
S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

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HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Birmingham-Great Yarmouth Trunk Road (A47)
(Wisbech and West Walton Highway Bypass) Order 1981**

Made - - - - 1st December 1981

Coming into Operation 13th January 1982

The Secretary of State for Transport makes this order in exercise of powers conferred by sections 10, 12 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980(a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other enabling powers:—

1. The Birmingham-Great Yarmouth Trunk Road (West Walton and other Diversions) Order 1951(c) is hereby varied as follows:—

- (a) in Article 1 there shall be deleted the words “the West Walton Diversion”;
- (b) Article 2 shall be deleted;
- (c) in Article 5 there shall be deleted—
 - (i) the words from the beginning to “the West Walton Diversion” where that expression first occurs; and
 - (ii) the words “the West Walton Diversion” where they secondly occur;
- (d) after Article 6 there shall be added the following Article—

“6A. In this Order—

“the said Trunk Road” means the Birmingham-Great Yarmouth Trunk Road, and

“the said County” means the County of Norfolk.”;
- (e) in Part 1 of the Schedule paragraph 1 shall be deleted;
- (f) in Part 2 of the Schedule paragraph 1 shall be deleted.

2. The new highway which the Secretary of State proposes to construct along the route described in Schedule 1 to this order shall become trunk road as from the date when this order comes into operation.

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

4. 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

(a) 1980 c. 66.

(b) S.I. 1981/238.

(c) S.I. 1951/578.

- (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.

5. The length of the 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 principal road as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the County Councils of Cambridgeshire and Norfolk that the new trunk road is open for through traffic.

6. In this order:—

- (1) all measurements of distance are measured along the route of the relevant highway;

(2) (i) “the deposited plan” means the plan numbered HA10/2-E133, marked “The Birmingham–Great Yarmouth Road (A47) (Wisbech and West Walton Highway Bypass) Order 1981” signed by authority of the Secretary of State and deposited at the Department of Transport, Romney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3PY, where it may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours;

(ii) “the new trunk road” means the highway mentioned in Article 2 of this order;

(iii) “principal road” as a classification for a highway, means that the highway is a principal road for the purposes of enactments and instruments which refer to highways classified as principal roads and is also classified for the purpose of every other enactment and instrument which refers to highways classified by the Secretary of State; and

(iv) “the trunk road” means the Birmingham–Great Yarmouth Trunk Road (A47).

7. This order shall come into operation on 13th January 1982 and may be cited as the Birmingham–Great Yarmouth Trunk Road (A47) (Wisbech and West Walton Highway Bypass) Order 1981.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State
1st December 1981.

G. D. Spearing,
Regional Director
Eastern Region
Department of Transport.

SCHEDULE 1

ROUTE OF THE NEW TRUNK ROAD

The route of the new trunk road is at Wisbech and West Walton Highway in the Counties of Cambridgeshire and Norfolk and is about 9.5 kilometres (5.9 miles) in length, starting at a point on the trunk road 125 metres (136.8 yards) southwest of its junction with Redmoor Lane (c31) Wisbech and then going in a generally easterly direction to rejoin the trunk road at a point approximately 1,530 metres (1,673.8 yards) southeast of its junction with West Drove (which is situated midway between West Walton Highway and Walpole Highway).

SCHEDULE 2

LENGTH OF TRUNK ROAD CEASING TO BE A TRUNK ROAD

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, a length of approximately 9.48 kilometres (5.9 miles).