
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 1679

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

**The A39 Trunk Road (Portmore Roundabout to the Devon/
Cornwall County Boundary) (Detrunking) Order 2002**

Made - - - - 26th June 2002

Coming into force - - 1st July 2002

The Secretary of State for Transport makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by sections 10 and 12 of the Highways Act 1980⁽¹⁾ and now vested in him⁽²⁾, and of all powers enabling him in that behalf—

1. This Order may be cited as The A39 Trunk Road (Portmore Roundabout to the Devon/Cornwall County Boundary) (Detrunking) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1 July 2002.

2. In this Order—

- (i) “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;
- (ii) “the trunk road” means the A39 trunk road; and
- (iii) “the plan” means the plan numbered HA/OD/330 marked “A39 Trunk Road (Portmore Roundabout to the Devon/Cornwall County Boundary) (Detrunking) Order 2002” signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport and deposited at the Highways Agency, St Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TE.

3. From the date when this Order comes into force the length of the trunk road described in the Schedule to this Order shall cease to be a trunk road and shall be classified as a principal road.

(1) 1980 c. 66.
(2) S.I.1981/238.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

26th June 2002

David W. Ward
Divisional Director Operations Directorate
Highways Agency

THE SCHEDULE

LENGTH OF TRUNK ROAD CEASING TO BE TRUNK ROAD

The length of trunk road ceasing to be trunk road is the A39 from Portmore Roundabout to the Devon/Cornwall county boundary for a distance of about 40.5 km (25.17 miles), shown by broad black dashes on the plan.

AUTHORITY TO WHOM RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BE TRANSFERRED

Devon County Council, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon EX2 4QW.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The A39 trunk road was identified in the 1998 White Paper “A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone” as a trunk road that mainly serves local and regional traffic. During the preparation of the White Paper, widespread consultation was undertaken by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions which indicated significant support for the detrunking of certain roads. The Secretary of State decided that such roads would be more appropriately managed by the local highway authorities to enable decisions to be taken locally, and to be better integrated with local transport and land use planning issues.

Agreement has been reached with Devon County Council that they will take on responsibility for the safety, maintenance and improvement of the A39 road described in the Schedule. On making this Order, the Secretary of State transfers the management of this road to Devon County Council.