

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Detrunking) 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 12 of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) (“the Act”) and now vested in them (S.I. 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) (Detrunking) 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-109-26 Rev T0 marked “The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Detrunking) 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; |
| (c) | “the trunk road” | means the length of the A249 Trunk Road in the Borough of Swale in the County of Kent described in the Schedule to this Order; |
| (d) | “classified road” | as a classification for a highway, means that the highway is not a principal road for the purposes of enactments and instruments which refer to highways classified as principal roads but is a classified road |

for the purpose of every enactment and instrument which refers to highways classified by the Secretary of State and which does not specifically refer to their classification as principal roads; and

- (e) “the new trunk roads” means the new trunk roads defined in “The A249 Trunk Road (Grovehurst Road Slip Roads) (Trunking) Order 2026”.

3. The length of road described in the Schedule to this order (“the new classified road”) shall cease to be a trunk road and shall be classified as a classified road from the date on which National Highways notifies Kent County Council that the new trunk roads are open for traffic, and responsibility for the new classified road will pass to the local highway authority, Kent County Council, on that date.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State



Date 2 July 2026

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THE SCHEDULE

LENGTH OF TRUNK ROAD CEASING TO BE A TRUNK ROAD

The length of the trunk road ceasing to be a trunk road is shown by black cross hatching on the plan, given the letter A on the plan, and is a length of the A249 Trunk Road north bound on-slip road from a point where the slip road commences from the Grovehurst Road roundabout in a generally north east direction for a distance of 100 metres.