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The Gypsy Encampments (Designation of the London Borough of Lewisham) Order 1979

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Laid before Parliament	*5th April* 1979
Coming into Operation	*26th April* 1979

WHEREAS it appears to the Secretary of State for the Environment that adequate provision is made in the London Borough of Lewisham 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 London Borough of Lewisham 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 London Borough of Lewisham) Order 1979 and shall come into operation on 26th April 1979.

2. The London Borough of Lewisham 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,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

3rd April 1979.

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 London Borough of Lewisham as such an area.

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

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