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HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The A361 Trunk Road (M5 Motorway Junction 27 to Portmore Roundabout Devon) (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(a) and now vested in him(b), and of all powers enabling him in that behalf:—

1. This Order may be cited as The A361 Trunk Road (M5 Motorway Junction 27 to Portmore Roundabout Devon) (Detrunking) Order 2002 and shall come into force on 1st 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 A361 trunk road; and
- (iii) "the plan" means the plan numbered HA/10/PS/265 marked "A361 Trunk Road (M5 Motorway Junction 27 to Portmore Roundabout Devon) (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.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State for Transport

David W. Ward
Divisional Director
Operations Directorate
Highways Agency

26th June 2002

(a) 1980 c. 66.
(b) S.I. 1981/238.

THE SCHEDULE

LENGTH OF TRUNK ROAD CEASING TO BE TRUNK ROAD

The length of trunk road ceasing to be trunk road is the A361 from (and including) the roundabout at Junction 27 on the M5 motorway to (and including) Portmore Roundabout, Devon for a distance of about 55.8 m (34.7 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
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STATEMENT OF REASONS

The A361 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 A361 road described in the Schedule. On making this Order, the Secretary of State transfers the management of this road to Devon County Council.

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