

roundabout on the Isle of Sheppey under sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) of the Act, and

- (c) to impose a 50 m.p.h. speed limit on a length of the new A249 trunk road from the south side of the new roundabout at Neatscourt about 570 metres south of Main Road (B2007) to a point about 500 metres north of Main Road (B2007) under section 84(1)(a) and (2) of the Act.

Copies of the draft Orders and statements explaining why the Secretary of State proposes to make the Orders, and plans illustrating the proposals, may be inspected during normal office hours from 23rd January 1997 to 24th April 1997, at the offices of the Highways Agency, Room 12/08 St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TE; the Director, Southern Operations Division, Highways Agency, Room 4-14, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ; Highways Agency, Federated House, London Road, Dorking RH4 1SZ; the offices of Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation Department, Sandling Block, Springfield, Maidstone; Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne; Queenborough Public Library, Railway Terrace, Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey; Sheerness Public Library, 44 Trinity Road, Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey; and Iwade Post office, 16 Ferry Road, Iwade, Kent.

Any person wishing to object to the Secretary of State's proposals should send not later than 24th April 1997, or within 13 weeks of the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, a written statement of his or her objection and of the grounds thereof to the Director, Southern Operations Division, Highways Agency, Room 5/03 Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ.

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The A249 Trunk Road (Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement and Bridge) Order 199

The A249 Trunk Road (Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement) (Detrunking) Order 199

The A249 Trunk Road (Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement) (Slip Roads) Order 199

The A249 Trunk Road (Iwade Bypass to Queenborough Improvement) (Slip Roads) Order 199

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he proposes to make the following Orders:

1. An Order under sections 10, 41 and 106 of the Highways Act 1980, which will provide that the roads which he proposes to construct along the following routes shall become trunk roads, from the date when the Order comes into force:

- (a) a route ("the main route") about 1.7 kilometres in length, starting from a point about 400 metres south of the centre of the A249 Iwade Bypass northern terminal roundabout (Kingsferry Interchange) and proceeding generally northwards to a point about 250 metres north-east of the point where the road crosses the Sittingbourne to Sheerness Railway line;
- (b) a route ("the main route") about 2.7 kilometres in length, from a point on the existing trunk road about 100 metres south-west of its junction with Ferry Road and proceeding generally northwards to a point about 450 metres north of the A249 Queenborough roundabout; and
- (c) authorise him to construct as part of the new road on the main route at (a) above a bridge over the navigable waters of the Swale.

2. An Order under sections 10 and 12 of the Highways Act 1980, which will provide that lengths of the trunk road to be superseded by

the new trunk road on the main routes shall cease to be trunk road, and shall be classified as classified road, as from the date on which the Secretary of State notifies the Kent County Council (who will become the highway authority responsible for the lengths) that the new trunk road on the main routes is open for traffic.

3. An Order under sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980, which will provide that the slip roads which he proposes to construct along the following routes shall become trunk roads, from the date when this Order comes into force:

- (a) a route about 370 metres in length to connect the northbound carriageway of the main route to the A249 Iwade Bypass northern terminal roundabout (Kingsferry Interchange); and
- (b) a route about 690 metres in length to connect the A249 Iwade Bypass northern terminal roundabout (Kingsferry Interchange) to the southbound carriageway of the main route.

4. An Order under sections 12, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980, in relation to the A249 trunk road and the new trunk roads to be constructed by him, from a point on A249 Iwade Bypass about 400 metres south of the Iwade Bypass northern terminal roundabout (Kingsferry Interchange) to a point about 450 metres north on Queenborough roundabout on the Isle of Sheppey, in the county of Kent, which will:

- (1) authorise him to,
- (a) improve highways;
- (b) stop up highways;
- (c) construct new highways;
- (d) stop up private means of access to premises; and
- (e) provide new means of access to premises,

all on or in the vicinity of the A249 trunk road or the new trunk roads; and

- (2) provide for the transfer of each new highway to the Kent County Council as highway authority, from the date on which he notifies them that it has been completed and is open for traffic.

Copies of the draft Orders and the plans referred to in them, and of the Environmental Statement which the Secretary of State has published in relation to the construction of the new highways and the new bridge referred to in the draft Orders above, may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours from 23rd January 1997 to 24th April 1997, or within 13 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, at the Highways Agency, Room 12/08 St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London SE1 0TE; the offices of the Director, Southern Operations Division, Highways Agency, Room 4-14, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ; the Highways Agency, Federated House, London Road, Dorking RH4 1SZ; at the offices of Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation Department, Sandling Block, Springfield, Maidstone, Kent; Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent; Queenborough Public Library, Railway Terrace, Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey; Sheerness Public Library, 44 Trinity Road, Sheerness, Isle of Sheppey; and Iwade Post Office, 16 Ferry Road, Iwade, Kent.

Any person may object to the making of any of these Orders not later than 24th April 1997, or within 13 weeks from the date of first publication of this notice if that period expires later, by notice to the Secretary of State at the office of the Director, Southern Operations Division, Room 503, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol BS2 9DJ, quoting Ref. PSE/O/A249/5/65/23/02, and stating the grounds of objection. In the preparation of an objection and the statement of grounds of objection it should be borne in mind that the substance of any objection or representation may be communicated to other people who may be affected by it.

N. H. Hyde, a Senior Executive Officer, Southern Operations Division, Highways Agency.

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