

2003 No. 3163

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass and Slip Roads) Order 2003

Made - - - - - *5th December 2003*

Coming into force - - *19th December 2003*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 (a) and now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf:—

1. This Order may be cited as the A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass and Slip Roads) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 19th December 2003.

2. In this Order—

(1) All measurements of distance are measured along the route of the relevant highway;

(2)(i) “the main new road” means the new highway which the Secretary of State proposes to construct along the route described in Schedule 1 to this Order;

(ii) “the new trunk roads” means the main new road and the slip roads;

(iii) “the plan” means the plan numbered HA 10/MP/012 marked “The A421 Trunk Road (Great Barford Bypass and Slip Roads) Order 2003”, signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport and deposited at Records Management Branch, Room F13, Ashdown House, Sedlescombe Road North, St Leonards on Sea, Hastings, East Sussex TN37 7GA; and

(iv) “the slip roads” means the new highways which the Secretary of State proposes to construct along the routes described in Schedule 2 to this Order and which connect the main new road with other highways at the places stated in that Schedule.

3. The main new road and the slip roads shall become trunk roads from the date when this Order comes into force.

4. The centre line of each of the new trunk roads is indicated by a heavy black line on the plan.

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

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 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 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 traffic.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

5th December 2003

Peter Wallwork
A Divisional Director in the Highways Agency

SCHEDULE 1

ROUTE OF THE MAIN NEW ROAD

The route of the main new road is about 7.45 kilometres in length, from a point on the existing A421 Trunk Road 30 metres south west of its roundabout junction with the existing A428 from Bedford in the County of Bedfordshire to a point on the existing A421 Trunk Road 70 metres west of the Black Cat Roundabout junction with the existing A1 Trunk Road.

SCHEDULE 2

ROUTE OF THE SLIP ROADS

The routes of the slip roads are as follows:

Proposed A421 Water End Junction

(1) Two routes to connect the eastbound carriageway of the main new road with a roundabout which the Secretary of State proposes to construct as part of the A421 Water End Junction at Bedford (the slip roads along these routes being respectively given the numbers 2 and 3 on the plan); and

(2) Two routes to connect the westbound carriageway of the main new road with a roundabout which the Secretary of State proposes to construct as part of the A421 Water End Junction at Bedford (the slip roads along the routes being respectively given the numbers 4 and 5 on the plan).

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