

**ELIZABETH II**



**1983 CHAPTER iii**

An Act to confer further powers upon the Greater London Council and other authorities; and for other purposes. [28th March 1983]

**WHEREAS—**

(1) It is expedient that further and better provision should be made for the improvement and development of local government services in Greater London and for the benefit, safety and convenience of persons residing therein and that the powers of the Greater London Council (hereinafter called “the Council”) and of the London borough councils and the Common Council of the City of London should be extended and amended as provided in this Act:

(2) It is expedient that restrictions in the Richmond Petersham and Ham Open Spaces Act 1902 regarding the erection of buildings on Petersham Meadows in the London borough of Richmond upon Thames be modified to permit the erection of certain agricultural buildings on part of the said Petersham Meadows: 1902 c. ccliii.

(3) It is expedient that the other provisions contained in this Act should be enacted:

(4) The purposes of this Act cannot be effected without the authority of Parliament:

1972 c. 70. (5) In relation to the promotion of the Bill for this Act the Council and the council of the borough of Richmond upon Thames have each complied with the requirements of section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972:

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

## PART I

### PRELIMINARY

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1983.

Interpretation. 2. In this Act, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires—

“borough council” means London borough council and includes the Common Council of the City of London;

“the Council” means the Greater London Council; and

“the Richmond Council” means the council of the London borough of Richmond upon Thames.

## PART II

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL AND TO BOROUGH COUNCILS

Increase of fines for certain summary offences in Greater London enactments. 3. The enactments specified in column (2) of the Schedule to this Act, which relate to the maximum fines for the offences mentioned (and broadly described) in column (1) of the Schedule, shall have effect in Greater London as if the maximum fine that may be imposed on conviction of any offence so mentioned were a fine not exceeding the amount specified in column (4) of the Schedule instead of a fine not exceeding the amount specified in column (3) of the Schedule, but nothing in this section shall alter the maximum daily fine, if any, provided for by any of those enactments.

Modification of Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973. 4. In paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 25 (Provision of temporary sleeping accommodation to constitute material change of use) of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973, for the words “twenty-two” there shall be substituted the word “ninety”.

PART III

PROVISIONS RELATING TO BOROUGH COUNCILS

*Provisions for the Richmond Council*

5.—(1) In this section—

“agriculture” has the meaning assigned to it in section 290 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971; and

“the Petersham Farm signed plan” means the plan four copies of which have been signed by the Rt. Hon. Ernest Armstrong the Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons to whom the Bill for this Act was referred and deposited respectively in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, with the Director-General and Clerk to the Council and with the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the borough of Richmond upon Thames.

Amendment of Richmond Petersham and Ham Open Spaces Act 1902. 1971 c. 78.

(2) In section 5 of the Richmond Petersham and Ham Open Spaces Act 1902 at the end of subsection (1) there shall be inserted the words “or, notwithstanding such agreement, such buildings, on such part of Petersham Meadows, as are specified in subsection (1A) of this section” and after the said subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

1902 c. ccliii.

“ (1A) The buildings specified for the purposes of subsection (1) of this section are buildings, other than dwellings, erected or to be erected on the land (being part of Petersham Meadows) shown coloured pink on the Petersham Farm signed plan and which are required for the use of that land for the purposes of agriculture:

Provided that—

(a) the ground area covered by any building so erected does not, either by itself or after the addition thereto of the ground area covered by any existing building or buildings on the said land shown coloured pink erected or in course of erection within the preceding two years and wholly or partly within 90 metres of the nearest part of the said building, exceed 465 square metres; and

(b) the height of any building so erected does not exceed 12 metres.”.

*Provisions for the council of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea*

6.—(1) In paragraph (2) of section 4 (Meaning of “specified purpose”) of the Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Act 1972, for the words “twenty-two” there shall be substituted the word “ninety”.

Modification of Kensington and Chelsea Corporation Act 1972.

1972 c. xxxiii.

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(2) In the proviso to subsection (1) of section 8 (Refusal of registration) of the said Act of 1972, after the words “Provided that” there shall be inserted the words “subject to subsection (3) of this section”.

(3) In the proviso to subsection (1) of the said section 8, after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted the following paragraph:—

“(aa) a building which is at the passing of the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1983 being used for the provision of sleeping accommodation for payment in circumstances where the relationship of landlord and tenant is thereby created but where the total duration of the letting creating such relationship is, or is expected to be, twenty-two or more consecutive days but less than ninety consecutive days;”.

(4) In the said section 8, after subsection (2) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

“(3) If the Corporation are required to register a building under this Part of this Act by virtue of paragraph (aa) of the proviso to subsection (1) of this section, they may notify the applicant within sixty days of the receipt of the application that the building has been registered by virtue of the said paragraph (aa) and that the building shall not be used for the provision of sleeping accommodation for payment in circumstances where the relationship of landlord and tenant is thereby created but where the total duration of the letting creating such relationship is, or is expected to be, less than twenty-two consecutive days.”.

(5) In section 10 (Prohibition on providing unregistered accommodation) of the said Act of 1972, after subsection (1) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

“(1A) No person who, by virtue of an estate or interest held by him in a building to which this Part of this Act applies and which has been registered by the Corporation in the circumstances referred to in, and has been the subject of a notification under, section 8(3) of this Act, is entitled to possession thereof or who is concerned in the management of that building shall use that building in contravention of the notification given under the said section 8(3).”.

(6) In subsection (2) of the said section 10, for the words “the foregoing subsection” there shall be substituted the words “subsection (1) or (1A) of this section”.

(7) In the said section 10, after subsection (7) there shall be inserted the following subsection:—

“(7A) It shall be lawful for any person who—

(a) immediately before the passing of the Greater

London Council (General Powers) Act 1983 was using any building for the provision of sleeping accommodation for payment in circumstances where the relationship of landlord and tenant was thereby created but where the total duration of the letting creating such relationship was, or was expected to be, twenty-two or more consecutive days but less than ninety consecutive days; and

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(b) before the expiration of three months from the passing of the said Act of 1983 duly applied for registration under this Part of this Act;

to continue to use that building for the provision of such sleeping accommodation until the building is registered under this Part of this Act.”.

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTAL

7. In Item 7 of Schedule 3 to the Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1981 after the words “Europe House,” there shall be inserted the words: “and Ivory House,”.

Amendment of Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1981. 1981 c. xvii.

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of any enactment requiring or enabling expenses in connection with any function of the Council to be chargeable otherwise than as general expenses chargeable on the whole of Greater London, all expenses of the Council in the execution of this Act shall be defrayed as the Council may decide as—

Costs of Act.

- (a) general expenses chargeable on the whole of Greater London; or
- (b) special expenses chargeable only on such part of Greater London as the Council may determine.

(2) So much of the costs, charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing, applying for and obtaining of this Act as may be incurred in respect of or in connection with the provisions contained in section 5 (Amendment of Richmond Petersham and Ham Open Spaces Act 1902) of this Act shall be paid by the Richmond Council.

1902 c. ccliii.

Section 3.

## SCHEDULE

INCREASE OF FINES FOR CERTAIN SUMMARY OFFENCES IN GREATER LONDON  
ENACTMENTS

Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)	
1878 c. 29.	Monuments (Metropolis) Act 1878— Offences under section 4 (damaging Cleopatra's Needle or other monuments).	Section 4.	£25.	£200.
1898 c. cxix.	Ilford Improvement Act 1898— Offences under section 51 (wilful damage to drains, etc.).	Section 51.	£25.	£200.
1903 c. ccl.	Erith Tramways and Improvement Act 1903— Offences under section 171 (organising circus processions, etc., without giving notice).	Section 171.	£25.	£200.
1920 c. lxxxix.	London County Council (General Powers) Act 1920— Offences connected with massage establishments— (a) carrying on unlicensed establishment— (b) (i) refusal to permit entry to premises; (ii) carrying on establishment in contravention of byelaws; (iii) unlawful publication of advertisement.	Section 15 (1).	£50.	£500.
		Section 15 (2).	£25.	£200.
1920 c. clv.	Erith Improvement Act 1920— Offences under section 66 (1) (contravening order prohibiting occupation of land by tents, vans, etc.).	Section 66 (1).	£25.	£200.
1925 c. cxv.	Surrey County Council Act 1925— Offences under section 10 (dredging, etc., in streams without a licence). Offences under section 19 (8) (unauthorised works in Beverley Brook or River Wandle) (as substituted by paragraph 57 of Schedule 1 to S.I. 1965 No. 540).	Section 10.	£50.	£500.
		Section 19 (8).	£25.	£500.
1931 c. xciii.	London Squares Preservation Act 1931— Offences under section 3 (9) (contravening provisions for protecting London Squares).	Section 3 (9).	£50.	£500.

Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)	SCH. —cont.
<p>Essex County Council Act 1933—                      Offences under section 62 (1)                      (carrying on unlicensed mas-                      sage establishment).                      Offences under section 62 (2)                      (various as to massage estab-                      lishments).                      Offences under section 126 (1)                      (failure to comply with de-                      velopment scheme in connec-                      tion with new streets).</p>	<p>Section 62 (1).                      Section 62 (2).                      Section 126 (1).</p>	<p>£50.                      £25.                      £50.</p>	<p>£500.                      £200.                      £200.</p>	1933 c. xlv.
<p>Surrey County Council Act 1936—                      Offences under section 31 (6)                      (diversion or alteration of                      streams without approval).</p>	<p>Section 31 (6).</p>	<p>£25.</p>	<p>£500.</p>	1936 c. cxxx.
<p>Ilford Corporation Act 1937—                      Offences under section 34 (5)                      (non-compliance with require-                      ments connected with powers                      as to future line of streets).                      Offences under section 47 (1) (a)                      (control on erection of hoard-                      ings, etc.)                      Offences under section 47 (2) (b)                      (non-compliance with notice                      as to hoardings, etc.).                      Offences under section 48 (3)                      (control on erection of hoard-                      ings, etc., at street corners).</p>	<p>Section 34 (5).                      Section 47 (1) (b).                      Section 47 (2) (b).                      Section 48 (3).</p>	<p>£25.                      £25.                      £25.                      £25.</p>	<p>£50.                      £50.                      £50.                      £50.</p>	1937 c. lxxxi.
<p>Middlesex County Council Act 1944—                      Offences under section 146 (5)                      (building, etc., in or over                      streams without approval).                      Offences under section 150 (dredg-                      ing without a licence).                      Offences under section 278 (1)                      (failure to give notice of                      slaughter of animals unfit for                      food).                      Offences under section 280 (2)                      (failure of person with tuber-                      culosis selling food to comply                      with order of court).                      Offences under section 345 (1)                      and (2) (unauthorised move-                      able dwellings).                      Offences under section 347 (2)                      (unlawful siting of moveable                      dwellings).                      Offences under section 360 (1)                      (operating unlicensed massage                      establishment).                      Offences under section 360 (2)                      (various as to massage estab-                      lishments).</p>	<p>Section 146 (5).                      Section 150.                      Section 278 (2).                      Section 280 (3).                      Section 345 (5).                      Section 347 (3).                      Section 360 (1).                      Section 360 (2).</p>	<p>£25.                      £50.                      £25.                      £25.                      £25.                      £25.                      £50.                      £25.</p>	<p>£500.                      £500.                      £200.                      £200.                      £500.                      £500.                      £500.                      £200.</p>	1944 c. xxi.

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Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)
1949 c. lv.	London County Council (General Powers) Act 1949—		
Offences under section 17 (4) (failure of heating authority to comply with provisions as to discharge of steam and heated water into sewers and water-courses).	Section 17 (4).	£25 for a first offence and £50 for a second or subsequent offence.	£200.
Offences under section 19 (breach of provisions for protection of water undertakers).	Section 19.	£5.	£50.
Offences under section 35 (2) (refusing entry to premises for heating undertaking authorised officer).	Section 35 (2).	£5.	£200.
Offences under section 35 (3) (disclosure of information obtained under powers of entry).	Section 35 (3).	£100.	£500.
Offences under section 36 (1) (interference with apparatus of heating authority).	Section 36 (1).	£5.	£50.
Offences under section 36 (2) (wrongful use of heat).	Section 36 (2).	£5.	£50.
1950 c. xxxviii.	Leyton Corporation Act 1950—		
Offences under section 48 (1) (registration of hairdressers and barbers)—			
(i) carrying on unregistered business;	Section 48 (4) (a).	£20.	£200.
(ii) contravention of byelaws;	Section 48 (4) (b).	£5.	£50.
(iii) failure to deliver up certificate of registration;	Section 48 (5) (a).	£1.	£50.
(iv) failure to display byelaws and certificate of registration.	Section 48 (6).	£1.	£50.
Offences under section 63 (1) (registration of shellfish vendors).	Section 63 (3).	£2.	£50.
1952 c. l.	Essex County Council Act 1952—		
Offences under section 19 (3) (contravention of notice prohibiting building until street formed and sewered).	Section 19 (3).	£20.	£200.
Offences under section 20 (3) (contravention of notice prohibiting structures at ends of new streets).	Section 20 (3).	£20.	£200.
Offences under section 21 (4) (contravention of notice as to rounding or splaying off of corners at street junctions).	Section 21 (4).	£20.	£200.
Offences under section 34 (3) (damage to direction signs).	Section 34 (3).	£2.	£50.



Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)	SCH. —cont.
<b>Essex County Council Act 1952—cont.</b>				1952 c. 1.
Offences under section 36 (4) (using grass verge or footway as carriage-crossing).	Section 36 (4).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 37 (2) (erection of retaining walls otherwise than in accordance with plans, etc.).	Section 37 (2).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 40 (2) (contravention of control on awnings over footways).	Section 40 (2).	£2.	£50.	
Offences under section 46 (2) (wilful damage to flagpole, etc.).	Section 46 (2).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 47 (4) (contravention of notice as to means of access to buildings).	Section 47 (4).	£100.	£200.	
Offences under section 48 (2) (providing milk churn stands without consent).	Section 48 (2).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 49 (1) (control on sale of food and articles on verges, etc.).	Section 49 (2).	£2.	£50.	
Offences under section 57 (6) (control on erection of stands).	Section 57 (6).	£50.	£500.	
Offences under section 85 (2) (failure to comply with order as to alteration of domestic chimneys).	Section 85 (2).	£20.	£50.	
Offences under section 93 (2) (control on use of silencers for stationary internal combustion engines).	Section 93 (2).	£10.	£200.	
Offences under section 98 (2) (exclusion of children from places of entertainment or assembly).	Section 98 (2).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 101 (4) (failure to comply with order as to prohibition of tuber- culous persons from handling food).	Section 101 (4).	£5.	£200.	
Offences under section 107 (2) (control on slaughter of ani- mals otherwise than for human consumption).	Section 107 (3).	£10.	£200.	
Offences under section 167 (2) (refusal to allow use of ladders, etc., for entry or inspection).	Section 167 (2).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 187 (1) (interference with apparatus, etc., of heating undertakers).	Section 187 (1).	£5.	£50.	
Offences under section 187 (2) (wrongful use of heat).	Section 187 (2).	£5.	£50.	
<b>London County Council (General Powers) Act 1954—</b>				1954 c. xxiv.
Offences under section 20 (1) (defacing streets with slogans).	Section 20 (1).	£5.	£200.	
<b>London County Council (General Powers) Act 1955—</b>				1955 c. xxix.
Offences under section 39 (9) (failure to give information in	Section 39 (9).	£5.	£200.	

SCH. —cont.	Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)
1955 c. xxix.	London County Council (General Powers) Act 1955— <i>cont.</i> connection with recovery by borough councils of expenses of fencing certain lands).			
1956 c. lxxxiv.	Walthamstow Corporation Act 1956— Offences under section 17 (1) (defacing road surface, traffic signs, etc.).	Section 17 (3).	£5.	£200.
1957 c. xxxv.	London County Council (General Powers) Act 1957— Offences under section 54 (3) (obstruction of Council officers exercising powers for flood prevention). Offences under section 58 (7) (wilful obstruction of Council officers exercising powers of entry).	Section 54 (3).	£10.	£200.
1958 c. vi. (7 & 8 Eliz. 2).	Kent County Council Act 1958— Offences under section 50 (1) (control on sale of food and articles on verges, etc.).	Section 50 (2).	£2.	£50.
1961 c. xlvi.	River Ravensbourne, &c., (Improvement and Flood Prevention) Act 1961— Offences under section 10 (1) (dredging without consent). Offences under section 11 (5) (building over streams without approval). Offences under section 12 (2) (failure to cover streams as required by Council). Offences under section 13 (4) (unauthorised new connections to streams). Offences under section 19 (1) (interference with Council works). Offences under section 23 (5) (disclosure of information obtained under powers of entry). Offences under section 27 (wilfully obstructing execution of Act).	Section 10 (2).	£20.	£500.
		Section 11 (5).	£50.	£500.
		Section 12 (2).	£20.	£500.
		Section 13 (4).	£50.	£500.
		Section 19 (1).	£100.	£500.
		Section 23 (5).	£100.	£500.
		Section 27.	£5.	£200.
1961 c. xxxvii.	Middlesex County Council Act 1961— Offences under section 25 (1) (mixing, etc., mortar in streets). Offences under section 47 (prohibition of dark smoke).	Section 25 (2).	£5.	£50.
		Section 47.	£100.	£200.
1962 c. xlv.	London County Council (General Powers) Act 1962— Offences under section 23 (7) (contravention of notice of works to prevent flooding, etc.).	Section 23 (7).	£20.	£200.

Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)	SCH. —cont.
London County Council (General Powers) Act 1963— Offences under section 10 (wilful obstruction of person exercising powers as to street improvements).	Section 10.	£5.	£200.	1963 c. xvii.
London Government Act 1963— Offences under Schedule 9 (Part III)— Paragraph 15 (1) (digging foundations or laying drains without prior notice). Paragraph 15 (2) (drainage works in contravention of provisions of Schedule 9). Paragraph 17 (1) (works for preventing soil or refuse from entering sewers). Paragraph 18 (1) (control on obstructions to sewers).	Paragraph 15 (1) of Schedule 9. Paragraph 15 (2) (b) of Schedule 9. Paragraph 17 (2) of Schedule 9. Paragraph 18 (1) of Schedule 9.	£5. £5. £5. £20.	£200. £200. £200. £200.	1963 c. 33.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1966— Offences under section 30 (2) (making excavations without providing support for highway). Offences under section 32 (2) (carrying out building operations so as to endanger the public).	Section 33 (1). Section 33 (1).	£100. £100.	£500. £500.	1966 c. xxviii.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1967— Offences under section 21 (3) (carrying on unregistered hairdressing business). Offences under section 21 (4) (failure to display byelaws as to hairdressing business).	Section 21 (3). Section 21 (4).	£25. £5.	£200. £50.	1967 c. xx.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1968— Offences under section 49 (1) (unregistered night café trading). Offences under section 49 (3) (b) (contravention of condition of night café registration). Offences under section 51 (1) (c) (wilful obstruction of person exercising powers as to night café registration). Offences under section 52 (disorderly conduct in night café).	Section 49 (1). Section 49 (3) (b). Section 51 (1) (c). Section 52.	£200. £200. £20. £200.	£500. £500. £200. £500.	1968 c. xxxix.

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1969 c. lii.	Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1969— Offences under section 16 (4) (action endangering support for walkway). Offences under section 18A (using vehicles on walkways).	Section 16 (4).  Section 18A.	£50.  £20 for a first offence and £50 for a second or subsequent offence.	£200.  £200.
1970 c. lxxvi.	Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1970— Offences under section 15 (1) (unlicensed erection of scaffolding).	Section 15 (3).	£20 for a first offence and £50 for a second or subsequent offence.	£200.
1971 c. li.	Haringey Corporation Act 1971— Offences under section 3 (2) (unauthorised parking of heavy vehicles, trailers and caravans).	Section 3 (4).	£20 for a first offence and £50 for a second or subsequent offence.	£200.
1972 c. xl.	Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1972— Offences under section 17 (2) (a) (failure to give information in case of offences involving a vehicle).	Section 17 (2) (b).	£50.	£200.
1973 c. xxx.	Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1973— Offences under section 30 (7) (contravention of order closing insanitary food premises). Offences under section 31 (2) (d) (contravening order as to closure of self-operated laundry). Offences under section 31 (3) (b) (failing to comply with requirements as to display of notice of dangerous substance).	Section 30 (7).  Section 31 (2) (d).  Section 31 (3) (b).	£100.  £50.  £20.	£200.  £200.  £50.

Enactment creating offence (1)	Penalty enactment (2)	Old maximum fine (3)	New maximum fine (4)	SCH. —cont.
Greater London Council (General Powers) Act 1974— Offences under section 14 (2) (prohibitions as to gardens, grass verges, etc.). Offences under section 21 (6) (obstructing officers performing duties as to removal of vehicles for street cleansing).	Section 14 (2).  Section 21 (6).	£20.  £50.	£50.  £200.	1974 c. xxiv.

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