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1974 No. 1172

**HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The London-Penzance Trunk Road  
(Wincanton By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974**

*Made* - - - - - 10th July 1974

*Coming into Operation* - - 13th August 1974

The Secretary of State for the Environment makes this Order in exercise of his powers under sections 7 and 44 of the Highways Act 1959(a), section 27 of the Local Government Act 1966(b) and section 68 of the Highways Act 1971(c), and now vested in him (d), and of all other enabling powers:—

1. The new highways which the Secretary of State proposes to construct—

- (a) along the route described in Schedule 1 to this Order (the highway along this route being in this Order referred to as “the main new trunk road”), and
- (b) along the routes described in Schedule 2 to this Order which connect the main new trunk road with other highways at the places stated in that Schedule (the highways along these routes being in this Order referred to as “the slip roads”),

shall become trunk roads as from the date when this Order comes into operation.

2. The centre lines of the new trunk roads are indicated by heavy black lines on the deposited plan.

3. The Secretary of State directs as respects any part of a highway which crosses the route of any of the new trunk roads that—

- (a) where the highway is a highway maintainable at the public expense by a local highway authority, the part in question shall be maintained by that authority, and
- (b) where the highway is not a highway so maintainable and is not maintainable under a special enactment or by reasons of tenure, enclosures or prescription, the Secretary of State shall be under no duty to maintain the part in question,

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(a) 1959 c. 25.

(b) 1966 c. 42.

(c) 1971 c. 41.

(d) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).

until, in either case, a date to be specified in a notice given by the Secretary of State to the highway authority for that highway. The date specified will not be later than the date on which the relevant route is opened for the purposes of through traffic.

4. The lengths of trunk road described in Schedule 3 to this Order and shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan shall cease to be trunk road; that length between its junction with the private access leading to Hook Valley Farm at Lawrence Hill and the point where it joins the slip road leading to the interchange at Hawker's Bridge shall be classified as a principal road and only those lengths which are situated between the starting point of the new trunk road and the junction of the Trunk Road with Gibbet Road (B3149) at Holton and between the junction of the Trunk Road with the slip road leading to the interchange at Hawker's Bridge and the termination point of the main new trunk road shall be classified as classified roads as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the County Council of Somerset that the new trunk roads are open for through traffic.

5. In this Order:—

“classified road”

as a classification for a highway, means that the highway is not a principal road for the purposes of advances under section 235 of the Highways Act 1959 but is a classified road for the purpose of every enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified by the Secretary of State;

“the deposited plan”

means the plan numbered HA 7/1 - CSW 29, marked “The London-Penzance Trunk Road (Wincanton By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974”, signed by authority of the Secretary of State and deposited at the Department of the Environment, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TE, where it is open for inspection free of charge at all reasonable hours;

“the main new trunk road” and “the slip roads”

have the meanings given in Article 1 of this Order;

“the new trunk roads”

means the highways mentioned in Article 1 of this Order and “a new trunk road” means one of those highways;

“principal roads”

as a classification for a highway, means that the highway is a principal road for the purpose of advances under section 235 of the Highways Act 1959 and is also classified for the purpose of every enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified by the Secretary of State;

“the Trunk Road”

means the London-Penzance Trunk Road (A303).

6. This Order shall come into operation on 13th August 1974 and may be cited as the London-Penzance Trunk Road (Wincanton By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State  
10th July 1974.

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## SCHEDULE 1

### ROUTE OF THE MAIN NEW TRUNK ROAD

The route of the main new trunk road is a route about 6.27 kilometres in length, starting at a point 110 metres east of Witherley Farm, Maperton in the County of Somerset, then going generally eastwards, via an interchange to be constructed in the vicinity of Hawker's Bridge, Wincanton, to a point 410 metres east of the junction of Stoke Lane at Bayford, Wincanton, with the Trunk Road.

## SCHEDULE 2

### ROUTES OF THE SLIP ROADS

The routes of the slip roads are the following:—

#### *Junction with the Trunk Road at Hawker's Bridge*

Four routes to connect the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the main new trunk road with the Trunk Road at Hawker's Bridge (the new trunk roads along these routes being respectively given the reference numbers 1 2, 3 and 4 on the deposited plan).

## SCHEDULE 3

### LENGTH OF TRUNK ROAD CEASING TO BE A TRUNK ROAD

The length of trunk road ceasing to be a trunk road is shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan and is that length of the Trunk Road which is situated between the starting and termination points of the route of the main new trunk road, and the Trunk Road Slip Road running eastwards from Clapton Lane for a distance of 310 metres.