CHAPTER xlv.

An Act to confirm certain Provisional Orders of the Local Government Board under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, relating to the Urban Sanitary Districts of Sheffield, Sunderland, and Wigan. A.D. 1894.

[3rd July 1894.]

WHEREAS the Local Government Board have made the Provisional Orders set forth in the schedule hereto, under the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890: 53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Orders should be confirmed by Parliament:

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

Orders in schedule confirmed.

1. The Orders set out in the schedule hereto shall be and the same are hereby confirmed, and all the provisions thereof shall have full validity and force.

Short title.

2. This Act may be cited as the Local Government Board's Provisional Orders Confirmation (Housing of Working Classes) (No. 2) Act, 1894.

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SCHEDULE.

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CITY OF SHEFFIELD.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of Sheffield, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that City;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 (herein-after referred to as "the Act"), that where an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act is made, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, to the Local Authority that, within a certain area in the District of such Authority, either—

(*a*) any houses, courts, or alleys are unfit for human habitation, or

(*b*) the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such area, or the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, or any other sanitary defects, or one or more of such causes, are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants either of the buildings in the said area or of the neighbouring buildings,

and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area, or of some of such streets or houses, the Local Authority shall take such representation into their consideration; and if satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, shall pass a resolution to the effect that such area is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area, and, after passing such resolution, shall forthwith proceed to make a scheme for the improvement of such area;

And whereas the City of Sheffield is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority and the Local Authority under the Act, and are herein-after referred to as "the Local Authority";

And whereas an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act has been made to the Local Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, that within the area in the District of the Authority bounded by Lee Croft, Campo Lane, Townhead Street, Tenter Street, and Silver Street Head are houses, courts, and alleys which, owing to their narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, and the want of sufficient light, air, and ventilation, and of proper drainage and conveniences are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the buildings in the said area, and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys and the sanitary defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of some or all of such streets or houses;

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And whereas the Local Authority, having taken such representation into their consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, have passed a resolution that the area described in the said official representation is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area;

And whereas the Local Authority, after passing such resolution as aforesaid, made a Scheme (herein-after referred to as "the Scheme") for the improvement of the said area, and, for the purpose of making the Scheme efficient for sanitary purposes, have included in the Scheme certain neighbouring lands therein described;

And whereas the Scheme was accompanied by maps, and by particulars and estimates, which Scheme and estimates are as follow:—

"Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

"Improvement Scheme of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of "Sheffield, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary District of "the said City, in respect of the area bounded by Lee Croft, Campo Lane, "Townhead Street, Tenter Street, and Silver Street Head, as shown on the "Plan signed by the Chairman of the Health Committee.

"1. The lands, dwelling-houses, and premises within the limits of the said area shall "be taken and purchased compulsorily under the provisions of the said Act in that "behalf.

"2. It is necessary for making this Scheme efficient for sanitary purposes, and to "provide for widening the existing approaches to the unhealthy area, and for opening "out the same for the purposes of ventilation and health, that three additional plots of "land should also be taken and purchased compulsorily, under the provisions of the "said Act in that behalf, namely, one plot containing 1,095 square yards, situate in "Silver Street Head between Silver Street and Westbar Green; another plot con-"taining 766 square yards, situate in Westbar Green between Queen Street and "Silver Street Head; and a third plot containing 339 square yards, situate at the "junction of Campo Lane and Lee Croft. Each of such plots is shown on the plan "herein-before referred to.

"3. That all the dwelling-houses, buildings, and premises within the limits of the "said area, and also all the dwelling-houses, buildings, and premises standing on the "said three plots of land above referred to, shall be pulled down and the sites thereof "cleared.

"4. That the whole of the said area, including the three plots of land herein-before "described, be utilised in part for laying out improved streets and approaches, and in "part for the erection of dwelling-houses for the working classes, with suitable "curtilages, air spaces, and conveniences.

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" Estimate of Expense.

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" I estimate the value of the land, buildings, and interests based " upon the fair market value at the time of my valuation being made, " due regard being had to the nature and condition of the property, " and the probable duration of the buildings at the sum of - - -	72,424	0	0
" Add—			
" For the alterations to and formation of streets abutting " thereon - - - - - - -	8,498	0	0
	80,922	0	0
" Deduct—			
" Estimated value of surplus land - - -	21,250	0	0
" Net cost of the whole Scheme - -	59,672	0	0

" Charles F. Wike,
" City Surveyor.

" Batty Langley,
" Mayor.

" Sheffield, 25th October, 1893."

And whereas the Local Authority have, after the publication of advertisements and service of notices in accordance with the Act, presented a petition, accompanied by a copy of the Scheme, to the Local Government Board praying that an Order may be made confirming the Scheme; and have deposited with that Board duplicates of the maps which accompanied the Scheme, which maps are hereinafter referred to as "the deposited maps";

And whereas on consideration of the petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the notices as aforesaid, the Local Government Board directed local inquiry to be held, in accordance with and for the purposes mentioned in the Act, and such inquiry has been held and report has been made of the result of such inquiry to the Local Government Board in accordance with Section 19 of the Act:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Act, do, subject to the provisions of the Act, and subject as herein-after provided, hereby—

Art. I. Confirm the Scheme subject to the modifications herein-after mentioned.

Art. II. Declare that the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme are the lands coloured pink, and the lands numbered 1 to 6 and 111 to 142, all inclusive, on the deposited maps.

Art. III. Authorise the Scheme to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.,—

(1.) The area coloured pink on the deposited maps shall be taken to represent the whole of the unhealthy area.

(2.) All the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme may be taken compulsorily.

(3.) The Scheme, so far as it relates to the laying out of convenient streets and approaches, and other matters not provided for in this Order, shall be carried out in such manner as may be approved by Us.

(4.) Suitable dwellings, according to plans to be approved by Us, shall be erected within the area comprised in the Scheme, or upon sites to be approved by Us, for the accommodation of seven hundred persons of the working class displaced by the Scheme.

(5.) The Local Authority shall not, without Our sanction, sell or let any of the lands within the area comprised in the Scheme for any purpose other than the erection of suitable dwellings for the accommodation of persons of the working class.

(6.)—(*a.*) The Local Authority may demolish the buildings on one-third of the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme.

(*b.*) No more buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of not less than two hundred and fifty persons of the working class shall have been erected either on the lands so cleared, or on a site to be approved by Us, and shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish the buildings on one-half of the remainder of the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme.

(*c.*) No more buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of another two hundred and fifty persons of the working class shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish the remaining buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme.

(*d.*) The Local Authority shall, within twelve months after the whole of the buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall have been demolished, cause to be provided on such lands, or on such other lands as may be approved by Us, dwellings suitable for the accommodation of such number of the persons referred to in subdivision (4) of this Article as shall not then have been provided for.

(*e.*) All lands on which any dwellings shall have been erected or provided in pursuance of this Scheme shall, for a period of twenty-five years from the passing of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order, be appropriated for the purpose of dwellings, and every conveyance, demise, or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this provision.

(7.) The Local Government Board may modify the terms of subdivision (6) (*d*) of this Article in such manner as may seem to them to be necessary or desirable.

Art. IV. Approve of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of the dwellings required by Article III. of this Order.

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Art. V. Approve of the Local Authority borrowing, with Our sanction, the amount of any additional expenditure beyond that included in the estimate accompanying the Scheme which may be caused in consequence of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of such dwellings as aforesaid.

Art. VI. This Order may be cited as the Sheffield (Housing of Working Classes) Order, 1894.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Ninth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

(L.S.)

G. Shaw-Lefevre, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

Sunderland Order.

BOROUGH OF SUNDERLAND.

Provisional Order for confirming an Improvement Scheme under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Sunderland, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough;—

And to all others whom it may concern.

53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 (herein-after referred to as "the Act"), that where an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act is made, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, to the Local Authority that, within a certain area in the District of such Authority, either—

(*a*) any houses, courts, or alleys are unfit for human habitation, or

(*b*) the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such area, or the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, or any other sanitary defects, or one or more of such causes, are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants either of the buildings in the said area or of the neighbouring buildings,

and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in such area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area, or of some of such streets or houses, the Local Authority shall take such representation into their consideration; and if satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, shall pass a resolution to the effect that such area is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area, and, after passing such resolution, shall forthwith proceed to make a scheme for the improvement of such area;

And whereas the Borough of Sunderland is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority and the Local Authority under the Act, and are herein-after referred to as "the Local Authority";

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And whereas an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act has been made to the Local Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and in the following terms :—

" Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

" To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Sunderland, being " the Urban Sanitary Authority and the Local Authority of such Borough ; —

" I, the undersigned, John Cundell Wood, being the Medical Officer of Health for " the said Borough, report that I have inspected the under-mentioned houses in " the following streets, courts, and alleys :—

" Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, and 15, Hat Case.
" Nos. 31 and 32, Stafford Street.
" Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, and 12, Bull Open.
" Nos. 1, 2, and 3, South Alley.
" Nos. 3, 4, and 5, Monkey's Yard.
" Nos. 96 and 97, High Street East.
" The four houses forming Lammas Yard, High Street East.
" Nos. 1, 10, 11, 12, and 13, Fitter's Row.
" No. 10, Back Fitter's Row.
" Nos. 1 and 2, Dolly's Open.
" Nos. 1, 3, 3½, 4, 4½, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, and 50, Silver Street.
" No. 10, Burleigh Street.

" These houses, together with a portion of a foundry in Kerr's Court and Warren " Street, a coal depot in the Hat Case, and a coal depot and stable in Fitter's " Row (which I have also inspected) constitute a block of property within an " area in your district, and are more particularly shewn by the plan, dated this " day, hereunto annexed, marked ' A,' and signed by me.

" The whole of the said houses, except No. 7, Bull Open, are unfit for human " habitation, and, owing to the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement of the " streets, courts, alleys, houses, and buildings, or groups of houses and buildings " within such area, the bad condition of the whole of the said houses, except " No. 7, Bull Open, want of light, air, ventilation, and proper conveniences, and " other sanitary defects, or one or more of such causes, the whole of the houses " and buildings within such area are dangerous or injurious to the health of the " inhabitants of the said houses and buildings in the said area, and of the " neighbouring houses and buildings. I further report that the evils connected " with such houses, buildings, streets, courts, and alleys, and the sanitary defects " within the said area cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an " improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets, " courts, alleys, houses, and buildings within such area, or of some of such streets, " courts, alleys, houses, or buildings.

" Dated this 31st day of August, 1893.

" Jno. C. Wood,
" Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Sunderland."

And whereas the Local Authority, having taken such official representation into their consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the

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sufficiency of their resources, have passed a resolution that the area described in the said official representation is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area;

And whereas the Local Authority, after passing such resolution as aforesaid, made a Scheme (herein-after referred to as "the Scheme") for the improvement of the said area, which Scheme was accompanied by a map (therein referred to as "the plan annexed hereto"), and by particulars, and estimates, which Scheme and estimates are as follow:—

"HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT, 1890.

"IMPROVEMENT SCHEME of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the County "Borough of Sunderland, being the Sanitary Authority for the Urban Sanitary "District of the County Borough of Sunderland, in respect of the area delineated "by, and being within the dotted red line upon the plan annexed hereto, made in "pursuance of the resolution of the Council of the said County Borough passed "at a meeting held on the 6th day of September, 1893.

"1. The land, dwelling-houses, and buildings within the limits of the said area "shall be taken and purchased compulsorily under the provisions of the said Act in "that behalf.

"2. All the dwelling-houses and buildings within the limits of the said area shall be "pulled down and the sites thereof cleared.

"3. The whole of the said area shown upon the said plan shall be utilized in part "for the laying out of convenient streets and approaches, and in other part for the "erection of dwelling-houses for the working classes."

And whereas the expense of the Scheme, including the purchase of all necessary property and erection of buildings, is estimated by the Borough Engineer at the sum of twenty-one thousand pounds;

And whereas the Local Authority have, after the publication of advertisements and service of notices in accordance with the Act, presented a petition, accompanied by a copy of the Scheme, to the Local Government Board praying that an Order may be made confirming the Scheme; and have deposited with that Board duplicates of the plan which accompanied the Scheme, which plan is herein-after referred to as "the deposited map," and is a copy of the plan referred to in the official representation;

And whereas on consideration of the petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the notices as aforesaid, the Local Government Board directed local inquiry to be held, in accordance with and for the purposes mentioned in the Act, and such inquiry has been held and report has been made of the result of such inquiry to the Local Government Board in accordance with Section 19 of the Act:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Act, do, subject to the provisions of the Act, and subject as herein-after provided, hereby—

Art. I. Confirm the Scheme subject to the modifications herein-after mentioned.

Art. II. Declare that the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme are the lands within the dotted red lines on the deposited map.

Art. III. Authorise the Scheme to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.,—

(1.) The lands within the dotted red lines on the deposited map shall be taken to represent the whole of the unhealthy area.

(2.) All the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme may be taken compulsorily.

(3.) The Scheme, so far as it relates to the laying out of convenient streets and approaches, and other matters not provided for in this Order, shall be carried out in such manner as may be approved by Us.

(4.) Suitable dwellings, according to plans to be approved by Us, shall be erected within the area comprised in the Scheme for the accommodation of four hundred and eighty persons of the working class.

(5.) The Local Authority shall not, without Our sanction, sell or let any of the lands within the area comprised in the Scheme for any purpose other than the erection of suitable dwellings for the accommodation of persons of the working class.

(6.)—(*a.*) The Local Authority may demolish the buildings on one-half of the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme.

(*b.*) No more buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of not less than two hundred and forty persons of the working class shall have been erected on the lands so cleared and shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish the remainder of the buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme.

(*c.*) The Local Authority shall, within twelve months after the whole of the buildings on the lands within the limits of the area comprised in the Scheme shall have been demolished, cause to be provided on such lands dwellings suitable for the accommodation of so many of the four hundred and eighty persons of the working class as have not already had accommodation provided for them by means of dwellings erected in pursuance of subdivision (6) (*b*) of this Article.

(*d.*) All lands on which any dwellings shall have been erected or provided in pursuance of the Scheme shall, for a period of twenty-five years from the passing of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order, be appropriated for the purpose of dwellings, and every conveyance, demise, or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this provision.

Art. IV. Approve of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of the dwellings required by Article III. of this Order.

Art. V. Approve of the Local Authority borrowing, with Our sanction, the amount of any additional expenditure beyond that included in the estimate accompanying the Scheme which may be caused in consequence of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of such dwellings as aforesaid.

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Art. VI. This Order may bo cited as the Sunderland (Housing of Working Classes) Order, 1894.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Eighth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

(L.S.)

G. Shaw-Lefevre, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

Wigan Order.

BOROUGH OF WIGAN.

Provisional Order for confirming certain Improvement Schemes under Part I. of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Wigan, being the Urban Sanitary Authority for that Borough; —

And to all others whom it may concern.

53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

WHEREAS it is enacted by Section 4 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 (herein-after referred to as "the Act"), that where an official representation for the purposes of Part I. of the Act is made, in accordance with the provisions of the Act, to the Local Authority that, within a certain area in the District of such Authority, either—

(*a*) any houses, courts, or alleys are unfit for human habitation, or

(*b*) the narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such area, or the want of light, air, ventilation, or proper conveniences, or any other sanitary defects, or one or more of such causes, are dangerous or injurious to the health of the inhabitants either of the buildings in the said area or of the neighbouring buildings,

and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in such area, cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within such area, or of some of such streets or houses, the Local Authority shall take such representation into their consideration; and if satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, shall pass a resolution to the effect that such area is an unhealthy area, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect of such area, and, after passing such resolution, shall forthwith proceed to make a scheme for the improvement of such area;

And whereas the Borough of Wigan is an Urban Sanitary District, of which the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, acting by the Council, are the Urban Sanitary Authority and the Local Authority under the Act, and are herein-after referred to as "the Local Authority";

And whereas official representations for the purposes of Part I. of the Act have been made to the Local Authority, in accordance with the provisions of the Act,

that as regards each of the following areas in the District of the Local Authority, viz.,—

(1.) The area bounded by Vauxhall Road, Belvoir Street, Scholefield Lane, and Scholes, but exclusive of Nos. 25, 23, 21, 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9, 7, 5, 3, Scholefield Lane, and Nos. 165, 163, 161, 159, 157, 155, 153, 151, 149, 147, 145, 141, and 137, Scholes ; and

(2.) The area comprising Bank's Yard, Worthington's Row, Crispin's Court, Elbow Lane, Walthew's Yard, all off Millgate, Park's Yard, off the Wiend, and Cross Keys Yard and Queen's Head Yard, off the Market Place,—

(*a.*) The houses, courts, and alleys are unfit for human habitation ;

(*b.*) The narrowness, closeness, and bad arrangement, or the bad condition of the streets and houses or groups of houses within such areas, and the want of air, ventilation, and proper conveniences, and other sanitary defects are dangerous and injurious to the health of the inhabitants of the buildings in the said areas,

and that the evils connected with such houses, courts, or alleys, and the sanitary defects in such areas cannot be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and reconstruction of the streets and houses within such areas;

And whereas the Local Authority, having taken such representations into consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of their resources, have passed resolutions that the areas described in the said official representations are unhealthy areas, and that improvement schemes ought to be made in respect of such areas;

And whereas the Local Authority, after passing such resolutions as aforesaid, made two Schemes (herein-after referred to as "Scheme 1" and "Scheme 2," and together as "the Schemes") for the improvement of the said areas, but, for the purpose of making Scheme 2 efficient for sanitary purposes, have included in that Scheme certain neighbouring lands ;

And whereas the Schemes were accompanied by maps, particulars, and estimates, which Schemes and estimates are as follows :—

" SCHEME 1.

" The Scheme proposes the demolition of the existing Buildings on the unhealthy " area and the laying out of the Land in building plots of sufficient area. This will " involve the construction of three new Streets, 36 feet wide, intersecting the plot in " the direction from the north-east to the south-west, and parallel to Scholes, with " passages 12 feet wide as secondary means of access.

" Three of these passages will intersect the new streets at right angles at a distance " of 45 feet from Vauxhall Road. Three other passages will be parallel to the new " streets and divide the intervening land into equal areas of 650 superficial square " yards. The remaining two passages will intersect two of the new streets at right " angles at a distance of 45 feet from Scholefield Lane.

" The whole area will thus be divided into convenient building plots, varying in " area from 500 to 975 square yards, or an average area of 618 square yards, and " suitable for the erection of sanitary dwellings.

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" Each of the new dwelling-houses will be provided with a slopstone, the waste " pipe from which will be disconnected from the drain or sewer, with a pail or waste " water closet, and will in all other respects comply with the provisions of the Bye-" laws in force in the Borough.

" Estimate of Expense.

" I estimate the expense of the Improvement Scheme under the above Act according " to the petition and deposited plans, including the purchase of all property included " in the unhealthy area and also of the necessary land in the Scholes, Wigan, for the " erection of dwellings for the surplus displaced population; and erection of buildings " on the said unhealthy area and on the land at Warrington Lane and John Street, " for the displaced population, at the sum of £27,076., made up as follows:—

	£
" Estimated cost of lands and premises included in the unhealthy " area - - - - - - - -	9,300
" Estimated cost of laying out, sewering, paving, and flagging pro- " posed new streets and passages - - - - -	1,216
" Estimated cost of erection of 98 new sanitary buildings on the " unhealthy area - - - - - - -	11,760
" Estimated cost of land for erection of new buildings for surplus " displaced population at - - - - - -	1,600
" Estimated cost of erection of 25 new buildings in Warrington " Lane and John Street for displaced surplus population -	3,000
" Estimated cost of making and paving of courts and streets -	200
" Total - - - - -	27,076

" Wm. Bolton,
" Wigan, September 6th, 1893. Borough Engineer."

And whereas it is stated in the particulars accompanying Scheme 1 that all the lands included in the area of that Scheme are intended to be taken compulsorily.

" SCHEME 2.

" The Scheme proposes the demolition of the buildings in the unhealthy area and " the construction of streets for the development of the land as follows:—

" 1. A street of 42 feet width intersecting the area from north-west to south-east " and forming junctures with the Market Place and Rodney Street.

" 2 & 3. Streets of 36 feet width at right angles from Street No. 1, running thence " in a North-Easterly direction to and forming a junction with Millgate.

" 4 & 5. Communications from Street No. 1 to King Street.

" As the area is in the heart of the town it is estimated that the land when developed " will be much too valuable for the site of Artizans Dwellings, and it is expected that " it will find a ready sale for the erection of business premises, especially as it is " likely to take the place in a large measure of King Street, which is very narrow, " having regard to the traffic it has to accommodate.

" Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, it is not proposed to " provide for the accommodation (either within or without the limits of the area) of

" persons of the working classes displaced in the area, as building operations are in " full progress on School Common (500 yards distance) and in Darlington Street East " (700 yards distance).

" The Scheme includes the following lands adjacent to lands included in the official " representation :—Barrack Yard, part of Rowbottom Square, part of Bretherton's " Row, and Gaskell's Yard, No. 1 and 3, Market Place, and part of the Manchester " and County Bank in the Market Place, a portion of the Royal Court Theatre, the " Yard now in the occupation of Alfred Millington, off Library Street, and Nos. 43, " 45, 47, 63, 65, 67, and 69, Millgate.

" These premises are necessary for making the Scheme efficient for sanitary " purposes.

" Estimate of Expense.

" I estimate the expense of the Improvement Scheme under the above Act according " to the petition and deposited plans, including the purchase of all property in the " unhealthy area, at the sum of £32,425., made up as follows :—

	£
" Estimated cost of lands and premises included in the unhealthy " area	25,750
" Estimated cost of laying out, sewering, paving, and flagging " proposed New Street No. 1, including £2,500. for re-arranging " and making good the Manchester and County Bank	5,000
" Estimated cost of laying out, sewering, paving, and flagging " proposed New Streets Nos. 2 and 3	1,430
" Estimated cost of laying out, sewering, paving, and flagging " proposed New Streets Nos. 4 and 5	245
" Total	32,425

" Wm. Bolton,
" Wigan, October 30th, 1893. Borough Engineer."

And whereas it is stated in the particulars accompanying Scheme 2 that all the lands delineated on the deposited map of the area included in Scheme 2 and thereon surrounded by a red verge line are proposed to be taken compulsorily, except those numbered 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, and 260 on the said map ;

And whereas the Local Authority have, after the publication of advertisements and service of notices in accordance with the Act, presented petitions, accompanied by copies of the Schemes, to the Local Government Board praying that an Order may be made confirming the Schemes ; and have deposited with that Board duplicates of the maps which accompanied the Schemes, which maps are herein-after referred to as " the deposited maps " ;

And whereas on consideration of the petitions, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the notices as aforesaid, the Local Government Board directed local inquiry to be held, in accordance with and for the purposes mentioned in the Act, and such inquiry has been held and

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report has been made of the result of such inquiry to the Local Government Board in accordance with Section 19 of the Act:

Now therefore, We, the Local Government Board, in pursuance of the powers given to Us by the Act, do, subject to the provisions of the Act, and subject as herein-after provided, hereby—

Art. I. Confirm the Schemes subject to the modifications herein-after mentioned.

Art. II. Declare that the limits of the areas comprised in the Schemes are the lands included within the red lines on the deposited maps.

Art. III. Authorise the Schemes to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications; viz.,—

(1.) The areas edged red on the deposited maps, except the lands included in Scheme 2 for the purpose of making that Scheme efficient for sanitary purposes, shall be taken to represent the whole of the unhealthy areas.

(2.) All the lands within the limits of the areas comprised in the Schemes, except the lands numbered 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, and 260 on the deposited map of Scheme 2, may be taken compulsorily.

(3.) The Schemes, so far as they relate to the laying out of convenient streets and approaches, and other matters not provided for in this Order, shall be carried out in such manner as may be approved by Us.

(4.) Suitable dwellings, according to plans to be approved by Us, shall be erected within the areas comprised in the Schemes, or upon sites to be approved by Us, for the accommodation of six hundred and fifty persons of the working class displaced by Scheme 1, and for the accommodation of four hundred persons of the working class displaced by Scheme 2.

(5.) The Local Authority shall not, without Our sanction, sell or let any of the lands within the areas comprised in the Schemes for any purpose other than the erection of suitable dwellings for the accommodation of persons of the working class.

(6.)—(*a.*) The Local Authority may demolish the buildings on one-half of the lands within the area comprised in each of the Schemes.

(*b.*) No more buildings on the lands within the area comprised in Scheme 1 shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of not less than three hundred and fifty persons of the working class shall have been erected either on the lands so cleared, or on a site to be approved by Us, and shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish the remainder of the buildings on the lands within the area comprised in that Scheme.

(*c.*) The Local Authority shall, within twelve months after the whole of the buildings on the lands within the area comprised in Scheme 1 shall have been demolished, cause to be provided on such lands, or on such other lands as may be approved by Us, dwellings suitable for the accommodation of a number of persons of the working class which shall be not less than the

difference between the number for which accommodation is to be provided in pursuance of subdivision (4) and the number for which dwellings shall have been completed fit for occupation in pursuance of subdivision (6) (*b*).

(*d.*) No more buildings on the lands within the area comprised in Scheme 2 shall be demolished until dwellings suitable for the accommodation of not less than two hundred and fifty persons of the working class shall have been erected on a site to be approved by Us, and shall have been completed fit for occupation, but when that accommodation has been provided, the Local Authority may demolish the remainder of the buildings on the lands within the area comprised in Scheme 2.

(*e.*) The Local Authority shall, within twelve months after the whole of the buildings on the lands within the area comprised in Scheme 2 shall have been demolished, cause to be provided on such lands as may be approved by Us dwellings suitable for the accommodation of a number of persons of the working class which shall be not less than the difference between the number for which accommodation is to be provided in pursuance of subdivision (4) and the number for which dwellings shall have been completed fit for occupation in pursuance of subdivision (6) (*d*).

(*f.*) All lands on which any dwellings shall have been erected or provided in pursuance of the Schemes shall, for a period of twenty-five years from the passing of the Act of Parliament confirming this Order, be appropriated for the purpose of dwellings, and every conveyance, demise, or lease of such lands and buildings shall be endorsed with notice of this provision.

Art. IV. Approve of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of the dwellings required by Article III. of this Order.

Art. V. Approve of the Local Authority borrowing, with Our sanction, the amount of any additional expenditure beyond that included in the estimates accompanying the Schemes which may be caused in consequence of the Local Authority themselves undertaking the erection of such dwellings as aforesaid.

Art. VI. This Order may be cited as the Wigan (Housing of Working Classes) Order, 1894.

Given under the Seal of Office of the Local Government Board, this Eighth day of May, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-four.

(L.S.)

G. Shaw-Lefevre, President.
Hugh Owen, Secretary.

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