STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 1949

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The London—Penzance Trunk Road (Ilchester By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974

Made - - -	*20th November* 1974
Coming into Operation	*2nd January* 1975

The Secretary of State for the Environment 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 highways which the Secretary of State proposes to construct—

(*a*) along the routes described in Schedule 1 to this Order (the highways along these routes being in this Order referred to as "the main new trunk roads"); and

(*b*) along the routes described in Schedule 2 to this Order which connect the main new trunk roads 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 highway described in Schedule 3 to this Order shall become a trunk road as from the date when this Order comes into operation.

4. The highway to become trunk road is indicated by vertical hatching on the deposited plan.

5. 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,

(a) 1959 c. 25.
(b) 1966 c. 42.
(c) 1971 c. 41.
(d) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).

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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.

6. The length of trunk road described in Schedule 4 to this Order and shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan shall cease to be a trunk road and only that length between the junction with Church Street (A37) at Ilchester and a point 63 metres south-west of its junction with the West Camel Road (C389) at West Camel shall be classified as a classified road 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.

7. 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 7/2–CSW 22 marked "The London–Penzance Trunk Road (Ilchester 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 may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours;
"the main new trunk roads" 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;
"the Trunk Road"	means the London–Penzance Trunk Road (A303).

8. This Order shall come into operation on 2nd January 1975 and may be cited as the London–Penzance Trunk Road (Ilchester By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974.

R. J. Bridle,

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

An Under Secretary in the
Department of the Environment.

20th November 1974.

SCHEDULE 1

ROUTES OF THE MAIN NEW TRUNK ROADS

The routes of the main new trunk roads are:—

(i) a route about 6.61 kilometres in length, starting at a point 100 metres north-east of the junction of Ilchester Mead Drove with the Trunk Road near Ilchester in the County of Somerset, then going in a north-easterly direction to a roundabout to be constructed as part of the main new trunk road, the centre point of which will be at a point about 400 metres south of the junction of the Bristol–Dorchester Road (A37) and the Bridgwater–West Camel Road (A372), then going in a south-easterly direction and ending at a point on the Bridgwater–West Camel Road at Podimore approximately 1.2 kilometres west of its junction with the Trunk Road.

(ii) a route about 90 metres in length, starting at a point on the Bridgwater–West Camel Road (A372) 60 metres west of its junction with the Trunk Road then going in an easterly direction and ending at a point 63 metres south-west of the junction of the West Camel Road (C389) with the Trunk Road at West Camel.

SCHEDULE 2

ROUTES OF THE SLIP ROADS

The routes of the slip roads are the following:—

Junction with Bristol–Dorchester Road (A37) at Ilchester

Four routes to connect the eastbound and westbound carriageway of the main new trunk road with a new highway to be constructed as part of the Bristol–Dorchester Road (A37) at Ilchester (the new trunk roads along these routes being respectively given the reference numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the deposited plan).

SCHEDULE 3

EXISTING HIGHWAY TO BECOME A TRUNK ROAD

The Bridgwater–West Camel Road (A372) for 1.20 kilometres in a westerly direction from a point 60 metres west of its junction with the Trunk Road at West Camel.

SCHEDULE 4

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 a point 100 metres north-east of its junction with Ilchester Mead Drove near Ilchester in the County of Somerset and a point 63 metres south-west of its junction with the West Camel Road (C389) at West Camel.