

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Trunking) Order 2026

The Secretary of State for Transport, being satisfied that this Order is expedient for the purpose of extending, improving or reorganising the national system of routes for through traffic in England and Wales and having taken into consideration the requirements of local and national planning (including the requirements of agriculture), makes this Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 10 and 41 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) (“the Act”) and now vested in them (SI 1981/238).

This Order is made in compliance with the provisions of Parts I and III of Schedule 1 of the Act.

1. This Order may be cited as The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Trunking) Order 2026 and shall come into force on 15 July 2026.

2. In this Order —

all measurements of distance are measured along the route of the relevant highway;

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| (a) | “National Highways” | means National Highways Limited, a strategic highways company registered in England and Wales (Company No. 9346363) and whose Registered Office is Three Snowhill, Snow Hill Queensway, Birmingham, England, B4 6GA; |
| (b) | “the plan” | means the plan numbered GB01T22A77-DWG-109-27 Rev T0 and marked “The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Trunking) Order 2026”; signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport and deposited at Records Management Unit, National Highways, 2 City Walk, Holbeck, Leeds, LS11 9AT; and |
| (c) | “the new trunk roads” | means the new highways to be constructed along the routes described in the Schedule to this Order. |

3. The Secretary of State for Transport hereby directs that the new trunk roads shall become trunk roads from the date on which National Highways notifies Kent County Council that the new trunk roads are open for traffic. National Highways will be the highway authority for the new trunk roads.

4. The new trunk roads will be maintained by Kent County Council until the date on which the new trunk roads are opened for the purpose of through traffic

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



Date 2 July 2026

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THE SCHEDULE
ROUTES OF THE NEW TRUNK ROADS

1. From a point 117 metres to the north east of Swale Way roundabout for a distance of 180 metres in a generally north east direction.
2. From a point 107 metres to the north east of Grovehurst Road roundabout for a distance of 285 metres in a generally north east direction.