



Settled Land Act 1925

1925 CHAPTER 18 15 and 16 Geo 5

PART II

POWERS OF A TENANT FOR LIFE

Miscellaneous Powers

56 Dedication for streets, open spaces, &c.

- (1) On or after or in connexion with a sale or grant for building purposes, or a building lease, or the development as a building estate of the settled land, or any part thereof, or at any other reasonable time, the tenant for life, for the general benefit of the residents on the settled land, or on any part thereof—
 - (i) may cause or require any parts of the settled land to be appropriated and laid out for streets, roads, paths, squares, gardens, or other open spaces, for the use, gratuitously or on payment, of the public or of individuals, with sewers, drains, watercourses, fencing, paving, or other works necessary or proper in connexion therewith; and
 - (ii) may provide that the parts so appropriated shall be conveyed to or vested in the trustees of the settlement, or other trustees, or any company or public body, on trusts or subject to provisions for securing the continued appropriation thereof to the purposes aforesaid, and the continued repair or maintenance of streets and other places and works aforesaid, with or without provision for appointment of new trustees when required; and
 - (iii) may execute any general or other deed necessary or proper for giving effect to the provisions of this section (which deed may be inrolled in the Central Office of the [F1Senior Courts]), and thereby declare the mode, terms, and conditions of the appropriation, and the manner in which and the persons by whom the benefit thereof is to be enjoyed, and the nature and extent of the privileges and conveniences granted.
- (2) In regard to the dedication of land for the public purposes aforesaid, a tenant for life shall be in the same position as if he were an absolute owner.

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for the Settled Land Act 1925, Section 56. (See end of Document for details)*

- (3) A tenant for life shall have power—
- (a) to enter into any agreement for the recompense to be made for any part of the settled land which is required for the widening of a highway under [^{F2}the Highways Act 1980] or otherwise;
 - (b) to consent to the diversion of any highway over the settled land under [^{F2}the Highways Act 1980] or otherwise; and
 - (c)^{F3}
- and any agreement or consent so made or given shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if made or given by an absolute owner of the settled land.
- (4) All money, not being rent, received on the exercise of any power conferred by this section shall be capital money arising under this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in Act substituted (1.10.2009) by [Constitutional Reform Act 2005 \(c. 4\)](#), s. 148(1), **Sch. 11 para. 4**; S.I. 2009/1604, art. 2(d)
- F2** Words substituted by virtue of [Highways Act 1980 \(c. 66, SIF 59\)](#), s. 147, **Sch. 24 para. 2**
- F3** S. 56(3)(c) repealed by [Highways Act 1959 \(c. 25\)](#), **Sch. 25** and [London Government Act 1963 \(c. 33\)](#), s. 16(2), **Sch. 6 para. 70**

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