STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1974 No. 679

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Hungerford—Hereford Trunk Road (Stratton St. Margaret By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974

Made - - - -	*3rd April* 1974
Coming into Operation	*3rd May* 1974

The Secretary of State for the Environment makes this Order in exercise of his powers under 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 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 purposes of through traffic.

(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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4. The lengths of trunk road described in Schedule 3 to this Order and shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan shall cease to be trunk road and those lengths described in paragraphs (*a*) and (*c*) thereof shall be classified as classified roads and that length described in paragraph (*b*) thereof shall be classified as a principal road as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the County Council of Wilts that the new trunk roads are 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 advances under section 235 of the Highways Act 1959 but is a classified road for the purposes 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-SM 39 marked "The Hungerford–Hereford Trunk Road (Stratton St. Margaret 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 is open for inspection 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

"a new trunk road" means one of those highways;

"principal road" as a classification for a highway, means that the highway is a principal road for the purposes of advances under section 235 of the Highways Act 1959 and is also classified for the purposes of every enactment or instrument which refers to highways classified by the Secretary of State;

"the Trunk Road" means the Hungerford–Gloucester–Ross–Hereford Trunk Road (A419).

6. This Order shall come into operation on 3rd May 1974 and may be cited as the Hungerford–Hereford Trunk Road (Stratton St. Margaret By-Pass and Slip Roads) Order 1974.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

3rd April 1974.

G. M. Patrick,
An Under Secretary in the
Department of the Environment.

SCHEDULE 1

Route of the Main New Trunk Road

The route of the main new trunk road is a route, about 4·6 kilometres in length, starting at a point on the Trunk Road about 890 metres south-east of its junction with Cricklade Road (A345) then going generally south-eastwards, crossing the route of Highworth Road (A361) about 630 metres north of its junction with the Trunk Road and rejoining the Trunk Road about 290 metres south-east of its junction with Merlin Way.

SCHEDULE 2

Routes of the Slip Roads

The routes of the slip roads are the following:—

1. *Junction with Highworth Road at Stratton St. Margaret*

Two routes to connect the north-westbound and south-eastbound carriageways of the main new trunk road with Highworth Road (A361) (as proposed to be improved) at points on the latter road about 570 metres and 670 metres respectively north of the junction of that road with the Trunk Road (the new trunk roads along these routes being respectively given the reference numbers 1 and 2 on the deposited plan).

2. *Junction with Oxford Road at Stratton St. Margaret*

(*a*) Two routes to connect the south-eastbound carriageway of the main new trunk road with the new roundabout to be constructed as part of Oxford Road (A420) at Stratton St. Margaret (the new trunk roads along these routes being respectively given the reference numbers 3 and 4 on the deposited plan).

(*b*) A route to connect the Trunk Road and the new roundabout to be constructed as part of Oxford Road (A420) to the north-westbound carriageway of the new trunk road at a point on the Trunk Road about 200 metres north-west of its southern junction with the main new trunk road (the new trunk road along this route being given the reference number 5 on the deposited plan).

SCHEDULE 3

Lengths of Trunk Road ceasing to be Trunk Road

The lengths of trunk road ceasing to be trunk road are shown by broad striped hatching on the deposited plan and are those lengths of the Trunk Road which are situated between:—

(*a*) its northern junction with the new trunk road and its junction with Kingsdown Road (A345),

(*b*) its junction with Kingsdown Road (A345) and its junction with Swindon Road (A361), and

(*c*) its junction with Swindon Road (A361) and its junction with the slip road described at (*b*) of Schedule 2.

Note: 1 metre = 1·094 yards approximately. 1 kilometre = 0.621 miles approximately.