

POST OFFICE

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SCHEME P6/1971

NOTE: The Scheme which follows this note amends the Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (as amended) which, by virtue of paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to the Post Office Act 1969, have effect as if they were provisions of a scheme made under section 28 of the Act. The Scheme makes provision for the new Freepost Service, whereby persons who have obtained licences from the Post Office will be able to invite others to post specially addressed letters or cards to them as second class mail without prepayment of postage, the senders using their own envelopes or cards, instead of business reply envelopes, cards and labels provided by the licensee. The Scheme will come into operation on 1st March 1971, when the new service begins.

(This note is not part of the Scheme)

THE POST OFFICE (INLAND POST)
AMENDMENT (No. 4) SCHEME 1971

Made - - - 4th February 1971
Coming into operation 1st March 1971

The Post Office, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by section 28 of, and paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Post Office Act 1969, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Scheme:

Commencement, citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Scheme shall come into operation on the 1st day of March 1971, and may be cited as the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1971.

(2) This Scheme shall be read as one with the Inland Post Regulations 1968 (S.I. 1968 No. 1253) (hereinafter called "the Regulations"), as amended by the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969, the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 1970 (Post Office Scheme P1/1970), and the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1971 (Post Office Scheme P1/1971).

(3) In this Scheme, the letter "p" when used with figures to express an amount of money means a new penny or new pence (as the context may require).

(4) The Interpretation Act 1889 applies for the interpretation of this Scheme as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament and as if the Post Office Act 1953 (as amended) were an Act conferring the power to make this Scheme.

Freepost packets

2.—(1) In regulation 1(1) of the Regulations the following definition shall be inserted after the definition of "first class letter":

"freepost packet" means a letter which, by authority of the Post Office, may be posted without prepayment of postage for transmission as a second class letter and which:

(a) is addressed to, or to the agent of, a person who has made provision to the satisfaction of the Post Office for the payment of the appropriate postage on letters which are posted without prepayment of postage and are received by him or by such agent; and

(b) not being a business reply packet, is so addressed in terms authorised by the Post Office for the purpose, incorporating the designation "FREEPOST" and such other distinguishing characters (if any) as the Post Office may deem necessary."

(2) In Schedule 1 to the Regulations (as substituted by the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 3) Scheme 1971), after item 6, the following item shall be added:

Col. 1	Col. 2	Col. 3	Col. 4
*7. Freepost packet.	The appropriate rate in item 1 (for a letter transmitted as a second class letter) plus ½p.	As for item 1(a) or (b), as appropriate.	As for item 1(a) or (b), as appropriate.

(3) In regulation 10(2) of the Regulations, after the words "business reply packets" there shall be inserted the words "freepost packets".

(4) In regulation 28(1) of the Regulations (as substituted by paragraph 7 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969), after the words "a business reply packet" there shall be inserted the words "a freepost packet".

(5) In paragraph (4)(i) of regulation 55 of the Regulations, after the words "a business reply packet", there shall be inserted the words "a freepost packet".

Freepost licences

3.—(1) A person who proposes to invite others to post freepost packets to him or to his agent may apply to the Post Office for a licence (hereinafter called a "Freepost Licence") authorising the posting of freepost packets to an address of the applicant, or of his agent, specified therein (being an address within the British postal area) without prepayment of postage.

(2) A Freepost Licence granted on the application of a person (hereinafter referred to in relation to such a licence as "the licensee") may specify more than one address (within the British postal area) of the licensee or of his agent to which freepost packets may be posted, and other such addresses may be added from time to time on the application of the licensee.

(3) In relation to each address so specified, such a licence shall also specify the terms (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised terms") in which freepost packets posted thereto are to be addressed, and such terms (which may state the address in an abbreviated form with or without words, characters and symbols used as codes) shall include the word "FREEPOST" (in capital letters) and such special distinguishing characters (if any) as the Post Office may allocate.

(4) Every advertisement, notice, letter or other communication published, displayed, broadcast, issued, given, sent or made by, for, or with the authority of the licensee which includes an invitation to post freepost packets to an address of the licensee or his agent specified in the licence shall state that address precisely in the authorised terms and in the manner and order in which such terms are specified in the licence.

(5) No letter may be posted as a freepost packet without prepayment of postage which is not addressed to an address specified in a Freepost Licence in the authorised terms.

(6) Every letter posted as a freepost packet without prepayment of postage shall be transmitted and delivered as a second class letter.

(7) Postage charged and payable under the Regulations on freepost packets shall be paid by the licensee in respect of a Freepost Licence on all such packets which are posted in accordance with that licence without prepayment of postage and are received by him or by his agent.

(8) Every Freepost Licence shall be granted on and subject to:

(a) a condition that the licensee shall make provision (by way of deposit and other payments in advance) at such times, in such manner and to such extent as the Post Office shall think fit with respect to the payment of postage payable by him under sub-paragraph (7) of this paragraph and that if and so long as the licensee is also the licensee with respect to a Business Reply Licence, such provision shall (if the Post Office thinks fit) be combined with the provision made by the licensee with respect to the payment of postage on business reply packets;

(b) such other terms and conditions (including conditions as to revocation and variation) as the Post Office thinks fit.

(9) Subject as provided in sub-paragraphs (10) and (11) of this paragraph, there shall be charged and paid by the licensee in respect of every year or part of a year in which a Freepost Licence is in force an annual fee of £5 for each address specified therein to which freepost packets may be posted; and, subject as aforesaid, such fee shall be paid (in respect of the first year) before the licence is granted, and shall

be due and payable on every anniversary of the day when it was granted (hereinafter referred to in relation to such a licence as a "relevant anniversary") on which it remains in force.

(10) If the applicant for a Freepost Licence is the licensee in respect of a Business Reply Licence:

(a) there shall be charged and payable by him before the Freepost Licence is granted, instead of the full annual fee in respect of the first year thereof, a rateable proportion of the annual fee of £5 for each address specified therein in respect of the period commencing with the day on which it is to come into effect and ending immediately before the next anniversary of the day when the Business Reply Licence was granted;

(b) the full annual fee payable under sub-paragraph (9) of this paragraph shall be due and payable on that and on each subsequent anniversary of the day when the Business Reply Licence was granted (if the Freepost Licence then remains in force); and every such anniversary shall be a relevant anniversary for the purposes of this paragraph.

(11) If and whenever an address is added to a licence in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) of this paragraph, then (unless the addition is to take effect on a relevant anniversary) there shall be charged and payable by the licensee for that address when the addition is made a rateable proportion of the annual fee of £5 in respect of so much as remains unexpired of the year ending immediately before the next relevant anniversary.

(12) On the surrender by the licensee or revocation by the Post Office of a Freepost Licence, the Post Office, if it thinks fit, may refund to the licensee

Dated 4th February 1971.

Signed on behalf of the Post Office by *D. Stewart* (a person authorised by the Post Office to act in that behalf).

ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS

BASINGSTOKE BOROUGH COUNCIL

*The Borough of Basingstoke (Basing Road)
(Restriction of Use of Cycle Track) Order 1971*

Notice is hereby given that the Basingstoke Borough Council propose to make an Order under section 1 (1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1967, as amended by Part IX of the Transport Act, 1968, the effect of which will be to prohibit any motor vehicle from proceeding in the following lengths of cycle track:

1. That length of cycle track which extends from its junction with the eastern section of Basing Road southwards to the Borough Boundary, a distance of approximately 58 yards.
2. That length of cycle track which extends from its junction with the western section of Basing Road eastwards to the Borough Boundary, a distance of approximately 531 yards.
3. That length of cycle track across the central reservation of Basing Road.

Exceptions will be allowed for vehicles proceeding by way of the eastern section of Basing Road to and from:

- (a) The Borough Council's surface water trap on the River Loddon; and
- (b) The agricultural access to fields on the east side of the cycle track;

and, where necessary, in connection with:

- (c) The maintenance and cleansing of the cycle track and adjoining pedestrian path; and
- (d) The maintenance of the bridges carrying the northern by-pass and slip road over the cycle track.

Full details of these proposals are in the draft Order which, together with a map showing the lengths of cycle track and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined at the office of the undersigned during normal office hours and to whom objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they

such proportion as it thinks just of the annual fee paid in respect of the year in which the surrender or revocation takes effect, or may appropriate the whole or any part of that proportion of the fee in or towards payment of any postage which is or may become due and payable by the licensee in respect of freepost packets or business reply packets posted to the licensee or to his agent.

Freepost packets to and from the Channel Islands

4. In regulation 55A of the Regulations (as inserted by paragraph 9 of the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 1) Scheme 1969) the following paragraph shall be inserted after sub-paragraph (4A):

"(4B) (i) Where, in accordance with the enactments, orders or ordinances for the time being in force in any part of the Channel Islands with respect to postal services, a freepost packet is posted in that part without prepayment of postage to an address in the British postal area specified in a Freepost Licence granted by the Post Office under the Post Office (Inland Post) Amendment (No. 4) Scheme 1971, the licensee in respect of that licence shall pay on that packet, if it shall be received by him or by his agent, the same amount of postage as would have been charged and payable thereon by him under these regulations if the packet had been posted in the British postal area.

(ii) There may be posted in the British postal area without prepayment of postage to an address in the Bailiwick of Guernsey any letter corresponding to a freepost packet, being such a letter as (under or by virtue of the enactments, orders or ordinances for the time being in force in that Bailiwick with respect to postal services) might be posted in that Bailiwick to that address without prepayment of postage."

are made, should be delivered in writing by the 22nd March 1971.

R. J. Purvis, Town Clerk.

Municipal Buildings,
London Road, Basingstoke.

26th February 1971.

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BREDBURY AND ROMILEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

*The Urban District of Bredbury and Romiley
(Bus Stops) (Clearway) Order, 1971*

Notice is hereby given that the Bredbury and Romiley Urban District Council proposes to make an Order under section 1 (1), (2), (3), (3B) and (6) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1967, as amended by Part IX of the Transport Act, 1968, the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting during the hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on any day at protected 'bus stops in the following specified roads:

1. Lower Bents Lane, Bredbury.
2. Higher Bents Lane, Bredbury.
3. George Lane, Bredbury.
4. Berrycroft Lane, Romiley.
5. School Brow, Romiley.
6. Stockport Road, Romiley.
7. Compstall Road, Romiley.
8. Compstall Brow, Compstall.
9. Andrew Street, Compstall.

Exceptions will be included in the Order to permit vehicles to wait for the following reasons:

- (a) to remove obstructions to traffic;
- (b) in exercise of statutory powers or duties whilst in the service of the Council or with the Council's permission; and
- (c) where the person in control of the vehicle is required by law to stop, or is obliged to do so to avoid an accident, or is prevented from proceeding by circumstances outside his control.

The protected 'bus stops will be specially signed as follows:

- (i) a white 'bus stop road marking;
- (ii) an 8 inch wide yellow line in the carriageway about 9 inches from the kerb line along the length of the white line (in places where double