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PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Gypsy Encampments (Designation of the County of Dorset) Order 1978

Made - - - -	17*th August* 1978
Laid before Parliament	25*th August* 1978
Coming into Operation	21*st September* 1978

WHEREAS it appears to the Secretary of State for the Environment that adequate provision is made in the County of Dorset for the accommodation of gypsies residing in or resorting to that area:

NOW THEREFORE the Secretary of State for the Environment, on the application of the Council of the County of Dorset 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 Gypsy Encampments (Designation of the County of Dorset) Order 1978 and shall come into operation on 21st September 1978.

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

Peter Shore,
17th August 1978. Secretary of State for the Environment.

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 gypsy 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 County of Dorset as such an area.

(a) 1968 c. 52. (b) S.I. 1970/1681.

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