

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS 1971-4

THE WIRRAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER, (NO. 69) 1982

THE WIRRAL BOROUGH COUNCIL (in this Order called "the authority") in pursuance of the powers conferred in that behalf by Section 60 of the TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971 (as amended by Section 10(1) of the Town and Country Amenities Act 1974), and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act 1967, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. In this Order-

"the Act" means the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971; "owner" means the owner in fee simple, either in possession or who has granted a lease or tenancy of which the unexpired portion is less than three years; a lessee (including a sub-lessee) or tenant in possession the unexpired portion of whose lease or tenancy is three years or more; and a mortgagee in possession; and

"the Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State for the

Environment

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order and to the exemptions

specified in the Second Schedule hereto, no person shall, except

with the consent of the Authority and in accordance with the

conditions, if any imposed on such consent, cut down, top, lop,

uproot, willfully damage or willfully destroy or cause or permit the

cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, willful damage or willful

destruction of any tree specified in the First Schedule hereto

individually or by reference to an area or comprised in a group of

trees or in a woodland therein specified, the position of which

trees, groups of trees and woodlands is defined in the manner

indicated in the said First Schedule on the map annexed hereto

which map shall, for the purpose of such definition as aforesaid, prevail where any ambiguity arises between it and the specification in the said First Schedule.

3. An application for consent made to the authority under Article 2 of this Order shall be in writing stating the reasons for making the application, and shall by reference if necessary to a plan, specify the trees to which the application relates, and the operations for the carrying out of which consent is required.

4-(1) Where an application for consent is made under this Order, the authority may grant such consent either unconditionally, or subject to such conditions (including conditions requiring the replacement of any tree by one or more trees on the site or in the immediate vicinity thereof), as the authority may think fit, or may refuse consent.

Provided that where the application relates to any woodland specified in the First Schedule to this Order the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the principles of good forestry, except where, in the opinion of the authority, it is necessary in the interests of amenity to maintain the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area, and shall not impose conditions on such consent requiring replacement or replanting.

Note: If it is desired to fell any of the trees included in this Order whether included as trees, groups of trees or woodlands and the trees are for the felling of which a licence is required under the Forestry Act, 1967, application should be made not to the authority for consent under this Order but to the Conservator of Forests for a licence under that Act (Section 15(5)).

(2) The authority shall keep a register of all applications for

consent under this Order containing information as to the nature of

the application, the decision of the authority thereon, any

compensation awarded in consequence of such decision and any

directions as to replanting of woodlands; and every such register

shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable

hours.

5. Where the Authority refuse consent under this Order or grant such

consent subject to conditions they may when refusing or granting

consent certify in respect of any trees for which they are so

refusing or granting consent that they are satisfied:-

(a) that a refusal or condition is in the interests of good

forestry; or

(b) in the case of trees other than trees comprised in

woodlands, that the trees have an outstanding or special amenity

value.

6(1) Where consent is granted under this Order to fell any part of a

woodland other than consent for silvicultural thinning then

unless:-

(a) such consent is granted for the purpose of enabling

development to be carried out in accordance with a permission to

develop land under Part III of the Act, or

(b) the authority with the approval of the Secretary of State

dispense with replanting,

the authority shall give to the owner of the land on which that

part of the woodland is situated a direction in writing specifying

the manner in which and the time within which he shall replant such

land and where such a direction is given and the part is felled the

owner shall subject to the provision of this Order and Section 175

(2) Any direction given under paragraph (1) of this Article may of the Act, replant the said land in accordance with the direction. Include requirements as to:-

- (a) species;
 - (b) number of trees per acre hectare;
 - (c) the erection and maintenance of fencing necessary for protection of the replanting;
 - (d) the preparation of ground, draining, removal of brushwood, top and top; and
 - (e) protective measures against fire.
7. On imposing any condition requiring the replacement of any tree under Article 4 of the Order, or on giving a direction under Article 6 of this Order with respect to the replanting of woodlands, the authority shall if such condition or direction relates to land in respect of which byelaws made by a water authority since 31 March, 1974, or by any other authority (whose functions are now exercised by a water authority) who at any time prior to 1 April, 1974, exercised the functions in respect of which the byelaw was made by a drainage board, or by the Greater London Council in the exercise of any of its functions in relation to the maintenance, improvement or construction of watercourses or of drainage works; restrict or regulate the planting of trees, notify the applicant or the owner of the land as the case may be, of the existence of such byelaws and that any such condition or direction has effect subject to the requirements of the water authority, the drainage board, or the Greater London Council under those byelaws

8. The provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Order, and the condition or direction shall have effect accordingly. being provisions of Part III of the Act adapted and modified for the purposes of this Order, shall apply in relation thereto.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Order, any person who has suffered loss or damage in consequence of any refusal (including revocation or modification) of consent under this Order or of any grant of any such consent subject to conditions shall, if he makes a claim on the authority within the time and in the manner prescribed by this Order, be entitled to recover from the authority compensation in respect of such loss or damage.

Provided that no compensation shall be payable in respect of loss or damage suffered by reason of such refusal or grant of consent in the case of any trees the subject of a certificate in accordance with Article 5 of this Order.

10. In assessing compensation payable under the last preceding

Article account shall be taken of:-

(a) any compensation or contribution which has been paid whether to the claimant or any other person, in respect of the same trees under the terms of this or any other Tree

Preservation Order under Section 60 of the Act or under the terms of any Interim Preservation Order made under Section 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act, 1943, or any compensation which has been paid or which could have been claimed under any provision relating to the

preservation of trees or protection of woodlands contained in an operative scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act 1932, and

(b) any injurious affection to any land of the owner which would result from the felling of the trees the subject of the claim.

11(1) A claim for compensation under this Order shall be in writing and shall be made by serving it on the authority such service to be effected by addressing the claim to the authority and leaving it at or sending it by prepaid post to the Principal office of the

authority. (2) The time within which any such claim shall be

made as aforesaid shall be a period of twelve months from the date of the decision of the authority, or of the Secretary of State, as the case may be, or where an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of the authority, from the date of the decision of the Secretary of State on the appeal.

12. An question of disputed compensation shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Act.

13(1) The provisions of Section 61 of the Act shall apply to this

Order and the Order shall take effect on *3 September 1982*

(2) This Order shall apply to any tree specified in the first

Schedule hereto which is to be planted as mentioned therein as from the time when that tree is planted.

"NOTE: Any person contravening the provisions of this Order by cutting down, uprooting or willfully destroying a tree, or by willfully damaging, topping or lopping a tree in such a manner as to be likely to destroy it is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 or twice the sum which appears to the court to be the value of the tree, whichever is the greater, or on indictment to a fine. The penalty for any other contravention of this Order is a fine not exceeding £200 on summary conviction and, in the case of a continuing offence when the contravention is continued after conviction, a person is liable on summary conviction to an additional fine not exceeding £5 for every day on which the contravention

is so continued.
If a tree other than one to which an Order applies as part of a woodland is removed, uprooted or destroyed in contravention of an Order or is removed, uprooted or destroyed or dies at a time when its cutting down or uprooting is authorised only by section 60(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 relating to trees which are dying or dead or have become dangerous, it is the duty of the owner of the land, unless on his application the local planning authority dispense with the requirement, to plant another tree of appropriate size and species at the same place as soon as he reasonably can. Except in emergency, not less than 5 days previous notice of the removal, etc., should be given to the authority to enable the latter to decide whether or not to dispense with the requirement".

WIRRAL BOROUGH COUNCIL

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 69(1982)

TREE SCHEDULE

Trees Specified Individually encircle in black on the Map

No. on Map	Description	Situation
T1	Horsechestnut	Within the curtilage of the Merion High School, Church Road/
T2	Horsechestnut	Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.
T3	Oak	"
T4	Oak	"
T5	Sycamore	"
T6	Maple	"
T7	Maple	"

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19th August, 1982

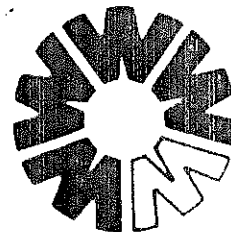
FIRST SCHEDULE

Trees specified by reference to an area (within a dotted black line on the map).

No. on Map	Description	Situation
A.2	The several Sycamore, Poplar, Ash, Beech and Maple numbered A2 on the map.	Within the curtilage of the Marion High School Church Road/Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.

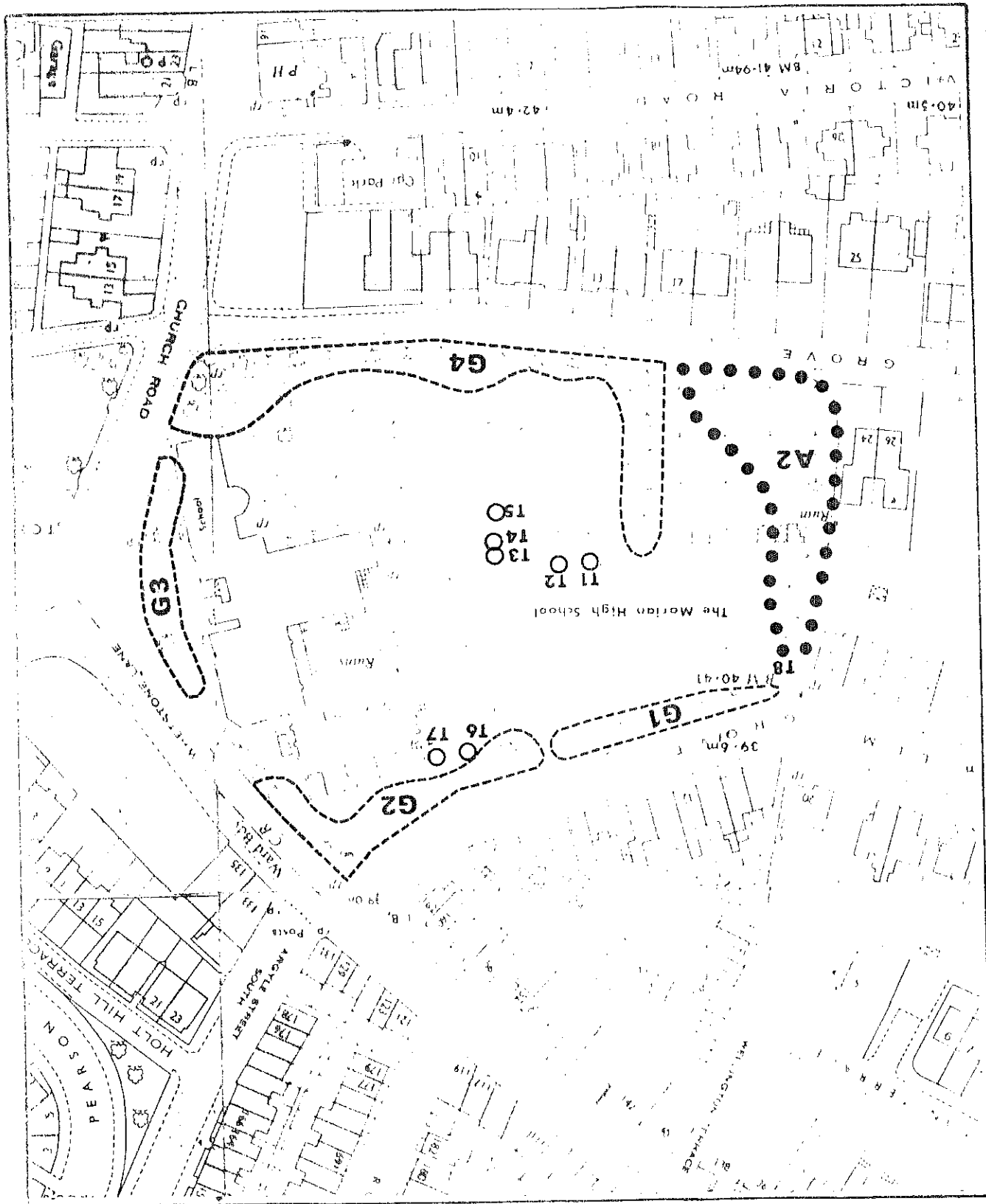
Groups of Trees (within a broken black line on the map).

No. on Map	Description	Situation
G.1	Group consisting of:- 10 Sycamore 6 Hawthorne 3 Poplar 1 Ash	Within the curtilage of the Marion High School Church Road/Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.
G.2	13 Sycamore 2 Poplar 1 Birch 1 Lime	Within the curtilage of the Marion High School Church Road/Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.
G.3	3 Sycamore 1 Poplar 1 Oak 1 Beech	Within the curtilage of the Marion High School Church Road/Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.
G.4	3 Sycamore 3 Horsechestnut 2 Beech 3 Lime 1 Ash 1 Holly	Within the curtilage of Marion High School Church Road/Whetstone Lane, Birkenhead.



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Site Location: (map ref.)
SJ 3195, 8795



Map as annexed to the First Schedule to
The Wirral Borough Council
Tree Preservation Order No. 69 (1982)

Scale: 1:1250

Date: August

S E C O N D S C H E D U L E

This Order shall not apply so as to require the consent of the

authority to

(1) the cutting down of any tree on land which is subject to a

forestry dedication covenant where

(a) any positive covenants on the part of the owner of the

land contained in the same deed as the forestry dedication

covenant and at the time of the cutting down binding on the

then owner of the land are fulfilled;

(b) the cutting down is in accordance with a plan of

operations approved by the Forestry Commission under such

deed.

(2) the cutting down of any tree which is in accordance with a

plan of operations approved by the Forestry Commission under

the approved woodlands scheme or other grant scheme under

section 4 of the Forestry Act 1967 except a scheme which

applies to a forestry dedication covenant:

(3) the cutting down, uprooting, topping or lopping of a tree.

(a) in pursuance of the power conferred on the Post Office by

virtue of section 5 of the Telegraph (Construction) Act 1908;

and section 21 of the Post Office Act 1969 or by or at the

request of the Post Office where the land on which the tree is

situated is operational land as defined by the Post Office

Operational Land Regulations (S.I.1973/310) and either works

on such land cannot otherwise be carried out on the cutting

down topping or lopping is for the purpose of securing safety

in the operation of the undertaking.

(b) by or at the request of

(1) a statutory undertaker where the land on which the

tree is situated is operational land as defined by

the Act and either works on such land cannot

otherwise be carried out or the cutting down, topping or lopping is for the purpose of securing safety in

the operation of the undertaking;

(11) an electricity board within the meaning of the

Electricity Act 1947, where such tree obstructs the

construction by the board of any main transmission

line or other electric line within the meaning

respectively of the Electricity (Supply) Act 1919 and

the Electric Lighting Act, 1882 or interferes or

would interfere with the maintenance or working of

any such line;

(iii) a water authority established under the Water Act

1973 a drainage board constituted or treated as

having been constituted under the Land Drainage Act

1930 or the Greater London Council where the tree

interferes or would interfere with the exercise of

any of the functions of such water authority or

drainage board in relation to the maintenance

improvement or construction of water courses or of

drainage works; or

(iv) the Secretary of State for Defence, the Secretary of

State for Trade and the Civil Aviation Authority or

the British Airports Authority where in the opinion

of such Secretary of State or Authority the tree

obstructs the approach of aircraft to, or their

departure from any aerodrome or hinders the safe and

efficient use of aviation or defence technical

installations.

(c) where immediately required for the purpose of carrying out

development authorised by the planning permission granted on an application made under Part III of the Act, or deemed to have been so granted for any of the purposes of that Part; (d) which is a fruit tree cultivated for fruit production growing or standing on land comprised in an orchard or garden;

THIRD SCHEDULE

Provisions of the following parts of Part III of the Act as

adapted and modified to apply to this Order.

33(1) Without prejudice to the following provisions as to the

revocation or modification of consents, any consent under the

Order, including any direction as to replanting given by the

authority on the granting of such consent, shall (except in so far

as the consent otherwise provides), ensure for the benefit of the

land and of all persons for the time being interested therein

Reference of applications to Secretary of State

35(1) The Secretary of State may give directions to the authority

requiring applications for consent under the Order, to be

referred to him instead of being dealt with by the authority.

(2) A direction under this section may relate either to a

particular application or to applications of a class specified in

the direction

(3) Any application in respect of which a direction under this

section has effect shall be referred to the Secretary of State

accordingly.

(4) Where an application for consent under the Order is referred

to the Secretary of State under this section, the provisions of

Articles 4 and 5 of the Order shall apply as they apply to an

application which falls to be determined by the authority.

(5) Before determining an application referred to him under this

section the Secretary of State shall, if either the applicant or

the authority so desire, afford to each of them an opportunity of

appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the

Secretary of State for the purpose.

(6) The decision of the Secretary of State on any application

referred to him under this section shall be final.

Appeals against decisions

36(1) Where an application is made to the authority for consent under the Order and that consent is refused by that authority or is granted by them subject to conditions, or where any certificate or direction is given by the authority, the applicant, if he is aggrieved by their decision on the application, or by any such certificate or the person directed if he is aggrieved by the direction, may by notice under this section appeal to the Secretary of State.

(2) A notice under this section shall be served in writing within twenty-eight days from the receipt of notification of the decision, certificate or direction, as the case may be, or such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow.

(3) Where an appeal is brought under this section from a decision, certificate or direction of the authority, the Secretary of State, subject to the following provisions of this section, may allow or dismiss the appeal, or may reverse or vary any part of the decision of the authority, whether the appeal relates to that part thereof or not or may cancel any certificate or cancel or vary any direction, and may deal with the application as if it had been made to him in the first instance.

(4) Before determining an appeal under this section, the Secretary of State shall, if either the appellant or the authority so desire, afford to each of them an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose.

(6) The decision of the Secretary of State on any appeal under this section shall be final.

Appeals in default of decisions

37. Where an application for consent under the Order is made to

the authority, then unless within two months from the date of

receipt of the application or within such extended period as may at any time be agreed upon in writing between the applicant and the

authority, the authority either:-

(a) give notice to the applicant of their decision on the

application; or

(b) give notice to him that the application has been referred to the Secretary of State in accordance with directions given under

section 35 above;

the provisions of the last preceding section shall apply in

relation to the application as if the consent to which it relates

had been refused by the authority, and as if notification of their

decision had been received by the applicant at the end of the said

period of two months, or at the end of the said extended period, as

the case may be.

Power to revoke or modify the consent under the order

45(1) If it appears to the authority that it is expedient to

revoke or modify any consent under the Order granted on an

application made under Article 3 of the Order, the authority may by

order revoke or modify the consent to such extent as they consider

expedient.

(2) (Subject to the provisions of Section 46 and 61 of the Act)

an order under this section shall not take effect unless it is

confirmed by the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State may

confirm any such order submitted to him either without modification

or subject to such modifications as he considers expedient.

(3) Where an authority submit an order to the Secretary of State

for his confirmation under this section, the authority shall

furnish the Secretary of State with a statement of their reason for

making the order and shall serve notice together with a copy of the

aforesaid statement on the owner and on the occupier of the land affected, and on any other person who in their opinion will be affected by the order, and if within the period of twenty-eight days from the service thereof any person on whom the notice is served so requires, the Secretary of State, before confirming the order, shall afford to that person, and to the authority, an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose.

(4) The power conferred by this section to revoke or modify a consent may be exercised at any time before the operations for which consent has been given have been completed.

Provided that the revocation or modification of consent shall not affect so much of those operations as has been previously carried out.

(5) Where a notice has been served in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (3) of this section, no operations or further operations as the case may be, in pursuance of the consent granted, shall be carried out pending the decision of the Secretary of State under sub-section (2) of this section.

46(1) The following provisions shall have effect where the local planning authority have made an Order (hereinafter called "such Order") under Section 45 above revoking or modifying any consent granted on an application made under a tree preservation order but have not submitted such Order to the Secretary of State for confirmation by him and the owner and the occupier of the land and all persons who in the authority's opinion will be affected by such order have notified the authority in writing that they do not object to such Order.

(2) The authority shall advertise the fact that such Order has been made and the advertisement shall specify (a) the period (not

less than twenty-eight days from the date on which the advertisement first appears) within which persons affected by such Order give notice to the Secretary of State that they wish for an opportunity of appearing before, and being heard by, a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose and (b) the period (not less than 14 days from the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (a) above at the expiration of which, if no such notice is given to the Secretary of State, such Order may take effect by virtue of this section and without being confirmed by the Secretary of State.

(3) The authority shall also serve notices to the same effect on the persons mentioned in subsection (1) above.

(4) The authority shall send a copy of any advertisement published under sub-section (2) above to the Secretary of State, not more than three days after the publication.

(5) If within the period referred to in subsection (2)(a) above no person claiming to be affected by such Order has given notice to the Secretary of State as aforesaid and the Secretary of State has not directed that such Order be submitted to him for confirmation, such Order shall at the expiration of the period referred to in subsection (2)(b) of this section take effect by virtue of this section and without being confirmed by the Secretary of State as required by section 45 of the Act.

(6) This section does not apply to such Order revoking or modifying a consent granted or deemed to have been granted by the Secretary of State under Part III, Part IV or Part V of the Act.

Dated this *Third* day of *September* 1982

THE COMMON SEAL OF THE WIRRAL

BOROUGH COUNCIL was hereunto affixed

in the presence of:-

Authorised Officer