
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1981 No. 987

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Manchester-Burnley Trunk Road
(A56 Diversion, Accrington Easterly By-Pass Southern Section
and Slip Roads) Order 1981**

Made - - - - 9th July 1981

Coming into Operation 31st July 1981

The Secretary of State for Transport makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred upon him by sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980(a) 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 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 purpose of through traffic.

4. In this Order:—

“the deposited plan”

means the plan numbered HA 10/1 CNW 157, marked “The Manchester-Burnley Trunk Road (A56 Diversion, Accrington Easterly By-Pass Southern Section and Slip Roads) Order 1981”, signed by authority of the Secretary of State and deposited at the Department of Transport, Becket House, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7ER, where it may be inspected 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

“the Trunk Road”

means the Manchester-Burnley Trunk Road (A56).

5. This Order shall come into operation on 31st July 1981 and may be cited as the Manchester-Burnley Trunk Road (A56 Diversion, Accrington Easterly By-Pass Southern Section and Slip Roads) Order 1981.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State for Transport
9th July 1981.

K. E. C. Sorensen,
Regional Director,
North West Region,
Department of Transport.

SCHEDULE 1

ROUTE OF THE MAIN NEW TRUNK ROAD

The route of the main new trunk road is a route in the County of Lancashire about 5.43 kilometres (3.37 miles) in length, starting in Haslingden at a roundabout on Blackburn Road (A680) about 450 metres (492 yards) east of its junction with Northfield Road then going in a generally northerly direction to the east of Accrington and ending in Huncoat about 170 metres (185 yards) north of a point on Burnley Road A679 (T) about 400 metres (437 yards) north east of the junction between Burnley Road and Higher Gate Road.

SCHEDULE 2

ROUTES OF THE SLIP ROADS

JUNCTION WITH BURNLEY ROAD A679 (T) AT HUNCOAT

Two routes to connect the northbound and southbound carriageways of the main new trunk road with Burnley Road A679 (T) (the new trunk roads along these routes being respectively given the reference numbers 1 and 2 on the deposited plan).

NOTE:—1 Kilometre = 0.621 miles approximately.