

ELIZABETH II



1989 CHAPTER vii

An Act to remove the obligation of Cleveland County Council to provide for the opening for vessels of the Tees (Newport) bridge; and for connected and other purposes. [3rd July 1989]

WHEREAS—

- (1) The Tees (Newport) Bridge Act 1930 authorised the construction of a bridge across the river Tees for vehicular and pedestrian traffic with a vertical lifting span for the passage of vessels navigating the river: 1930 c. lxxxix.
- (2) The Tees (Newport) bridge was duly constructed in accordance with that Act:
- (3) Part VII of the Teesside Corporation Act 1971 provided for the bridge to continue to be vested in the council of the county borough of Teesside and for the bridge to be opened for vessels requiring to pass under it: 1971 c. xvii.
- (4) By virtue of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 24 (1) of the County of Cleveland Act 1987 the bridge is now vested in Cleveland County Council: 1972 c. 70.
1987 c. ix.
- (5) The number of vessels requiring to pass under the bridge is no longer such as to justify the cost of providing for the bridge to open for such vessels:
- (6) The county council has accordingly determined that the bridge should be kept permanently in its closed (or lowered) position:

(7) It is expedient that the enactments requiring the county council to keep the bridge open for vessels should be repealed, and that the other provisions of this Act be enacted:

(8) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

(9) In relation to the Bill for this Act the requirements of section 239 of the said Act of 1972 have been observed:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, and be it enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Citation and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Tees (Newport) Bridge Act 1989 and shall come into operation at the end of the period of two months beginning with the date on which it is passed.

Interpretation.
1971 c. xvii.

2. In this Act, except where the context otherwise requires—
“the 1971 Act” means the Teesside Corporation Act 1971;
“the bridge” means the Tees (Newport) bridge;
“the council” means Cleveland County Council.

Removal of obligation to provide for opening of bridge.

3.—(1) The council shall be under no duty to provide for the opening of the bridge for the passage of vessels.

(2) Nothing in section 104 of the 1971 Act (for protection of port authority) shall prevent the council from carrying out such operations as it considers to be necessary in connection with the permanent closing of the bridge to vessels and subsection (2) of that section shall not apply in the case of any such operations.

Repeals.

4. The provisions of the 1971 Act specified in column (1) of the Schedule to this Act are hereby repealed to the extent specified in column (2) of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Section 4.

PROVISIONS OF THE 1971 ACT REPEALED

Provision (1)	Extent of repeal (2)
Section 97 (Tees (Newport) bridge to continue vested in Corporation).	Subsection (2) (b).
Section 99 (Bridge to be opened for vessels).	The whole section.
Section 101 (Regulating mooring of vessels near bridge).	In subsection (1), the words "or in such a manner as to hinder or interfere with the proper working of the bridge". Subsection (2).
Section 103 (Signals).	The whole section.
Section 104 (For protection of port authority).	In subsection (6), the reference to section 99.
Section 122 (Penalties for offences against Act).	In subsection (2), the reference to section 99.

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