Act 1980.

4. Objectors are reminded that the substance of their objections or representations may be communicated to other people who may be affected by them; that they will be passed to the Inspector holding the inquiries; and that in that event the Inspector may be required to disclose the objections or representations at the inquiries and, unless there are special reasons to the contrary, the identity of the authors.

5. The Secretaries of State for the Environment and Transport hereby direct that any person who intends at the Inquiries to submit that any highway or proposed highway to which the draft Orders at (a) and (c) or either of them relate should follow an alternative route or that, instead of improving, diverting or altering a highway in accordance with either of those draft Orders, a new highway should be constructed on a particular route, shall send to the Secretary of State for Transport, North West Regional Office, Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE, not later than 12th April 1989 sufficient information about the alternative route or the route of the new highway as the case may be to enable it to be identified. Failure to comply with this Direction will entitle the Secretaries of State, and the person holding the Inquiries, to disregard so much of any objection as consists of such a submission.

T. A. Ormand, a Principal in the Departments of the Environment and Transport, North West Region. (Ref. LG 15/28R/0780.) (5 SI)

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Notice is hereby given that Public Local Inquiries in connection with the Orders mentioned below will be held by Air Vice Marshal C. G. Maughan, C.B., C.B.E., A.F.C. (a person appointed for the purpose by the Secretary of State for Transport) beginning at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th April 1989, at the Town Hall, Blackburn, to hear representations from statutory objectors (as defined in the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1976) and from any other persons having an interest in the land, the subject of the Compulsory Purchase Order, and also, at his discretion to hear representations from any other person who may desire to appear and be heard.

The Orders are orders which have been made by the Lancashire County Council under the above-mentioned Acts and submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport and are:

(1) The Lancashire County Council (Blackburn Inner Relief Road Phase I and Eastern Radial Route Classified Roads) (Side Roads) Order 1987. This is an Order under sections 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if confirmed, will authorise the Lancashire County Council:

- (i) to improve, raise, lower or otherwise alter Strawberry Bank, Limbrick, Tontine Street, Watford Street, Victoria Street, Regent Street, Ainsworth Street, Moor Street, Quarry Street, Eanam, Manner Sutton Street, Bancroft Street, Dock Street, Culshaw Street, Eden Street, Higher Audley Street, Audley Lane, Old Eden Street, Copy Nook, Lambeth Street, Ordnamce Street, Newton Street, St. Clement Street, Back Street, Harwood Street, Cherry Street.
- (ii) to stop up 48 lengths of highway, all in the vicinity of the above mentioned highways.
- (iii) to construct new highways, all at Blackburn in the metropolitan borough of Blackburn.

(2) The Lancashire County Council (Blackburn Inner Relief Road Phase I and Eastern Radial Route Classified Roads) (Side Roads) No. 2 Order 1988. This is an Order under section 14 of the Highways Act 1980 which, if confirmed, will authorise the Lancashire County Council:

- (i) To stop up a length of Victoria Street from its junction with the northern boundary of Tontine Street/Regent Street northwards for a distance of 43 metres.
- (ii) To stop up a length of Eden Street from its junction with Higher Eanam northwards for a distance of 21 metres.
- (iii) To stop up a length of Newton Street from its junction with Bottomgate southwards for a distance of 18 metres, all at Blackburn in the Borough of Blackburn in the county of Lancashire.