



City of London (Various Powers) Act 1969

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Act to confer powers upon the Corporation of London with respect to the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium, the re-accommodation of the City of London School, the investment of the Corporation of London Charities Pool, the control of walkways; and for other purposes. [25th July 1969]

WHEREAS it is expedient—

To empower the Corporation of London to set apart and for the purposes of a new crematorium a part of the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium in the London Borough of Islington free from the consequences of consecration;

To authorise the Corporation to extinguish certain ancient rights of burial and to remove tombstones and other memorials so that better use may be made of the lands in the said cemetery available for burials;

To make provision with respect to the re-accommodation of the City of London School on lands within the city;

To confer further powers upon the official trustees of the Corporation with respect to the investment of a trust fund comprising the Corporation of London Charities Pool;

(5) To confer further powers upon the Corporation with respect to the borrowing of money for the purpose of the Market;

1887 c. xiii.

(6) To extend the time fixed by the City of London Act 1887 for the holding of a poll for election by ballot;

1967 c. xli.

(7) To make further provision with respect to walkways under Part II (City walkways) of the *City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967*;

1965 c. xxxix.

(8) To provide for the repeal of enactments relating to the Corporation's Viaduct in the city, to increase penalties for certain offences under Part III (Street trading) of the *City of London (Various Powers) Act 1965*, and to enact further provisions contained in this Act;

And whereas the objects of this Act cannot be fully set forth without exceeding the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted, by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council, and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the *City of London (Various Powers) Act 1969*.

Division of Act into Parts.

2. This Act is divided into Parts as follows—

Part I.—Preliminary.

Part II.—City of London Cemetery and Crematorium.

Part III.—Miscellaneous.

Interpretation.

3.—(1) In this Act unless the subject-matter requires otherwise—

"city" means the city of London;

"Corporation" means the mayor and aldermen and other citizens of the city acting by the consent of the Corporation;

"enactment" includes an enactment made by the Corporation under a general or local Act and any order, rule, scheme or other instrument made by the Corporation for the time being in force;

"**official trustees** of the Corporation" means the officers of the Corporation or other persons appointed from time to time by the Corporation to be the official trustees;

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"**town clerk**" means the town clerk of the city and includes any person duly appointed to discharge temporarily the duties of that officer.

(2) Except where the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Act to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as applied, extended, amended or varied by, or by virtue of, any subsequent enactment including this Act.

PART II

CITY OF LONDON CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM

In this Part of this Act—

Interpretation
for Part II.

"the cemetery lands" means the lands comprising the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium in the London Borough of Newham;

"memorial" means any object erected, placed or planted for the commemoration of the dead, and includes any wall, kerb or railing protecting, enclosing or marking a grave or grave space or memorial;

"registered owner" in relation to any right of burial means the person at the time in question registered as the owner in the register of grants of rights of burial maintained under the Cemeteries Clauses Act 1847 and "registered 1847 c. 65. address" means an address registered in that register;

"the signed plan" means the plan marked "City of London Cemetery" signed by Harry Gourlay, the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to which the Bill for this Act was referred, one copy of which has been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, one in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, one in the office of the town clerk and one in the office of the town clerk of the London Borough of Newham.

(1) For the purposes of, or in connection with, the provision of part of the maintenance of a crematorium the Corporation may set aside and use the part of the cemetery lands described in subsection (3) of this section and any land so set apart and used shall upon be freed from the effects of consecration and from all uses, obligations, disabilities and restrictions whatsoever attach thereto under ecclesiastical law or otherwise.

Section 5 of the Cremation Act 1902 shall not apply in respect of any crematorium to be constructed wholly or partly on part of the cemetery lands described in subsection (3) of this

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Power to extinguish rights of burial in cemetery lands.

(3) The part of the cemetery lands referred to in subsection (2) of this section is an area of 160,000 square yards shown on the signed plan and thereon.

6.—(1) Where in respect of any grave space a right of burial has not been exercised for more than twenty years from the date of the latest burial in that grave space, or there has been no burial in the grave space, the Corporation may, in accordance with the provisions of this section, extinguish the right of burial in that grave space and make such burials:

Provided that no right of burial granted after the date of this Act for any period longer than seventy-five years shall be extinguished under this section.

(2) The power of the Corporation under this section to extinguish a right of burial in any grave space where there has been no burial shall include power to remove any memorial in or on the grave space.

(3) Before extinguishing a right of burial by removing any memorial under the powers of this section the Corporation shall—

(a) publish a notice of their intention to do so for a period of two successive weeks in a local newspaper in the London Borough of Newham between the dates of publication of ten clear days;

(b) display a notice thereof in a conspicuous place near one of the principal entrances to the cemetery;

(c) serve a notice thereof upon the registered owner of the right of burial at his registered address.

(4) Each of the notices shall—

(a) contain full particulars of the Cemetery, including a specification of the name and other description of all grave spaces in which it is proposed that rights of burial should be extinguished and stating whether it is proposed that any memorials should be removed;

(b) specify the date on which it is intended that the rights should be extinguished and any date before which date shall not be earlier than the date of the later of the two publications on which notice is first displayed, or the date on which notice is served whichever is the later;

(c) state the effect of subsections (5) and (6).

(5) If notice of objection to the extinction of a right of burial in any grave space is given to the Corporation

specified under paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section the registered owner of the right of burial and that objection not withdrawn the right of burial to which the objection relates shall not be extinguished under this section, and if notice of any such objection to the extinction of any rights of burial or to the removal of any memorial, and of the ground of any such objection, is given to the Corporation before the date so specified and is not withdrawn, any rights or memorial to which such mentioned objection relates shall not be extinguished or removed without the consent of the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

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(6) Any memorial removed by the Corporation under this section shall remain the property of the registered owner thereof if such owner does not claim it within a period of three months after the date specified under paragraph (b) of subsection (4), the Corporation may put the memorial to such use they deem appropriate or they may destroy it.

(7) (a) As compensation for any right of burial extinguished under this section the Corporation shall, on a claim being made by registered owner of the right of burial within six months from the extinguishment of that right, pay to him such sum representing the value of that right as may be agreed between the Corporation and the owner or, in default of agreement, determined by arbitration.

(b) In any arbitration under this subsection the reference shall be to a single arbitrator to be appointed by agreement between the parties or, in default of agreement, to be appointed by the President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors on the application of either party after giving notice in writing to the other party.

(8) The Corporation shall cause a record to be made of each memorial removed under this section containing—

- (a) a copy of any legible inscription on it; and
- (b) if it is intended to preserve the memorial, a statement showing where it has been taken to;

shall deposit a copy of the record with the Registrar General.

(1) In this section—

"the Commission" means the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; "Commonwealth war burial" means a burial of any officer or man of the naval, military or air forces of His Majesty fallen in the war of 1914 to 1921 or in the war of 1939 to 1947.

For protection
of Common-
wealth War
Graves

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(2) The powers conferred by section 6 (rights of burial in cemetery lands) of this Act by the Corporation in respect of—

- (a) any grave space or any memorial in or within any part of the area of the cemetery colouring, or of the adjacent areas, of the graves marked blue, on the Deed of Agreement dated the 23rd day of June 1919 and made between the City of London of the one part and the Imperial War Graves Commission of the other part;
- (b) any grave space or any memorial in or within any part of the area of the cemetery with an unbroken red line on the Deed of Agreement dated the 23rd day of June 1919 made between the said City of London of the one part and the said Imperial War Graves Commission of the other part;
- (c) any grave space or any memorial in or situated elsewhere in the cemetery or concerning any of the one hundred Commonwealth war burials partly recorded on the list dated 17th January 1920 duplicate by Ernest Sidney Turner, Superintendent of the City of London Cemetery, by the Corporation and by Albert Edward Vassall, Superintendent, on behalf of the Commission, copy of which has been deposited with the said Superintendent and the other members of the Commission.

Grants of
rights of
burial.
1847 c. 65.

8. Notwithstanding anything in section 4 of the Burial Clauses Act 1847 and the Schedule to that enactment, a form of grant of the exclusive use of any part of the cemetery lands may be given to any town clerk instead of under the common seal.

Re-accommo-
dation of City
of London
School.
1834 c. 35.

9. Whereas by the Act 4 & 5 William 4 C. 35 "An Act for establishing a School on the Site of the Old School in the City of London" (hereafter in this section referred to as "the Act of 1834") the Corporation were required to erect and for ever thereafter to

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reaster in this section referred to as "the school") upon a site
ified in that Act, and in pursuance of the provisions of the
y of London School Act 1879 the school was transferred to 1879 c. lxi.
mises erected upon a site facing Victoria Embankment in
city:

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nd whereas by the City of London School Act 1879 the
poration are required for ever to maintain the school on
aid premises facing Victoria Embankment (hereafter in this
ion referred to as "the 1879 premises");

nd whereas it is expedient to transfer the school to new and
arged premises to be erected on other lands in the city;

Now therefore it is hereby declared as follows:

(1) The Corporation may—

- (a) acquire by agreement; or
- (b) appropriate under section 12 (Power to approp-
riate land) of the City of London (Various Powers)
Act 1949;

1949 c. xiv.

lands in the city for the purposes of the school and,
notwithstanding anything in the Act of 1834 or the City
of London School Act 1879, when new premises have
been erected for the school on such other lands, the
Corporation may transfer the school from the 1879
premises to such new premises;

(2) When the school has been transferred from the 1879
premises, the Corporation may sell, lease or otherwise
dispose of the 1879 premises and the lands upon which
those premises are situated in such manner as they shall
think fit, and all moneys arising from any such sale,
leasing or disposal shall, after payment of all expenses
incurred in connection therewith, be credited to the
city's cash;

(3) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this section,
when the school has been transferred as aforesaid, the
Act of 1834 and the City of London School Act 1879
shall apply and have effect in relation to the school
on the new premises referred to in subsection (1) of
this section as those enactments apply and have effect
in relation to the school on the 1879 premises.

(1) The official trustees of the Corporation may invest any investment
from time to time forming part of the trust fund to powers for
this section applies, whether at the time in a state of Corporation
ent or not, in the following manner: of London
Charities
in or upon any investments authorised by the Trustee Pool.
Investment Act 1961 as having effect in accordance 1961 c. 62.
with the provisions of subsection (2) of this section;

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- (b) in the purchase of freehold ground or leasehold land, messuages and hereditaments in the United Kingdom provided that, as respects any such land, the term thereof has, at the time of the making of the investment, at least sixty years to run;
- (c) upon the security of freehold property, rents, land charges or rentcharges in the United Kingdom by way of first mortgage for two-thirds of the value of such property on the date of making the investment;

and may also from time to time vary any such investments by sale and reinvestment or otherwise.

1961 c. 62.

(2) (a) Notwithstanding the division of the trust fund in pursuance of section 2 (1) of the Trustee Investments Act 1961, the trust fund may be again divided so that, after the latter division, the value of the wider-range part bears to the then value of the narrower-range part the prescribed proportion; and such proportion is in the Trustee Investments Act 1961 as modified by paragraph (b) of this subsection "the prescribed proportion".

(b) For the purposes of any division of the trust fund in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subsection, the Trustee Investments Act 1961 shall have effect in relation to the trust fund subject to the following modifications:

- (i) in section 2 (1), for the words "equal shares" there shall be substituted the words "in the proportion";
- (ii) in section 2 (3) (b), and in paragraphs (a) and (b) of that section, for the words from "each" to the end of the section, and in all the sub-paragraphs, there shall be substituted the words "the wider-range part of the fund by the amount which bears the prescribed proportion to the amount by which the value of the narrower-range part of the fund is increased";
- (iii) in section 4 (3), for the words first occurring after "each other" there shall be substituted the words "so as to bear to each other either the same proportion or";
- (iv) section 13 shall not apply in relation to the trust fund.

1960 c. 58.

(3) This section applies to the trust fund of the Corporation of London Charities Pool established by the Secretary of State for Local Government under the Charities Act 1960 on 20th July 1960; and in this section to "the trust fund" shall be construed as including the trust fund of the Corporation of London Charities Pool.

- 1.-(1) The Corporation may from time to time, for the purpose of defraying any expenses incurred, or to be incurred, in them in connection with Billingsgate Market, borrow at interest on the credit of the tolls, stallages, rents and other amounts to be received by them under the Billingsgate Market Act 1846, the Billingsgate Market Act 1871 and Part II (Billingsgate Market) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1937, such money as they from time to time think requisite not exceeding four million pounds, such money being charged, if the Corporation (in exercise of their power to borrow on the credit of their estates and revenues) so determine, as collateral security on the credit of the said estates and revenues.
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Power to
borrow for
purposes of
Billingsgate
Market
1846 c. ccxlv.
1871 c. iv.
1937 c. xvi.
- (2) It shall not be lawful to exercise the power of borrowing conferred by subsection (1) of this section except in compliance with any order for the time being in force under section 1 of the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Act 1946.
- 1946 c. 58.
- (3) Section 3 (Power to borrow for purposes of Billingsgate Market) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1962 is by repealed.
- 1962 c. xiii.
- (4) Section 5 (Day and times for opening and closing the ballot of the City of London) of the City of London Ballot Act 1887 shall have effect in relation to elections by liverymen in common hall as if for the words "such poll shall take place on the third day after the demand for a poll be made" there were substituted the words "such poll shall take place on the fourteenth day after the demand for a poll be made".
- Amendment
of City of
London Ballot
Act 1887.
1887 c. xiii.
- (5) Section 22 (Offences penalties etc.) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1965 shall be amended as follows:
- Increase of
fine: street
trading.
- In subsection (4), for the words "ten pounds", there shall be substituted the words "twenty pounds".
- 1965 c. xxix.
- (1) Part II (City walkways) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967 shall be amended as follows:
- Amendment
of City of
London
(Various
Powers)
Act 1967.
- In subsection (1) of section 9 (Paving, etc., of city walkways), after the word "between" there shall be inserted the words "the Corporation and":
- 1967 c. xliii.
- In section 18 (Regulation of placing of things in city walkways)—
- (i) For subsection (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following subsection:
- "1. Subject to the provisions of this section, any person may place and maintain in or over a city

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walkway, or any part thereof, for convenience or entertainment of the public, or otherwise for the benefit of the public, or for the improvement of amenity, or for other purposes, and may use any part of the walkway temporarily for the purpose of convenience or entertainment, whether or not any payment is to be made:

Provided that nothing in this section shall—

(a) relieve any person who occupies land in which the walkway is situated of any obligation to contribute to the cost of placing or maintaining anything over the walkway or on the walkway as aforesaid;

(b) authorise obstruction to, or interference with, the execution of any works as are referred to in subsection (2) of section 19 (Sect. 19 works) of this Act in respect of any part of a walkway, unless the section applies; or

(c) relieve any person from obtaining any other consent than that given by another enactment; or

(d) enable any person to place anything in or over any part thereof, or to remove anything from the walkway, for any purpose without the consent of the owner.

(ii) In subsection (2) (a), before the word "any" there shall be substituted the words "any such thing" and in subsection (2) (b) before the word "anything" there shall be substituted the word "anything".

(iii) For subsections (2) (b) and (c) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs—

"(b) the time during which, and the place where, anything placed in a walkway is allowed to remain there, and the time during which it is allowed to be made off;

(c) the nature of anything placed in a walkway or of any use to be made of anything placed in a city walkway, and the time during which it is used."

“to avoid risk of injury or inconvenience to members of the public, and to prevent injury to amenity”;

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- (iv) In subsection (4), for the words “consent has been given”, there shall be substituted the words “consent to the placing of any things in a city walkway has been given by the Corporation.”.

Accordingly the said section 18 of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1967 shall have effect as set out in Schedule 1 1967 c. xlii. S.A.

Section 8 (Directions and regulations as to street traffic) Amendment of section 8 of City of London (Various Powers) Act 1956 shall be amended as follows:

of City of London (Various Powers) Act 1956.

1956 c. I.

In subsection (5), the words from “and as if” to the end of the subsection shall be omitted.

(1) The enactments specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to the said Act are hereby repealed.

Repeal of Holborn Valley Improvement

The provisions of Part V (Public Service Works) of the City of London (Various Powers) Act 1900 shall apply to the enactments and any communications, works or things for the construction thereof constructed by the Corporation under section 19 (Power to make Subway) of the Holborn Valley Improvement Act 1864 as if the same had been constructed under section 19 of the said Act of 1900.

1900 c. ccxxviii.

Notwithstanding the repeal by this section of section 33 (Management and Repair of Streets &c. when completed) of the Holborn Valley Improvement Act 1864 and of section 22 (Management of Saint Andrew Street) of the Holborn Valley and London Market Improvement Act 1872, the viaduct and streets 1872 c. lxxxi. mentioned in those sections shall continue to be under the care, management and jurisdiction of the Corporation as highways maintainable at the public expense.

Notwithstanding prejudice to the operation of section 38 of the Highways Act 1889, notwithstanding the repeal of enactments mentioned in this section—

all acts, works, matters and things done or commenced under those enactments or any of them and which are at the commencement of this Act valid and available or in progress, and all existing awards, agreements, contracts, conveyances, covenants, deeds, leases and other instruments, and all obligations, rights and remedies shall be and continue valid and available for all purposes, and for and against all parties, and may be continued, enforced and completed as if this Act had not been passed;

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- (b) all actions, arbitrations, prosecutions or causes of action, arbitral or other proceedings pending or existing or in favour of the Corporation at the commencement of this Act may be continued, commenced by, with, against or in favour of the Corporation as if this Act had not been passed;
- (c) all plans, sections and books of reference and certificates of correctness deposited for the purposes of any Bill with any clerk of the peace shall be deemed as if they had been deposited at the commencement of the Bill for this Act, and every such certificate shall permit the same to be inspected and extracts therefrom to be taken; and any sections, books of reference, certificates shall be receivable in evidence as if this Act had not been passed;
- (d) all other books and documents which by any enactments or otherwise would have been evidence shall be receivable in evidence as if this Act had not been passed;
- (e) any rights, powers, duties or obligations imposed by the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 relating to Part II of Schedule 2 to this Act which are in force at the commencement of this Act to any works or apparatus of the Corporation or placed before the commencement of this Act shall not be prejudiced or affected.

Saving for
town and
country
planning.

17. The provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1962 to 1968, and any restrictions or powers conferred in relation to land, shall apply and be construed in relation to any land notwithstanding that thereon is, or may be, authorised or regulated

Costs of Act.

18. The costs, charges and expenses incidental to, the preparing, obtaining and carrying into effect this Act shall be paid by the Corporation out of the sum of the general rate of the city in such proportion as the Corporation may deem just.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE I

Section 14.

SECTION 18 OF THE CITY OF LONDON (VARIOUS POWERS) ACT 1967 AS 1967 c. xlii. AMENDED BY THIS ACT

(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, any person may place and maintain in or over a city walkway, or any part thereof, anything for the use, convenience or entertainment of members of the public, or otherwise for the benefit of the public, or for the improvement of amenities, or for decorative purposes, and may use any part of a city walkway temporarily for the purpose of any exhibition or entertainment, whether or not a charge for admission is to be made:

provided that nothing in this subsection shall—

- (a) relieve any person who is not the occupier, or, as the case may be, the owner, of the land in which the walkway is situated from any obligation to obtain the consent of the owner or occupier of such land to the placing or maintaining of anything in or over the walkway or to any such use of the walkway as aforesaid; or
- (b) authorise obstruction of, or interference with, the execution of such undertakers' works as are referred to in subsection (1) of section 19 (Statutory undertakers' works) of this Act in any walkway, or any part of a walkway, to which that subsection applies; or
- (c) relieve any person from the necessity for obtaining any other permission, licence or consent which may be required under any other enactment; or
- (d) enable any person to place or maintain anything in or over a city walkway, or any part thereof, or to use any part of a city walkway, for any purpose as aforesaid, without the consent of the Corporation.

Any consent given by the Corporation under this section may be subject to such conditions as they think fit, including conditions

- (e) the positions in a city walkway in which anything may be placed;
- (f) the time during which, or the times at which, anything placed in a city walkway shall be allowed to remain there or any use shall be allowed to be made of part of a city walkway; the nature of anything to be placed in a city walkway or of any use to be made of part of a city walkway, and the steps to be taken to avoid risk of injury or inconvenience to members of the public, and to prevent injury to amenity; and payment or other consideration.

The Corporation may withdraw any consent given under this section or may from time to time vary or add to any conditions to which a consent has been given.

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(4) If a person contravenes any condition subject to the placing of any things in a city walkway by the Corporation under this section the Corporation may remove the things in respect of which that condition is contravened within twenty-four hours he fails to do so, they pay such things and recover the expenses reasonably incurred in so doing from the person in default.

Section 16.

SCHEDULE 2

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35 & 36 Vict. c. lxxxi	The Holborn Valley and Finsbury Improvement Act 1872
12 & 13 Geo. 5 c. xxi	In the City of London (Various Provisions) Section 31 (Payments in Advance of Improvement Rate)

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PROVISIONS IN THE HOLBORN VALLEY IMPROVEMENT ACT 1872

In the Holborn Valley Improvement Act 1872

Section 32 (Great Central Gas Company's Rights in certain new Streets);

Section 37 (Reserving Rights of the Gas Company);

Section 38 (As to the Site of Ely Place).

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