STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1977 No. 2066

HOUSING, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1977

Made - - - -	*8th December* 1977
Laid before the House of Commons - -	*20th December* 1977
Coming into Operation	*10th January* 1978

The Secretary of State for the Environment as respects England and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 79(4) of the Housing Act 1974(**a**), as amended by section 17(4) of and paragraph 18(2) of Schedule 5 to the Housing Rents and Subsidies Act 1975(**b**), and by section 79(4A) thereof, as inserted by section 17(4) of and paragraph 18(3) of Schedule 5 to, the said Act of 1975, and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This order may be cited as the Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1977 and shall come into operation on 10th January 1978.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(**c**) shall apply for the interpretation of this order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(3) In this order any reference to an enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended, and as including references to it as extended or applied, by or under any enactment.

Eligible expense limits

2.—(1) In the case of applications for improvement contributions under section 79 of the Housing Act 1974 approved by the Secretary of State after the coming into operation of this order, the following amounts are hereby specified for the purposes of section 79(4) of that Act:—

(*a*) £5,000 for each dwelling which is improved or provided otherwise than as mentioned in paragraphs (*b*) and (*c*) below;

(*b*) £5,800 for each dwelling which is provided by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (*c*) below; and

(**a**) 1974 c. 44. (**b**) 1975 c. 6. (**c**) 1889 c. 63.

(*c*) for each dwelling which is improved and which is or is in a building included in the list compiled by the Secretary of State under section 54 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971(**a**), or which is provided by the conversion of such a building, an amount determined in accordance with the Schedule to this order.

(2) For the purposes of this article, where an improvement contribution is to be paid towards the expenses incurred by a housing authority in the provision of a dwelling all or part of which is in the basement of a building, the basement shall count as a storey.

Revocation

3. The Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1975(**b**) is hereby revoked.

SCHEDULE Article 2(1)(*c*)

AMOUNTS SPECIFIED IN RELATION TO BUILDINGS INCLUDED IN THE LIST COMPILED UNDER SECTION 54 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Classification of the building in the list	Amount specified in the case of each dwelling improved or provided otherwise than as mentioned in Column 3	Amount specified in the case of each dwelling provided by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys
Grade I	£6,000	£6,800
Grade II*	£5,600	£6,400
Grade II (unstarred)	£5,300	£6,100

6th December 1977.

Peter Shore,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

8th December 1977.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

(**a**) 1971 c. 78.

(**b**) S.I. 1975/729 (1975 II, p. 2670).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which applies to England and Wales, specifies new limits of eligible expense for the purposes of improvement contributions to housing authorities in the case of applications approved on or after 10th January 1978, in the place of the limits specified in the Improvement Contributions (Eligible Expense Limits) Order 1975, which is revoked.

In place of the amount of £3,200, previously applicable as the limit of eligible expense for a dwelling improved or provided otherwise than by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys, and the amount of £3,700 for a dwelling provided by the conversion of a house or other building consisting of three or more storeys, the amounts of £5,000 and £5,800 respectively are specified, except where the dwelling is or is in a building included in the list compiled under section 54 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971. In such cases the amounts specified for dwellings improved or provided otherwise than by conversion of a house or building consisting of more than three storeys are £6,000 in respect of a building classified in that list as Grade I, £5,600 in respect of a building classified as Grade II*, and £5,300 in respect of a building classified as Grade II (unstarred). The amounts specified for dwellings provided by such conversion are £6,800, £6,400 and £6,100 respectively.

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