



Housing Act 1985

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PART II

PROVISION OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

Acquisition of land, etc.

17 Acquisition of land for housing purposes.

- (1) A local housing authority may for the purposes of this Part—
 - (a) acquire land as a site for the erection of houses,
 - (b) acquire houses, or buildings which may be made suitable as houses, together with any land occupied with the houses or buildings,
 - (c) acquire land proposed to be used for any purpose authorised by sections 11, 12 and 15(1) (facilities provided in connection with housing accommodation), and
 - (d) acquire land in order to carry out on it works for the purpose of, or connected with, the alteration, enlarging, repair or improvement of an adjoining house.
- (2) The power conferred by subsection (1) includes power to acquire land for the purpose of disposing of houses provided, or to be provided, on the land or of disposing of the land to a person who intends to provide housing accommodation on it.
- (3) Land may be acquired by a local housing authority for the purposes of this Part by agreement, or they may be authorised by the Secretary of State to acquire it compulsorily.
- (4) A local housing authority may, with the consent of, and subject to any conditions imposed by, the Secretary of State, acquire land for the purposes of this Part notwithstanding that the land is not immediately required for those purposes; but an authority shall not be so authorised to acquire land compulsorily unless it appears to the Secretary of State that the land is likely to be required for those purposes within ten years from the date on which he confirms the compulsory purchase order.

18 Duties with respect to buildings acquired for housing purposes.

- (1) Where a local housing authority acquire a building which may be made suitable as a house, they shall forthwith proceed to secure that the building is so made suitable either by themselves executing any necessary works or by leasing it or selling it to some person subject to conditions for securing that he will so make it suitable.
- (2) Where a local housing authority—
 - (a) acquire a house, or
 - (b) acquire a building which may be made suitable as a house and themselves carry out any necessary work as mentioned in subsection (1),they shall, as soon as practicable after the acquisition or, as the case may be, after the completion of the necessary works, secure that the house or building is used as housing accommodation.

19 Appropriation of land.

- (1) A local housing authority may appropriate for the purposes of this Part any land for the time being vested in them or at their disposal; and the authority have the same powers in relation to land so appropriated as they have in relation to land acquired by them for the purposes of this Part.
- (2) Where a local housing authority have acquired or appropriated land for the purposes of this Part, they shall not, without the consent of the Secretary of State, appropriate any part of the land consisting of a house or part of a house for any other purpose.
- (3) The Secretary of State's consent may be given—
 - (a) either generally to all local housing authorities or to a particular authority or description of authority, and
 - (b) either in relation to particular land or in relation to land of a particular description;and it may be given subject to conditions.