

That length of the southbound exit slip road from the north-eastern carriageway of West Cross Route to the Ariel Way Link that lies between its junction with the north-eastern carriageway of West Cross Route and a point 20 metres north of its junction with the Ariel Way Link.

That length of the northbound entry slip road from the Ariel Way Link to the south-western carriageway of West Cross Route that lies between a point 60 metres north of its junction with the Ariel Way Link (measured from the beginning of the northbound entry slip road's offside kerb-line) and its junction with the south-western carriageway of West Cross Route.

That length of the southbound entry slip road from the Ariel Way Link to the north-eastern carriageway of West Cross Route that lies between a point 25 metres south of its junction with the Ariel Way Link and its junction with the north-eastern carriageway of West Cross Route.

14th July 1997.

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THE TRAFFIC DIRECTOR FOR LONDON

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The A23 Trunk Road (Croydon) Red Route Traffic Order 1997 Variation Order 1999

The Traffic Director for London, following a direction given to him by the Secretary of State under section 58(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991 to implement a Trunk Road Local Plan, hereby gives notice that he intends to make the above-named Order under section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The general nature and effect of the Order would be to improve the controls protecting the taxi rank on the north-west side of Brighton Road, Purley, just north of its junction with Old Lodge Lane that will be replaced with a loading box operating 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Saturday. The loading box located between the existing taxi rank and parking box will be removed and the parking box will be extended to replace the loading box. The parking box will continue to operate 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and will allow vehicles to stop in it for up to one hour with no return permitted within 2 hours.

The road affected by the Order is the A23 Brighton Road, Purley, in the London Borough of Croydon.

A copy of the Order, a statement of the Traffic Director of London's reasons for the proposals, a map indicating the location and effect of the Order, and copies of any Order revoked, suspended or varied by the Order can be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of The Traffic Director for London, College House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3LN, and London Borough of Croydon, Taberner House, Park Lane, Croydon CR9 3RN.

Any objection to the proposed Order must be made in writing, giving the grounds on which it is made, and sent to the Traffic Director for London, College House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 3LN, quoting Ref. A8.1.4.TO/296 to arrive before 8th August 1997. Any objections may be communicated to other persons who may be affected.

D. Turner, Traffic Director for London

18th July 1997.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE FISHERIES AND FOOD

DISEASES OF FISH ACT 1937

Notice is hereby given that the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has made the Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) (Revocation) (No. 2) Order 1997. The Order revokes the Diseases of Fish (Designated Areas) (England) (No. 9) Order 1994 covering Common Farm, Chapel Street, Barford, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 4AB.

The Order came into force on 12th July 1997. Authorised by the Minister.

Copies of the Order are available, free of charge, from Fisheries Division II A, Aquaculture, Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries, Room 607, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT 1984

Proposed Modifications to Licences Granted to Operators of Mobile Radio Telecommunication Services

The Director General of Telecommunications (the "Director") in accordance with section 12 (2) of the Telecommunications Act 1984 (the "Act") hereby gives notice that he proposes to make modifications to the following licences granted under section 7 of the Act:

- (a) the licence granted to Telecom Securicor Cellular Radio Limited on 22nd March 1994;
- (b) the licence granted to Vodafone Limited on 9th December 1993;
- (c) the licence granted to Mercury Personal Communications Limited on 9th May 1995;
- (d) the licence granted to Orange Personal Communications Services Limited on 27th July 1995.

The proposed modification deletes existing provisions on number portability and substitutes new provisions. Minor modifications to existing provisions relating to numbering will be required in consequence.

Number portability, which is described in the proposed modifications as 'Portability', is a facility provided by one telecommunications operator to another whereby a customer who has been allocated a telephone number by an operator providing telephony services can switch supply of those services to another operator and keep the original number. The facility may apply to numbers which relate to a customer's mobile phone and in this case is known as mobile portability. It may also apply to numbers relating to a customer's home or work place, in which case it is known as geographic Portability, or to numbers relating to services such as freephone, local charge, national rate and premium rate or personal numbering, in which case it is known as non-geographic Portability.

The effect of the proposed modifications is to:

- (i) oblige the Licensee to provide Portability on reasonable terms, to any Qualifying Operator in accordance with a Functional Specification. The Functional Specification is a document specifying technical and other principles enabling efficient implementation and utilisation of Portability and is published by the Director following consultation. A Qualifying Operator is a person who has requested a specific type of Portability from the Licensee and can themselves provide the same type of Portability on a reciprocal basis;
- (ii) provide that charges for the provision of Portability must be made in accordance with certain principles. The charges must be based on incremental costs, unless the parties have agreed some other basis or the Director has determined, on the application of either party, that another cost basis is appropriate. Costs are divided into categories defined in the provisions. System Set-Up costs are to be borne by the Licensee; specific charges based on the reasonable costs of providing Portability with respect to each Number are to be borne by the Qualifying Operator, but no charge may be made for any ongoing costs related to registration of a ported number nor may a specific charge be made for Additional Conveyance Costs, which consist in those costs of conveyance incurred in setting up calls to ported numbers over and above the costs of conveyance of a non-ported call;
- (iii) provide that where a Qualifying Operator has sought the provision of Portability from a Licensee, either party may refer the question of the reasonableness of certain matters to the Director for his determination. The provisions specify the matters, which comprise: the request for and extent of Portability; the costs; the basis for charges; the cost categorisation; the proposed charges; and the proposed use of a higher cost method of implementing Portability where a lower cost method could or ought to have been used. The Director will consult before making any determination;
- (iv) provide that Licensees may be obliged to provide a record of Portability transactions, specifying those numbers in relation to which they provide Portability and the operator to whom the facility is provided.
- (v) provide that Licensees ensure that a subscriber may retain his number when transferring service to a new Service Provider.

The Director proposes to make the modifications because he has concluded that the absence of portability inhibits competition in the mobile telecommunication market and that this is detrimental to the interests of consumers and operates against the public interest. The Director considers that without modification of the above