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## State Intelligence

Buckingham Palace

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to appoint the Honourable Simon David Ramsay to be a Page of Honour to Her Majesty in the room of Edward de Chevigny Janvrin, Esquire, who relinquishes his appointment having reached the age limit for retirement. (1 SI)

### HIGHWAYS AGENCY

*The A12 Trunk Road (Wickham Market to Saxmundham Improvement) Statement about Proposed Modifications to the Draft Proposals.*

This Statement relates to the proposals to improve the section of the A12 trunk road between the Wickham Market Bypass at the junction with the B1078 and the junction with the A1094 at Friday Street. An Environmental Statement, together with the draft Line, Detrunking, Side Road, Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and Prohibition of Use of Gaps in the Central Reservation Order were published on 1st March 1994. The objection period for the draft Orders ended on 30th April 1994.

During the objection period, the Trunk Roads in England 1994 Review was published by the Department of Transport. As part of the Government's proposals for a revised trunk roads programme the A12 Saxmundham Bypass Dualling was withdrawn. Other schemes, for the dualling of the remainder of the A12 as far as Lowestoft, were replaced by more modest single carriageway bypass proposals for Yoxford, Blythburgh and Wrentham.

In the light of this change in strategy for the A12 and objections received to the Wickham Market to Saxmundham Improvement, which expressed concern at the junction arrangements at the Saxmundham end of the scheme, the Highways Agency (an Executive Agency of the Department of Transport) has reviewed its proposals. As a result, the Highways Agency is now minded to construct an at grade (single level) roundabout at the A1094 (Friday Street) junction and dispense with the grade separated (two level) junction and associated link road in the published scheme. The existing road network north-east of the junction would remain unchanged.

This would constitute a material change to the published scheme and substantially reduce landtake in the Friday Street area. It has

been decided that these proposed changes should be widely publicised to allow the public, affected landowners, objectors to the published draft Orders and statutory consultees to examine thoroughly the new proposals and comment on them. The proposed changes would still be subject to acceptance by an Inspector at a future Public Inquiry and to confirmation by the Secretaries of State for the Environment and Transport.

An Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Changes to the Published Route has been prepared, which indicates the changes in environmental impact of the proposed scheme, as compared with the published scheme. This has been placed on deposit for inspection by the public, together with the Environmental Statement for the published scheme. A summary of the Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Changes will be distributed to those living within 100 metres of the proposed scheme.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Changes to the Published Scheme and the Environmental Statement for the published scheme, together with the Explanatory Statement may be inspected during normal working hours until 2nd December 1994, at The Highways Agency, Room 12/03, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London S.E.1; The Highways Agency, Eastern Construction Programme Division, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford; The County Clerk's Office, Suffolk County Council, St. Helen's Court, County Hall, Ipswich; Suffolk Coastal District Council, Melton Hill, Woodbridge; Wickham Market Library, Chapel Lane, Wickham Market; Saxmundham Library, Street Farm Road, Saxmundham; the Mobile Library for the villages of Marlesford, Little Glemham and Farnham; Marlesford Post Office and Village Shop; Farnham Post Office, c/o The Limes, Farnham, Saxmundham; The Post Office and Village Stores, Ashe Row, Campea Ashe, Woodbridge; and Saxmundham Post Office, 48 High Street, Saxmundham.

Anyone wishing to make representations about, support for or comments on any aspect of the proposed modifications should write to the Highways Agency, Eastern Construction Programme Division, Heron House, 49-53 Goldington Road, Bedford MK40 3LL, not later than 2nd December 1994, quoting ref. 507565/2/A12/119. (862)