STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the London Borough of Westminster) Order 1974

Made - - -	*30th October 1974*
Laid before Parliament	*7th November 1974*
Coming into Operation	*1st January 1975*

WHEREAS it appears to the Secretary of State for the Environment that in all the circumstances it is not necessary or expedient to make any provision in the London Borough of Westminster for the accommodation of gipsies residing in or resorting to that area:

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State for the Environment, on the application of the Council of the London Borough of Westminster and in exercise of powers under section 12(1) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968(a), now vested in him (b), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the London Borough of Westminster) Order 1974 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1975.

2. The London Borough of Westminster is hereby designated as an area to which section 10 (Prohibition of unauthorised camping in designated areas) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 applies.

Anthony Crosland
Secretary of State for the Environment

30th October 1974.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

Where an area of a local authority is designated by an order made under section 12 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 as one to which section 10 of that Act applies, it is an offence for a gipsy to station a caravan for the purpose of residing for any period on any land situated within the boundaries of a highway, on any other unoccupied land, or on any occupied land without the consent of the occupier. A magistrates' court has power by order to authorise the local authority to remove unlawful encampments from land in that area.

This order designates the London Borough of Westminster as such an area.

(a) 1968 c.52. (b) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).

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