

State Intelligence

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

BURIAL ACT 1853

Notice is hereby given that representations have been made to Her Majesty in Council by the Secretary of State for the Environment and that Her Majesty in Council was pleased on 16th December 1993 to order that such representations to be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council on 10th February 1994.

1. St. Mary's Churchyard, Burwell, Cambridgeshire;
2. St. Stephen's Churchyard, Treleigh, Cornwall;
3. The Churchyard of the Minster Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Howden, Humberside;
4. All Souls' Burial Ground No. 1 at Booth Town Road, Halifax, Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale. (4 SI)

CROWN OFFICE

House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW

16th December 1993

The QUEEN has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Realm, dated 16th December 1993, to appoint Robert Richard Taylor, Esquire, O.B.E., to be Lord-Lieutenant of and in the County of West Midlands.

(7 SI)

J. L. Waine

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Monopolies and Mergers Commission Report on the Supply of National Newspapers in England and Wales

This notice concerns an Order the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry intends to make in relation to the wholesale supply of national newspapers to retailers in England and Wales. Before he makes the Order he is required, under section 91(2) of the Fair Trading Act 1973 ("the Act"), to publish a notice so that anyone with an interest in the matter may make representations to him.

1. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report: "The supply of national newspapers in England and Wales" ("the Report") was presented to Parliament by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry by command of Her Majesty and published in December 1993 (Cm. 2422). Copies of the report may be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office.
2. The MMC identified two practices as being against the public interest. First the refusal by wholesalers to supply new outlets on the grounds that the area was already adequately served with newspapers supplies; and secondly the requirement that newspapers be sold only from designated premises.
3. The Secretary of State intends to make an Order under sections 56(2) and 90(2) and (4) of, and paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6 and 12A of Schedule 8 to the Act for the purposes of remedying or preventing the adverse affects specified in the Report.

The nature of the proposed provisions

4. The Order will make provision about the supply by newspaper wholesalers of national newspapers to retailers in England and Wales. The following paragraphs set out the nature of the terms to be included in the Order. This is subject to the Secretary of State considering any representations he receives.
5. It will be unlawful for a newspaper wholesaler to withhold or threaten to withhold any supplies of a national newspaper from a retailer unless:
 - (a) there are commercial grounds for not supplying that retailer such as that the Order is below a minimum size or the retailer is not creditworthy (but not that the area in which the retailer is situated is already adequately served by other retailers with that national newspaper);
 - (b) the retailer is not within the territory which that wholesaler serves with that newspaper.
6. The Order will make it unlawful for a newspaper wholesaler to make or carry out an agreement:

(a) which specifies or restricts the place at which a retailer to whom the wholesaler supplies national newspapers may sell those Newspapers;

(b) which restricts a retailer to whom the wholesaler supplies national newspapers from disposing of those newspapers other than by way of retail sale.

7. The Order will require newspaper wholesalers to terminate any existing agreement to the extent that it contains provisions of the kind mentioned in the previous paragraph.
8. The Order will require newspaper wholesalers to provide the Director General of Fair Trading with information about the numbers of occasions on which supplies of national newspapers have been refused and the reasons for the refusal.
9. The Order will make it unlawful for a newspaper wholesaler to discriminate in the prices to be charged to retailers or prospective retailers for the supply of national newspapers.
10. A number of terms will be defined in the Order, in particular:

- (a) National newspaper will include all newspapers with a significant circulation throughout England and Wales;
- (b) Retailer will include prospective retailer.

Representations

11. If your interests are likely to be affected by the Order, and you wish to make representations about it then you should do so in writing to Jim Law, Department of Trade and Industry, Room 549, Ashdown House, 123 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6RB. Your letter must say what your interest in the matter is and the grounds on which you wish to make representations. Your letter must be received before 31st March 1994.

Alan Cooper, Assistant Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry

21st December 1993.

(6 SI)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Proposed Stopping-up of Highways at Eccles Greater Manchester

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that on the application of Bowen Dann Knox on behalf of Kwick Save Group Plc, he proposes to make an Order under section 247 of the above Act, which will authorise the stopping-up of lengths of King Street and Queen Street, Eccles, Greater Manchester.

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 Kwick Save Group Plc by the City of Salford Council on 21st April 1993 under reference 93/30756/FUL.

Copies of the draft Order and relevant plan may be inspected at all reasonable hours during the 28 days commencing on 22nd December 1993, at Salford Civic Centre, Chorley Road, Swinton, Salford, and may be obtained, free of charge, from the Department of Transport (quoting reference TNW 5085/35/1/027) at the address stated below.

Any person may object to the making of the proposed Order within the period of 28 days commencing on 22nd December 1993 by notice to the Secretary of State for Transport, quoting the above reference, at the Department of Transport, North West Network Management Division, Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE.

In preparing an objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of it may be imparted to other persons who may be