STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1975 No. 1076

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Maidstone (Second Medway Road Bridge) Scheme 1973 Confirmation Instrument 1975

Made - - - - 30*th June* 1975

The Secretary of State for the Environment makes this Instrument in exercise of powers conferred by section 3 of the Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961(a) and now vested in him, (b) by the Local Authorities etc. (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1974(c) and of all other enabling powers.:—

1. The Maidstone (Second Medway Road Bridge) Scheme 1973 is hereby confirmed with modifications.

2. The said Scheme as confirmed (hereinafter referred to as "the Scheme") is set out in the Schedule hereto and copies of the Scheme with its accompanying plans as modified are deposited at the offices of the Department of the Environment, St. Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, SE1 OTE and at the offices of the Kent County Council at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

3. The Scheme will become operative on the date on which notice that it has been confirmed is first published in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to the Highways Act 1959.

4. This Instrument may be cited as the Maidstone (Second Medway Road Bridge) Scheme 1973 Confirmation Instrument 1975.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

30th June 1975.

J. Lane,
An Under Secretary in the
Department of the Environment.

(a) 1961 c. 63.
(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(c) S.I. 1974/482 (1974 I. p. 1690).

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SCHEDULE TO THE INSTRUMENT

THE MAIDSTONE (SECOND MEDWAY ROAD BRIDGE) SCHEME 1973

The Maidstone Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") makes this Scheme in exercise of their powers under Section 3 of the Highways (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1961 and all other enabling powers:—

1. Kent County Council are authorised to construct over the navigable waters of the River Medway in the Borough of Maidstone the bridge (specified in the Schedule to this Scheme and shown on plans numbered 1 and 2 deposited at the offices of Kent County Council at County Hall, Maidstone). This bridge will form part of the highway which they are proposing to construct from the existing road bridge over the River Medway at its junction with Bishops Way and Broadway to Sandling Road at its junction with Staceys Street in the Borough of Maidstone (which new highway has been classified by the Secretary of State for the Environment as a principal road for purposes of advances under Section 235 of the Highways Act 1959). In this connection Kent County Council are also authorised to divert part of the River Medway by virtue of the Maidstone (Inner Ring Road—Stage II—Classified Road) Watercourse Diversion Order 1972, made by the Council on the Fifteenth day of November 1972.

2. This Scheme may be cited as the Maidstone (Second Medway Road Bridge) Scheme 1973.

SCHEDULE

DETAILS OF BRIDGE TO BE CONSTRUCTED

The second Medway road bridge of Maidstone will consist of a single arch of 61·000 metres clear span. It will cross riverside walks on both banks as well as the river where the mid-span clearance to the penned water level will be approximately 4·000 metres. The site and general arrangements of the bridge as described herein are shown on plans numbered 1 and 2.

The deck will be constructed of precast prestressed concrete beam units with in situ concrete diaphragms, deck and copings, producing a cellular form on completion. The bridge will be 16·800 metres wide overall and will carry an 11·000 metres wide carriageway, a 4·000 metres wide footpath on the south side and a 1·000 metre wide verge on the north side.

The legs of the abutments will be prestressed but the abutment footings will be in reinforced concrete. The abutments will be supported on piles. The wing walls on the approach to and the exit from the bridge will be constructed of reinforced concrete. They will be curved in plan and be faced with dressed ragstone.

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