

1978 No. 983

**HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The King's Lynn-Newark Trunk Road (New Washway  
Road, Saracen's Head to Laurel Lodge, Holbeach)  
Order 1978**

*Made* - - - - 11th July 1978

*Coming into Operation* 21st August 1978

The Secretary of State for Transport makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by 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 highway which the Secretary of State proposes to construct along the route described in Schedule 1 to this Order shall become a trunk road as from the date when this Order comes into operation.

2. The centre line of the new trunk road is indicated by a heavy black line on the deposited plan.

3. The Secretary of State directs as respects any part of a highway which crosses the route of the new trunk road 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 reason of tenure, enclosure or prescription, the Secretary of State shall be under no duty to maintain the part in question,

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 length of trunk road described in Schedule 2 to this Order and shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan shall cease to be a trunk road and shall be classified as a classified road as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the County Council of Lincolnshire that the new trunk road is 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 enactments or instruments which refer to highways classified as principal roads but is a classified road for the purpose of every enactment and instrument which refers to

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(a) 1959 c. 25.

(b) 1966 c. 42.

(c) 1971 c. 41.

(d) S.I. 1970/1681.

highways classified by the Secretary of State and which does not specifically refer to their classification as principal roads;

“the deposited plan” means the plan numbered HA7/2 EM55 marked “The King’s Lynn-Newark Trunk Road (New Washway Road, Saracen’s Head to Laurel Lodge, Holbeach) Order 1978” signed by authority of the Secretary of State and deposited at the Department of Transport, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1, where it may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours;

“the new trunk road” means the highway mentioned in Article 1 of this Order;

“the Trunk Road” means the King’s Lynn-Sleaford-Newark Trunk Road (A17).

6. This Order shall come into operation on 21st August 1978 and may be cited as the King’s Lynn-Newark Trunk Road (New Washway Road, Saracen’s Head to Laurel Lodge, Holbeach) Order 1978.

Signed by authority of  
the Secretary of State  
11th July 1978.

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## SCHEDULE 1

### ROUTE OF THE NEW TRUNK ROAD

The route of the new trunk road is a route about 2.92 miles in length starting at the junction of the Trunk Road with Pipwell Gate at Saracen’s Head, Whaplode and going generally south-eastwards and then eastwards to rejoin the Trunk Road 50 yards east of its junction with Fox’s Low Road, at Holbeach.

## SCHEDULE 2

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

The length of trunk road ceasing to be a trunk road is that length of the Trunk Road which is situated between the starting and termination points of the route of the new trunk road described in Schedule 1 above.