



Housing Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 50

PART III

HOUSING ACTION TRUST AREAS

Areas and trusts

60 Housing action trust areas.

- (1) Subject to section 61 below, the Secretary of State may by order designate an area of land for which, in his opinion, it is expedient that a corporation, to be known as a housing action trust, having the functions specified in this Part of this Act, should be established.
- (2) The area designated by an order under this section may comprise two or more parcels of land which—
 - (a) need not be contiguous; and
 - (b) need not be in the district of the same local housing authority.
- (3) An order under this section shall be made by statutory instrument but no such order shall be made unless a draft of it has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament.
- (4) In deciding whether to make an order under this section designating any area of land, the Secretary of State shall have regard to such matters as he thinks fit.
- (5) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (4) above, among the matters to which the Secretary of State may have regard in deciding whether to include a particular area of land in an order under this section, are—
 - (a) the extent to which the housing accommodation in the area as a whole is occupied by tenants or owner-occupiers and the extent to which it is local authority housing;
 - (b) the physical state and design of the housing accommodation in the area and any need to repair or improve it;

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- (c) the way in which the local authority housing in the area is being managed; and
 - (d) the living conditions of those who live in the area and the social conditions and general environment of the area.
- (6) An area designated by an order under this section shall be known as a housing action trust area and in the following provisions of this Part of this Act—
- (a) such an area is referred to as a “designated area”; and
 - (b) an order under this section is referred to as a “designation order”.

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