

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2005 (DESIGNATED
SITES UNDER SECTION 128) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2007**

2007 No. 1387

- 1.** This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Home Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty. This memorandum contains information for the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments
- 2. Description**
 - 2.1 This instrument corrects an error in the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Sites under section 128) Order 2007 (SI 2007/930) to amend the area to which the new offence of criminal trespass on protected sites applies in respect of the Chequers Estate.
- 3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**
 - 3.1 As this instrument corrects an error in the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Sites under Section 128) Order 2007 it is to be issued free of charge to all known recipients.
- 4. Legislative Background**
 - 4.1 This instrument is made under Section 128(2) of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (as amended). The Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (Designated Sites under Section 128) Order 2007 (SI 2007 No 930) was laid before Parliament on 23rd March 2007. It designated sixteen royal, governmental or parliamentary sites, including the Chequers Estate, as protected sites and in doing so, applied the new offence of criminal trespass on protected sites to them. This order amends SI 2007 No 930 by substituting the map set out in the Schedule (New Map for Chequers Site) to the Order for the map set out in Schedule 1 (the Chequers Site) of that Order.
- 5. Territorial Extent and Application**
 - 5.1 This instrument applies to England and Wales.
- 6. European Convention on Human Rights**
 - 6.1 As the instrument is subject to negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.
- 7. Policy background**
 - 7.1 It has come to our attention that a small area of the Chequers Estate, to which the public currently have right of access, has been inadvertently included in the designated area. The area in question is in the north-west of the Estate, in the area of

Beacon Hill. It is not our intention that this area should be included in the designated area and this order seeks to rectify the situation. The revised boundary line runs along a fence which was installed in 2006 in advance of the legislation.

8. Impact

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

8.2 No impact is expected on the public sector.

9. Contact

9.1 J Fanshawe at the Home Office Tel: 020 7035 3764 can answer any queries regarding the instrument.