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The Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

CHAPTER II

AMENDMENTS OF THE ORDER OF 1981

Caravan sites for members of the Irish Traveller community

125.—(1) After Article 28 of the Order of 1981 (Executive’s supplementary powers with respect to the provision of housing accommodation) there shall be inserted—

“Provision of caravan sites for members of the Irish Traveller community

28A.—(1) The Executive—

- (a) shall provide such caravan sites as appear to it to be appropriate for the accommodation of caravans of members of the Irish Traveller community, and
- (b) may manage those sites or lease them to some other person.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the Executive may, under Article 87, acquire land—

- (a) on which to construct caravan sites,
- (b) which is in use as a caravan site, or
- (c) which has been laid out as a caravan site.

(3) The Executive may make such provision as appears to it desirable in connection with caravan sites provided under this Article and, in particular, may provide for the use of those occupying such sites, any services or facilities for their health or convenience that appear to it to be appropriate.

(4) In exercising their powers under this Article, the Executive shall have regard to any model conditions specified by the Department of the Environment under section 5(7) of the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963 (c. 17).

(5) The Executive shall make in respect of the use of caravan sites provided by it, and of any services or facilities made available under this Article, such reasonable charges as it may determine.

(6) The Executive shall not have power under this Article to provide caravans.

(7) In this Article—

- (a) “caravan” and “caravan site” have the same meaning as in the Caravans Act (Northern Ireland) 1963; and
- (b) any reference to the Irish Traveller community shall be construed in accordance with Article 5(2)(a) of the [Race Relations \(Northern Ireland\) Order 1997 \(NI 6\)](#).”

(2) Schedule 2, which makes provision for the transfer to the Executive of caravan sites provided by district councils for the accommodation of travelling people, shall have effect.