



Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953

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Powers of local authorities in respect of omnibus shelters, etc.

4 Provision of omnibus shelters, etc.

- (1) Subject to the following provisions of this Act, a local authority may provide and maintain in any highway within their district which is comprised in the route of public service vehicles, or on any land abutting on such a highway, shelters or other accommodation at stopping places on the route for the use of persons intending to travel on such vehicles.
- (2) Any local authority, or any persons authorised to run public service vehicles, may enter into and carry into effect any agreement with a local authority with respect to the provision and maintenance of shelters or other accommodation under this section by the last-mentioned authority; and any such agreement may in particular provide for the payment by the first-mentioned authority or persons of the whole or any part of the cost of the provision and maintenance of the shelter or accommodation.
- (3) A local authority shall consult the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis with regard to the position of any shelter or other accommodation which they propose to provide under this section in a highway in the metropolitan police district.
- (4) In this and the next three following sections, “local authority” includes the council of a rural parish; [^{F1}and “public service vehicle” has the meaning which it would have in [^{F2}the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 if in section 1(1)] of that Act the words “(other than a tramcar)” were omitted.]

Textual Amendments

F1 Words substituted by [Transport Act 1980 \(c. 34, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 43(1), [Sch. 5 Pt. II](#)

F2 Words substituted by [Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 \(c. 14, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 88(2), [Sch. 7 para. 1](#)

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- (1) A local authority shall not have power by virtue of the last foregoing section to provide a shelter or other accommodation in any such situation or position as is described in the first column of the following Table, except with the consent of the person described in relation thereto in the second column of that Table:—

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In any highway for which there is a highway authority other than the local authority, or on land abutting on any such highway.	The highway authority.
In any highway belonging to and repairable by any railway, dock, harbour, canal, inland navigation or passenger road transport undertakers and forming the approach to any station, dock, wharf or depot of those undertakers.	The undertakers.
On any bridge not vested in the local authority or on the approaches to any such bridge.	The authority or other person in whom the bridge is vested.
On any bridge carrying a highway over any railway, canal or inland navigation, or on the approaches to any such bridge, or under any bridge carrying a railway, canal or inland navigation over a highway.	The railway, canal or inland navigation undertakers concerned.
In a position obstructing or interfering with any existing access to any land or premises abutting on a highway.	The owner (as defined by the Public Health Act, 1936) of the land or premises.

- (2) Any consent required by this section in respect of a shelter or other accommodation shall not unreasonably be withheld but may be given subject to any reasonable conditions, including a condition that the local authority shall remove the shelter or other accommodation either at any time or at or after the expiration of a period if reasonably required so to do by the person giving the consent.
- [^{F3}(3) Where the consent of the Secretary of State or the Minister of Transport is required under this section, disputes between the Minister whose consent is required and the local authority as to whether the consent of that Minister is unreasonably withheld or is given subject to reasonable conditions, or whether the removal of any shelter or other accommodation in accordance with any condition of the consent is reasonably required shall be referred to and determined by an arbitrator to be appointed in default of agreement by the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.]

Textual Amendments

- F3** S. 5(3) substituted by [Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 \(c. 65, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 1(7), [Sch. 7 para. 6\(1\)\(2\)](#)

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 5: Functions of a local highway authority made exercisable by, or by employees of, such person as may be authorised in that behalf by the local highway authority whose function it is (23.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/2106, art. 2, Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- C2** S. 5(1)(2): Certain functions made exercisable by, or by employees of, such person as may be authorised in that behalf by the Secretary of State for Transport (25.7.1995) by [S.I. 1995/1986, art. 2, Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- C3** S. 5(1)(2) functions made exercisable as specified (24.3.2009) by [The Contracting Out \(Highway Functions\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/721\), arts. 1, 3, Sch. 3 para. 3](#)
- C4** Functions of Minister of Transport now exercisable by Secretary of State: [S.I. 1965/319](#) and 1970/1681

^{F4}6 Supplementary provisions as to omnibus shelters, etc.

- (1) Where a shelter or other accommodation is provided by a local authority under section four of this Act in a position obstructing access to any [^{F5}[^{F4}electronic communications apparatus] kept installed for the purposes of [^{F6}an electronic communications code network] and the operator of [^{F7}that network] notifies the local authority that he requires to obtain access to the apparatus, the authority shall, unless they temporarily remove the shelter or accommodation for the purpose of affording such access or so much thereof as is necessary for that purpose, be liable to repay to the operator so much of the expenses reasonably incurred by him in obtaining] such access as is attributable to the situation of the shelter or accommodation.
- (2) The provisions of the foregoing subsection shall apply in relation to any sewers, pipe-subways, pipes, wires or other apparatus belonging to or maintained by any local authority or any gas, electricity, water, hydraulic power, tramcar or trolley vehicle undertakers, as they apply in relation to any such [^{F8}[^{F4}electronic communications apparatus] as is therein mentioned, and as if for any reference therein to the operator of the [^{F9}network] in question there were] substituted a reference to the local authority or the undertakers, as the case may be.
- (3) Any dispute as to the amount (if any) payable by a local authority under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be determined in accordance with subsection (2) of section two hundred and seventy-eight of the ^{M1}Public Health Act, 1936.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Words in s. 6 substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), s. 411\(2\), Sch. 17 para. 22\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1\(2\), 2\(1\), Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1\(3\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)
- F5** Words substituted by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\), s. 109\(1\), Sch. 4 para. 31\(a\)](#), s. 109(1), Sch. 5 para. 45
- F6** Words in s. 6(1) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), s. 411\(2\), Sch. 17 para. 22\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1\(2\), 2\(1\), Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1\(3\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)
- F7** Words in s. 6(1) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\), s. 411\(2\), Sch. 17 para. 22\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with [Sch. 18](#)); [S.I. 2003/1900, arts. 1\(2\), 2\(1\), Sch. 1](#) (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 1\(3\)](#)); [S.I. 2003/3142, art. 3\(2\)](#) (with art. 11)

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- F8** Words substituted by [Telecommunications Act 1984 \(c. 12, SIF 96\)](#), s. 109(1), **Sch. 4 para. 31(b)**, Sch. 5 para. 45
- F9** Word in s. 6(2) substituted (25.7.2003 for specified purposes, 29.12.2003 in so far as not already in force) by [Communications Act 2003 \(c. 21\)](#), s. 411(2), **Sch. 17 para. 22(4)** (with Sch. 18); [S.I. 2003/1900](#), arts. 1(2), 2(1), Sch. 1 (with art. 3) (as amended by [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 1(3)); [S.I. 2003/3142](#), art. 3(2) (with art. 11)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C5** S. 6 extended by [Parish Councils Act 1957 \(c. 42\)](#), s. 5(4); amended by [Post Office Act 1969 \(c. 48\)](#), s. 76, **Sch. 4 para. 54**
- C6** S. 6 applied with modifications by [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 \(c. 27, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 58(4)(5)
- C7** S. 6 amended by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(1)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 2(5)(a)**, (9), Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)
- C8** S. 6(2) amended by [Water Act 1989 \(c. 15, SIF 130\)](#), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 163, 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 20, Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), **58**

Marginal Citations

- M1** [1936 c. 49](#).

7 Maintenance of existing bus shelters and queue barriers.

(1) Where, at any time before the commencement of this Act, a local authority, acting in the exercise of powers conferred under Regulation 54B of the ^{M2}Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, or without statutory powers, have provided any such accommodation as follows, that is to say—

- (a) any such shelter or accommodation as is described in section four of this Act;
- (b) any barriers or posts for the regulation of persons waiting to enter public service vehicles,

the local authority shall have power by virtue of this section to maintain that accommodation.

(2) The provisions of sections five and six of this Act shall apply to the maintenance of any accommodation under this section, and to accommodation maintained thereunder, as they apply to the provision of accommodation under section four of this Act, and to accommodation provided under that section; but where any consent required under the said section five has been given by any authority or person before the commencement of this Act in respect of the provision of any accommodation to which this section applies, nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring any further consent on the part of that authority or person in respect of the maintenance of that accommodation.

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- M2** [S.R. & O. 1939/927 \(I p. 715\)](#).

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