

**MELKSHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
THE TOWN HALL  
1940 - 1944**



**SURVEY & REMOVAL OF UNNECESSARY RAILINGS, GATES, ETC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minister of Supply has decided to requisition all unnecessary iron and steel for use in iron and steel works and foundries, and he has directed the Melksham Urban District Council to carry out a survey and furnish to the Minister a schedule of iron or steel posts, chains, bollards, gates, stiles, and similar materials in their area. All such materials are hereinafter termed as "railings."

Railings will not be included in the schedule where in the opinion of the Council they fall within the following categories:

- I. Railings which should be maintained for safety reason;
- II. Railings necessary to prevent cattle, etc., from straying;
- III. Railings of special artistic or of historic interest

No appeal lies from the decision to schedule particular railings unless a claim is made by the owner that they are of special artistic merit or of historic interest within fourteen days from the publication of this notice.

Notice of appeal should be addressed to the Clerk of the Council.

The removal and collecting of the railings included in the schedule will be undertaken by the Ministry of Works and Buildings, and notice will appear in this newspaper shortly before the work is carried out.

17<sup>th</sup> September, 1941.

C. J. Barrington

**The Wiltshire Times, Saturday, September 20th, 1941.**



**Urban District Council of Melksham**

Emergency Powers (Defence) Acts, 1939 and 1940.

**REQUISITION OF UNNECESSARY RAILINGS**

UNDER direction by the Minister of Supply, all unnecessary iron or steel railings, posts, chains, bollards, gates, stiles. Etc., in the Urban District of Melksham will shortly be removed and collected for use in the national war effort in iron and steel works and foundries.

Notice is hereby given that on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> April, 1942, the work of removal will commence with the railings in the following streets and places, viz.:-

**All Streets and Places within the Urban District of Melksham, and as contained in the Schedule of unnecessary Railings, etc., approved by the Council and submitted to the Ministry of Works and Buildings.**

It is hoped that owners will be prepared to make a free gift of their railings, etc., to the nation, but property owners whose interests are affected by the removal and who desire to claim compensation may obtain the appropriate form from – The Clerk of the Council, Clerk's Office, Town Hall, Melksham, Wiltshire.

Under the provisions of the Compensation (Defence) Act, 1939, no claim for compensation ordinarily can be entertained unless notice of the claim has been given appropriate authority within a period of six months from the date of removal of the railings, etc.

Under the provisions of regulation 50, paragraph (3A) of the Emergency Powers (Defence) General Regulations no person shall be liable, by virtue of any obligation imposed by any lease or other instrument affecting the land or by under any enactment or otherwise to replace or provide a substitute for the thing severed, or to pay any sum by way of damages or penalty or to suffer any forfeiture in consequence of a failure to perform any such obligation, and any person who has guaranteed the performance of any such obligation shall be correspondingly relieved of his liability under the guarantee.

26<sup>th</sup> March, 1942.

C. J. Barrington

**Bath and Wilts Chronicle and Herald, Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 1942.**