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An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for improving an Area situated in the Parishes of St. Mary-le-Strand St. Clement Danes St. Giles - in - the - Fields and St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the County of London.

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[3rd June 1897.]

WHEREAS the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley Baronet one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State has on the application of the London County Council made the Provisional Order set forth in the schedule hereunto annexed under the provisions of Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 :

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c. 70.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order should be confirmed by Parliament :

Be it therefore 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 :—

1. The Order set out in the schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed.

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2. Notwithstanding the inclusion of Stanhope Street and Drury Lane within the improvement area nothing in this Act or the Order confirmed by this Act shall authorise the council to stop up either of the said streets or affect any rights with regard thereto vested in the Metropolitan Electric Supply Company Limited at the passing of this Act nor shall any pipes or other works of that company in either of the said streets vest in the council under section twenty-two of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and if it be necessary for the council in widening Drury Lane to alter the situation of any electric line or apparatus of the said

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A.D. 1897. — company they shall give reasonable notice in writing to the company of their intention so to do and any alteration of any such line or apparatus shall be effected under the superintendence and to the reasonable satisfaction of the engineer of the company and at the cost of the council and any question with reference thereto which may arise between the engineer of the council and the engineer of the company shall if not agreed be settled by arbitration.

Short title. **3.** This Act may be cited as the London (Clare Market Strand) Provisional Order Confirmation Act 1897.

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LONDON (CLARE MARKET STRAND) IMPROVEMENT

SCHEME 1895.

PROVISIONAL ORDER.

Whereas the London County Council presented to me the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State a petition praying that an Order might be made confirming a scheme made by the said County Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 for the improvement of a certain area situated partly in the parish of St. Mary-le-Strand partly in the parish of St. Clement Danes partly in the parish of St. Giles-in-the-Fields and partly in the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of London and subject to the jurisdiction of the said County Council as the local authority under the said Act :

And whereas a copy of the scheme and of the estimate with which it was accompanied is annexed to this Order :

And whereas on consideration of the said petition and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements and of the service of the proper notices I thought fit to proceed with the case and directed a local inquiry to be made by Mr. Herbert Thomas Steward in or in the vicinity of the area to which the scheme relates for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representation made to the London County Council as to the area and the sufficiency of the scheme provided for its improvement and any local objections to be made to such scheme :

And whereas before commencing such inquiry the said Herbert Thomas Steward made public by advertisement his intention to make such inquiry and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous to be heard upon the subject thereof in accordance with the provisions of section 18 of the above-mentioned Act:

And whereas the said Herbert Thomas Steward has reported to me in favour of the said scheme subject to certain qualifications contained in his report :

And whereas the number of persons of the working class that will be displaced by the scheme if carried out in accordance with this Order is estimated at 3,172 as set forth in the following table :—

Number of Holdings.	Number of Rooms in each Holding.	Total Number of Rooms.	Average Number of Occupants in each Holding.	Total Number of Occupants.
530	1	530	2·84	1,510
270	2	540	4·31	1,164
35	3 or more	138	6·35	219
835 Holdings.		1,208 Rooms.		2,893 Occupants.
Add for Common Lodging Houses - - - - -				279
				3,172 Occupants.

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And whereas by the said scheme it is proposed to provide in the area to which it relates accommodation for 500 persons of the working class and on the site of the Millbank Penitentiary accommodation for 1,269 persons of the same class making provision in all for 1,769 persons :

Now in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Act I hereby confirm the scheme and authorise the same to be carried into execution subject to the following conditions and modifications :—

With respect to the limits of the improvement area the house in Clare Market numbered 159 on the plan marked 27 C (annexed to a copy of this Order and sealed with the official seal of this Office and here deposited) shall be excluded from the scheme also the County Council shall not take any basement now existing below the surface of the ground on the properties in Denham Yard marked 61 and 62 on the plan or under Denham Yard such underground premises being a bakehouse &c. in connexion with No. 321 Strand and the houses and land which on the said plan are indicated by a blue colour and numbered respectively by the numbers hereunder set forth and which houses and lands are hereunder described (that is to say) :—

Reference Number on Plan.	Description.
1 2 3 8 and 9	Houses and premises 35 34 33 32 31 and 30 Stanhope Street.
12	Ditto 28 and 27 Stanhope Street and in Harford Place.
18 and 19	Ditto in White Horse Yard.
35	Ditto 7 and 8 Granby Place.
46 and 47	Ditto 115 and 116 Drury Lane.
53 54 55 and 56	Ditto 4 3 2 1 Harford Place.
73	Premises a factory in Stanhope Street and White Horse Yard and Clare Court.
75 and 76	Ditto 21 and 22 Stanhope Street.
82 83 and 85	Ditto 15 16 and 18 Blackmoor Street and premises in the rear in Clare Court.
129	In Clare Market.
133 147 151 and 152	In Holles Street.
162	Premises in Nag's Head Court.
15 16 and 17	In New Church Court.

shall not be deemed part of the unhealthy area in respect of which official representation was made but shall form part of the improvement area to which the scheme as amended by this Order shall relate and shall be deemed to have been included in the scheme as neighbouring lands :

With respect to re-arrangement and re-construction of streets within this area Denham Yard shall be kept open :

With respect to the appropriation of lands the scheme of the County Council shall be read as if in lieu of the plan marked 27 and annexed to the scheme was substituted the said plan marked 27 C and for the Schedule there shall be substituted the following

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The existing buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area shall be taken down and removed and new dwellings upon the said lands and upon the part of the site of the Millbank Penitentiary herein-after mentioned shall be erected as may be determined from time to time in that behalf by the Council

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with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State The displacement of persons of the working class under this scheme shall proceed by degrees and no such persons shall be displaced without such approval as aforesaid.

The new dwellings shall be constructed in such manner as to position elevation size design and extent of accommodation as the Council with such approval as aforesaid shall prescribe or approve and to their satisfaction so as to afford in the aggregate suitable accommodation for persons of the working classes in the proportions following that is to say upon the improvement area as defined by plan No. 27 C there shall be provided accommodation for 750 persons and in the dwellings on part of the site of the Millbank Penitentiary as defined by the plan marked 27 B and thereon edged with a red line there shall be provided accommodation for 1,500 persons making a total provision for 2,250 persons.

Such dwellings shall be furnished with such water-closets sinks water supply and other proper sanitary arrangements as the Council shall prescribe and to their satisfaction.

Such of the lands constituting the improvement area as shall not be required for the purpose of providing accommodation as aforesaid for 750 persons of the working class may be sold leased or otherwise disposed of by the Council as they may think fit.

STREET WIDENING.

Drury Lane shall be widened to 40 feet by setting back the whole of the frontage on the east side between Blackmoor Street and Kemble Street and Blackmoor Street shall be widened to 40 feet by setting back the whole of the frontage on the north side between Drury Lane and Stanhope Street and Clare Street shall be widened to 40 feet by setting back the whole of the frontage on the south side between Stanhope Street and Clare Market as shown by the dark red line on the said plan marked No. 27 C.

M. W. RIDLEY.

Home Office Whitehall
20th January 1897.

SCHEME

For the improvement of certain lands within the Metropolis situate in the parishes of St. Clement Danes St. Mary-le-Strand St. Giles-in-the Fields and St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the county of London in pursuance of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

PRELIMINARY.

Whereas an official representation under the provisions of the fourth section of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 was on the 23rd day of November 1894 made to us the London County Council (herein-after referred to as "the Council") by Francis John Allan M.D. the medical officer of health of the Strand district comprising the said parishes of St. Clement Danes and St. Mary-le-Strand with respect to an area

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within the said parishes under our jurisdiction as the local authority within the meaning of Part I. of the said Act and delineated on the plan annexed to the said representation and thereon coloured red which thereby represented (1) that houses courts and alleys within the said area are unfit for habitation (2) that the narrowness closeness and bad arrangement of the streets and houses the want of light air and ventilation and other sanitary defects or one or more of such causes are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the buildings in the said area and of the neighbouring buildings (3) that the evils connected with such houses courts or alleys and the sanitary defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area or of some of such streets or houses :

And whereas we the Council have taken such representation into our consideration and being satisfied of the truth thereof and of the sufficiency of our resources have passed a resolution to the effect that the said area is an unhealthy area and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area :

And whereas it is necessary for the proper re-arrangement of the area aforesaid that certain neighbouring lands should be acquired by us the Council :

And whereas the Council in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1885 have made arrangements with the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury for the purchase of a piece of land formerly part of the site of the Millbank Penitentiary in the parish of St. John Westminster in the county of London which piece of land is shown upon the plan marked No. 27 B hereunto annexed and thereon surrounded by a red line upon which land it is proposed to erect buildings for the accommodation of 1,269 of the persons of the working class displaced by this scheme :

Now therefore We the Council in furtherance of such resolution and in pursuance of the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and the powers by the said Act conferred upon us do make the scheme following that is to say :—

Improvement Area.

The lands delineated and coloured red and blue on the plan No. 27 to this scheme annexed on which plan the lands referred to in the before-mentioned official representation are coloured red and certain neighbouring lands are coloured blue and all which lands are situate in the parishes of St. Clement Danes St. Mary-le-Strand St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. Martin-in-the-Fields respectively in the county of London shall constitute the improvement area to which the scheme refers.

Acquisition of Lands.

The lands constituting the said improvement area or any of them may for the purposes of this scheme be taken compulsorily.

Appropriation of Lands.

The existing buildings upon the lands constituting the said improvement area shall be removed and dwellings for the working classes shall be constructed thereon or on some part or parts thereof affording the accommodation and having the sanitary arrangements specified in the schedule to this scheme annexed and the street shown on the said plan marked No. 27 shall be formed and widened as nearly as may be to the extent shown by dark red lines on the said plan and according to the particulars set forth in the schedule to this scheme annexed.

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In the appropriation for the aforesaid purposes of the lands constituting the said improvement area any regulation made for the purposes and in the manner set forth in the schedule to this scheme annexed shall be duly observed. A.D. 1897.

Upon the land shown upon plan marked No. 27 B and thereon edged with a red line there shall be erected dwellings for the working classes affording the accommodation and having the sanitary arrangements specified in the schedule to this scheme annexed.

Execution of Scheme.

The Council shall carry this scheme into execution in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890 and this scheme and subject to such modifications thereof or additions thereto as may be prescribed and made under the authority of the said Act the Provisional Order authorising the execution of this scheme or the Act confirming such Provisional Order.

Short Title.

This scheme may be cited for all purposes as the London (Clare Market Strand) Improvement Scheme 1895.

Dated this 16th day of October 1895.

Sealed by Order.

(Signed) H. DE LA HOOKE Clerk of the Council.

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PARTICULARS REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING SCHEME.

The existing buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area shall be taken down and removed and new dwellings upon the said lands shall be erected as may be determined from time to time in that behalf by the Council with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

The new dwellings shall be constructed in such manner as to position elevation size design and extent of accommodation as the Council with such approval as aforesaid shall prescribe or approve and to their satisfaction so as to afford in the aggregate suitable accommodation for persons of the working classes in the proportions following that is to say upon the improvement area as defined by plan No. 27 there shall be provided accommodation for 500 persons and in the dwellings on part of the site of the Millbank Penitentiary as defined by the plan marked 27 B and thereon edged with a red line there shall be provided accommodation for 1,269 persons making a total provision for 1,769 persons.

Such dwellings shall be furnished with such water-closets sinks water supply and other proper sanitary arrangements as the Council shall prescribe and to their satisfaction.

Such of the lands constituting the improvement area as shall not be required for the purpose of providing accommodation as aforesaid for 500 persons of the working class may be sold leased or otherwise disposed of by the Council as they may think fit.

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Street widening.

Drury Lane shall be widened to 40 feet by setting back the whole of the frontage on the east side between Blackmoor Street and Kemble Street as shown by the dark red line on the said plan marked No. 27.

ESTIMATE.

Required by section 6 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890.

Cost of land &c.	-	-	-	£379,150
Cost of roads	-	-	-	2,250
				<hr/> 381,400
Less estimated value of building sites	-	-	-	164,900
				<hr/> Total net cost
				<u>£216,500</u>

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