STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees) Order 1985

Made - - - -	*3rd December* 1985
Laid before Parliament	*12th December* 1985
Coming into Operation	*2nd January* 1986

Whereas it appears to the Secretary of State that in all the circumstances it is not necessary or expedient to make adequate provision in the area consisting of the combined areas of the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees for the accommodation of gipsies residing in or resorting to that area:

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State on the application made by the councils of the County of Cleveland and the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(2) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968(**a**), and 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 Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees) Order 1985 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1986.

2. The combined areas of the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees are hereby designated as an area to which section 10 (prohibition of unauthorised camping in designated areas)(**c**) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 applies.

Kenneth Baker,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

3rd December 1985.

(**a**) 1968 c. 52; section 12 was substituted by section 175 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65).
(**b**) S.I. 1970/1681.
(**c**) The fine for an offence under section 10 was increased and converted to a level on the standard scale by sections 37, 38 and 46 of the Criminal Justice Act 1982 (c. 48).

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the order.)

This order designates the combined areas of the Boroughs of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees as an area to which section 10 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 applies.

The effect of designation is to make it an offence, within the designated area, for any gipsy to station a caravan for the purpose of residing for any period on any land within the boundaries of a highway, or on any other unoccupied land, or on any occupied land without the consent of the occupier.

Under section 11 of the Act (substituted by section 174 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980), unlawfully stationed caravans and their occupants may be removed by order of a magistrates' court.

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