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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 5

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO LONDON

##### *Interpretation*

- 1 (1) In this Act, subject to any order under sub-paragraph (2) below, “the metropolitan watercourses” means—
- (a) so much of the river Thames as lies within the London excluded area, including all its associated watercourses within the flow and re-flow of its tides in that area;
  - (b) the watercourses shown marked in red on the signed plan as defined in and for the purposes of Part II (Alteration of Kent River Authority area and London excluded area) of the <sup>M1</sup>Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1968;
  - (c) the river Ravensbourne, the Chaffinch Brook, the Beck River, the Pool River, the Quaggy River, the Kid Brook, the Kyd Brook and the Lower Kid Brook, and their associated watercourses;
  - (d) the Beverley Brook, the river Graveney, the Pyl Brook and the river Wandle, and their associated watercourses;
  - (e) the river Brent, the river Crane and the Duke of Northumberland’s river, and their associated watercourses;
  - (f) any watercourse that immediately before the commencement of this Act was a metropolitan watercourse by virtue of an order under paragraph 15(2) of Schedule 14 to the <sup>M2</sup>London Government Act 1963;
- and . . . <sup>F1</sup>
- (2) The [<sup>F2</sup>Secretary of State] may, after consultation with . . . <sup>F3</sup> the council of any district or London borough appearing to him to be affected, by order provide that—
- (a) the whole or any part of a watercourse within the London excluded area shall become a metropolitan watercourse; or
  - (b) the whole or any part of a watercourse other than the tidal Thames shall cease to be a metropolitan watercourse; or
  - (c) the whole or any part of a metropolitan watercourse shall become or cease to be a main metropolitan watercourse;
- ..... <sup>F3</sup>
- (3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any enactment or instrument, no part of any of the metropolitan watercourses shall be or form part of a public sewer.

#### Textual Amendments

**F1** Definition of “main metropolitan watercourse” repealed by [S.I. 1986/208, art. 5\(3\)](#), [Sch. 2](#)

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- F2** Words in Sch. 5 para. 1(2) substituted (27.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/794, art. 5(1), **Sch. 1 para. 19** (with arts. 5(3), 6)
- F3** Words repealed by S.I. 1986/208, art. 5(3), **Sch. 2**

**Marginal Citations**

- M1** 1968 c. xxxix.
- M2** 1963 c. 33.

2 In this Schedule—

“associated watercourse”, in relation to any river, means a tributary or other watercourse the water from which ultimately flows into, or which is directly or indirectly connected with, that river;

F4.

“flood works”, in relation to the tidal Thames, has the same meaning as in the local enactments relating thereto;

“the former county of London” means the area constituted by the county of London as it existed immediately before the passing of the <sup>M3</sup>London Government Act 1963 (under which the said county ceased to exist);

“local enactment” means—

- (a) in relation to any watercourse falling within paragraph 1(1)(a) above, the Thames River (Prevention of Floods) Acts 1879 to 1962 and section 14 of the <sup>M4</sup>London County Council (General Powers) Act 1932;
- (b) ..... F4

“the tidal Thames” means the watercourses falling within paragraph 1(1)(a) above;

“watercourse” includes all rivers and streams and all ditches, drains, cuts, culverts, dykes, sluices, sewers and passages through which water flows;

and any mention of a particular river shall not be construed as prejudicing the meaning of the expression “associated watercourse”.

**Textual Amendments**

- F4** Definition of “the Authority” and subparagraphs (b) to (f) in the definition of “local enactment” repealed by S.I. 1986/208, art. 5(3), **Sch. 2**

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- M3** 1963 c. 33.
- M4** 1932 c. lxx.

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