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The extract below shows the new Medway Crossing as depicted on a Pathfinder sheet of 1993. Those familiar with the area will observe that it is in the wrong place and on quite a different alignment from the tunnel actually built. One presumes that what is depicted here is intended as a tunnel; otherwise Upnor Castle (see cover) was about to be straddled by the abutments of a bridge. So what was actually ‘under construction’ at the time? Is anyone aware of an aborted tunnel? Or do we have another OS ‘fingerprint’ like the Redbourne bypass (Sheetlines 55, 40)?

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