New Towns Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 64

PART I

NEW TOWNS AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATIONS

Acquisition of land by development corporations and highway authorities

10 Acquisition of land by development corporations.

(1) A development corporation may, with the Secretary of State's consent, acquire by agreement, or may, by means of an order made by the corporation and submitted to and confirmed by the Secretary of State in accordance with Part I of Schedule 4 to this Act, be authorised to acquire compulsorily—

(a) any land within the area of the new town, whether or not it is proposed to develop that particular land;

(b) any land adjacent to that area which they require for purposes connected with the development of the new town;

(c) any land, whether adjacent to that area or not, which they require for the provision of services for the purposes of the new town.

(2) A compulsory purchase order under this section shall, in so far as it relates to land—

(a) which is the property of a local authority, or which is held inalienably by the National Trust, or

(b) which forms part of a common, open space or fuel or field garden allotment,

be subject to the special provisions of Part IV of Schedule 4.

(3) Where a development corporation have been authorised under subsection (1) above to acquire compulsorily land forming part of a common, open space or fuel or field garden allotment, they may be authorised under that subsection to acquire compulsorily, or may, with the Secretary of State's consent, acquire by agreement, land for giving in exchange for the land acquired.

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(4) Part V of Schedule 4 has effect with respect to the validity and date of operation of compulsory purchase orders under this section.

(5) In relation to operational land of statutory undertakers this section has effect subject to section 13 below.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 S. 10(1) functions made exercisable (E.) (24.7.2018) by The New Towns Act 1981 (Local Authority Oversight) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/891), regs. 1, **3(1)** (with reg. 3(2))

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1A(1) omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7(3)
- s. 1A(2) omitted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7(3)
- s. 1A(4) word inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7(4)(b)
- s. 1A(4) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7(4)(a)
- s. 1A(5)(a) words substituted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 7(5)(a)
- s. 1ZA1ZB inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 172(2)
- s. 2(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 16 para. 8
- s. 3(2B)-(2D) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 172(3)(c)
- s. 3(2ZA)(2ZB) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 178(2)(b)
- s. 7A7B inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 175(2)
- s. 60(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 179(2)(b)
- s. 77(3E) inserted by 2023 c. 55 Sch. 17 para. 1(3)
- Sch. 3 para. 10A10B and cross-heading inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 175(3)