



Inner Urban Areas Act 1978

1978 CHAPTER 50

Special areas

8 Orders specifying special areas.

- (1) Where any arrangements have been entered into under section 7(1) above as respects a designated district, the Secretary of State may, subject to subsection (3) below, by order specify the whole or any part of that district as an area as respects which the powers conferred by sections 9, 10 and 11 below shall be exercisable by the designated district authority, or, as the case may be, either or both of the designated district authorities with whom he has entered into those arrangements.
- (2) In this Act an area so specified in relation to a designated district authority is referred to, in relation to that authority, as a “special area”.
- (3) The Secretary of State shall not make an order under subsection (1) above enabling a designated district authority to exercise the powers conferred by sections 9, 10 and 11 below as respects a special area except with the consent of that authority.

9 Loans for site preparation.

- (1) Where a designated district authority are satisfied that the carrying out by any person of any works mentioned in subsection (2) below on land situated within a special area would benefit that area, they may make a loan to that person for the purpose of enabling him to carry out those works.
- (2) The works referred to in subsection (1) above are as follows—
 - (a) the demolition of structures or buildings;
 - (b) the removal of foundations;
 - (c) the clearance of land;
 - (d) the levelling of land;
 - (e) the construction of access roads; and
 - (f) the provision of sewers or drains.

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- (3) Where a designated district authority are satisfied that the carrying out by any statutory undertakers or other authority of any works for the provision of electricity, gas, water or sewerage services for land situated within a special area would benefit that area, they may make a loan to any person for the purpose of enabling him to make any payments required as a condition of the carrying out of those works.
- (4) Subject to subsections (5) and (6) below, subsections (2) to (7) of section 2 above shall apply in relation to loans made under this section as they apply in relation to loans made under that section for the purpose of enabling a person to carry out works.
- (5) In making a loan under this section, an authority may agree, if they think fit, that no interest shall be payable in respect of, and no repayments of principal shall be required within, such period beginning with the making of the loan and not exceeding two years as the authority may determine.
- (6) The Secretary of State may, either generally or with respect to particular cases, give directions as to the making of loans under this section and, in particular, as to the imposition of conditions.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 9(3) extended by [Gas Act 1986 \(c. 44, SIF 44:2\)](#), s. 67(1), **Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(xxxv)**
- C2** S. 9(3) extended (E.W.) 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. 1(7), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), 58
- C3** S. 9(3) extended by [Electricity Act 1989 \(c. 29, SIF 44:1\)](#), s. 112(1)(3), **Sch. 16 para. 1(1)(xxxii)**, **Sch. 17 paras. 33, 35(1)**
S. 9(3) extended (1.3.1996) by [1995 c. 45, s. 16\(1\)](#), **Sch. 4 para. 2(1)(xxvi)**; [S.I. 1996/218, art. 2](#)

10 Grants towards rent.

- (1) Where a designated district authority are satisfied that the taking by any person of a lease of a building which—
 - (a) is intended for use for industrial or commercial purposes; and
 - (b) is situated within a special area,
 would benefit that area, they may, in respect of such period and by such instalments as they may determine, make a grant to that person towards the rent payable under that lease.
- (2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 3 above shall apply in relation to the making of grants under this section as they apply in relation to the making of grants under that section.

11 Grants towards loan interest.

- (1) Where—
 - (a) a designated district authority are satisfied that the acquisition by a small firm of land situated within a special area, or the carrying out by such a firm of any works on land so situated, would benefit the special area; and
 - (b) a loan is made to the firm (whether by the authority or by any other person) for the purpose of enabling it to acquire that land or, as the case may be, carry out those works,

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the authority may, in respect of such period and by such instalments as they may determine, make a grant to the firm towards the interest payable in respect of that loan.

- (2) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 3 above shall apply in relation to the making of grants under this section as they apply in relation to the making of grants under that section.
- (3) In this section “small firm” means an industrial or commercial undertaking which has no more than fifty employees.

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