CHAPTER lx.

An Act to confirm a Provisional Order made by one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State for the improvement of an unhealthy area situated in the Parishes of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the County of London. [3rd July 1891.]

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WHEREAS the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, has made the Provisional Order set out in the schedule to this Act, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890:

53 & 54 Vict. c. 70.

And whereas it is requisite that the said Order 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:

1. The Order set out in the schedule to this Act is hereby confirmed.

Order in schedule confirmed.

2. This Act may be cited as the London (Boundary Street, Bethnal Green) Provisional Order Confirmation Act, 1891.

Short title.

[*Price 6d.*]

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HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT, 1890.

LONDON (BOUNDARY STREET, BETHNAL GREEN) IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, 1890.

PROVISIONAL ORDER.

WHEREAS the London County Council presented to me, the Right Honourable Henry Matthews, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, a petition praying that an Order might be made confirming a scheme made by the said County Council under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, for the improvement of an area situated partly in the parish of St. Matthew Bethnal Green, and partly in the parish of St. Leonard Shoreditch, in the county of London, and subject to the jurisdiction of the said County Council as the local authority under the said Act;

And whereas a copy of the scheme and of the estimates with which it was accompanied, is annexed to this Order;

And whereas on consideration of the said petition, and on proof of the publication of the proper advertisements, and of the service of the proper notices, I thought fit to proceed with the case, and directed a local inquiry to be made by Mr. Daniel Cubitt Nichols in, or in the vicinity of, the area to which the scheme relates, for the purpose of ascertaining the correctness of the official representations made to the London County Council as to the area, and the sufficiency of the scheme provided for its improvement, and any local objections to be made to such scheme;

And whereas before commencing such inquiry, the said Daniel Cubitt Nichols made public, by advertisement, his intention to make such inquiry, and stated the time and place at which he would be prepared to hear all persons desirous to be heard upon the subject thereof, in accordance with the provisions of Section 18 of the above-mentioned Act;

And whereas the said Daniel Cubitt Nichols has reported to me in favour of the said scheme, subject to certain qualifications contained in his report;

And whereas the number of persons of the working class that will be displaced by the scheme, if carried out in accordance with this Order, is estimated at 5,719, as set forth in the following table :—

Number of Holdings.	Number of Rooms in each Holding.	Total Number of Rooms.	Average Number of Occupants in each Holding.	Total Number of Occupants.
752	1	752	2·81	2,118
506	2	1,012	4·47	2,265
211	3 or more	781	5· 6	1,183
1,469 Holdings		2,545 Rooms		5,566 Occupants

And in addition there are two common lodging houses registered for 153 persons, making the total number of occupants in dwellings and registered common lodging houses to be 5,719 ;

And whereas by the said scheme it is proposed to provide, in the area to which it relates, accommodation for 4,600 persons of the working class, and it has been proved to my satisfaction that in the vicinity of the said area further accommodation of an equally convenient character available for 800 persons of the same class has been, or is about to be, forthwith provided ;

And whereas the London County Council have represented to me that they intend, in the event of the scheme being confirmed, to acquire the site of Goldsmith Square, in the vicinity of the area to which the scheme relates, and to cause to be erected thereon accommodation for 500 persons of the working class :

Now, in pursuance of the powers vested in me by the said Act, I hereby confirm the scheme and authorise the same to be carried into execution, subject to the following conditions and modifications :

With respect to the limits of the improvement area, the houses and land which on the plan marked 25 B. (annexed to a copy of this Order, and sealed with the official seal of this Office, and here deposited) are indicated by a blue colour, and numbered respectively by the numbers hereunder set forth, and which houses and lands are hereunder described, that is to say :—

Plan.	Description.
1 and 2 - - -	House and premises in High Street, Shoreditch.
4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52.	Houses and premises in Calvert Street.
23 (Mission Hall), 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, and 79.	Houses and premises in Jacob Street.
569 and 570 - - -	Houses and premises in Old Nichol Street and Turville Street.
566, 567, and 568 - -	Houses and premises in Old Nichol Street.

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Plan.	Description.
571 and 572 - - -	Houses and premises in Turville Street.
573 and 574 - - -	Houses and premises in Turville Street.
575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 588, 589, 590, 591, and 592.	Houses and premises in Turville Street and Turville Square.
48, 49, 50, 51, and 52 - -	Houses and premises in Virginia Road and Mount Street.
130, 131, 132, and 133 - -	Houses and premises in Mount Street.
686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, and 694.	Houses and premises in Church Street and Mount Street.
27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 63, 64, and 65.	Houses and premises in Newcastle Street.
38, 39, 40, 41 - -	Houses and premises in Boundary Place.
35, 36, 37, 42, 43, 44, 230, and 312.	Houses and premises in Boundary Street.
557 and 559 - - -	Houses and premises in Church Street.
555, 556, and 560 - -	Houses and premises in Nichol Row.
5, 5*a*, 25, 25*a*, and 26 - -	Houses and premises in Virginia Road.
28, 29, 30, 61, 62, 66, 67, 68, and 69.	Houses and premises in Newcastle Street.

shall not be deemed part of the unhealthy area in respect of which official representation was made, but shall form part of the improvement area to which the scheme as amended by this Order shall relate, and shall be deemed to have been included in the scheme as neighbouring lands.

With respect to the appropriation of lands, the scheme of the London County Council shall be read as if, in lieu of the plan marked No. 25 and annexed to the scheme, was substituted the said plan marked No 25 B.: and for the schedule annexed to the scheme there shall be substituted the following

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The dwellings erected on the lands constituting the improvement area shall be dwellings approved by the London County Council and the Secretary of State, and so constructed as to contain in the aggregate not less than 5,100 persons belonging to the working class, such number to be reduced to 4,600 in the event of the London County Council acquiring the site of Goldsmith Square and causing to be erected thereon to the satisfaction of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State accommodation for 500 persons of the working class.

The dwellings shall be provided with waterclosets, sinks with water supply, and dust shoots, according to the number and size of the tenements in such buildings.

The buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall be acquired, shall be taken down and removed, and new buildings not exceeding four stories in height shall be erected on the said lands according to regulations to be from time to time made by the London County Council, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

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STREETS.

The following streets shall be formed and widened as shown by dark red lines upon the said plan:

Boundary Street,
Mount Street,
Mead Street,
Old Nichol Street,
} to be widened so far as affected by the scheme to a minimum width of 40 feet.

Mead Street to be continued of the width of 40 feet into Boundary Street and Mount Street.

Old Nichol Street to be continued of the width of 40 feet into Mount Street.

Jacob Street to be widened to 40 feet, and continued of the same width into Mount Street, as shown upon the said plan, and in line of Calvert Street to High Street, Shoreditch.

New streets, 40 feet wide, to be formed in line of Nichol Row from Church Street to Virginia Road, and in line of New Nichol Street from Boundary Street to Nichol Row.

A new street, 40 feet wide, to be formed from Old Nichol Street to Jacob Street, as shown upon the said plan.

HENRY MATTHEWS.

Home Office, Whitehall,
11th May 1891.

SCHEME

For the Improvement of certain Lands within the Metropolis, situate in the parishes of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and St. Leonard, Shoreditch, in the county of London, in pursuance of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890.

Preliminary.

WHEREAS official representations under the provisions of the fourth section of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, were made to us, the London County Council, by George Paddock Bate, M.D., the medical officer of health for the said parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and Henry Gawen Sutton, M.D., the medical officer of health for the said parish of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, respectively: And whereas the said representations were, with respect to certain contiguous areas within the said parishes under our jurisdiction as the local authority within the meaning of the said before-mentioned Act, and delineated on the plans annexed respectively to the said representations, and thereon coloured red, that the houses, courts, and alleys within the said areas respectively were unfit for human habitation; and that diseases indicating a generally low condition of health amongst the population had been from time to time prevalent in the said areas, and that such prevalence might reasonably be attributed to the closeness, narrowness, and bad arrangement, and the bad condition of the streets and houses and groups of houses within the said areas, and to the want of light, air, ventilation, and proper conveniences, and other

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sanitary defects; and that the evils connected with the said houses, courts, and alleys, and other sanitary defects of the said areas, could not be effectually remedied otherwise than by an improvement scheme for the re-arrangement and re-construction of the streets and houses within the said areas, or of some of such streets and houses:

And whereas, We, the London County Council, have taken such representations into our consideration, and being satisfied of the truth thereof, and of the sufficiency of our resources, have passed a resolution to the effect that the said contiguous areas are, taken together and respectively, unhealthy, and that an improvement scheme ought to be made in respect thereof:

Now, therefore, We, the London County Council, in furtherance of such resolution, and in pursuance of the provisions of the said Act, and the powers by the said Act conferred upon us, do make the Scheme following, that is to say:—

Improvement Area.

The lands delineated and coloured red on the plan marked No. 25 to this Scheme annexed, on which plan the lands referred to in the before-mentioned resolution are coloured red, those being the subject of the representation of the said George Paddock Bate being to the east, and those the subject of the representation of the said Henry Gawen Sutton being to the west, of the parish boundary in and adjoining Boundary Street, as shown on the said plan marked No. 25, and which lands are situate in the parishes of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, and St. Leonard, Shoreditch, respectively, in the county of London, shall constitute the improvement area to which this scheme refers.

Acquisition of Lands.

The lands constituting the said improvement area or any of them may, for the purposes of this Scheme, be taken compulsorily.

Appropriation of Lands.

Upon the lands constituting the said improvement area as aforesaid dwellings for the working classes shall be constructed so as to afford the accommodation, and to have the sanitary arrangements specified in the particulars set forth in the schedule to this Scheme annexed, and the streets shown on the said plan marked No. 25 shall be formed and widened as nearly as may be to the extent shown by dark red lines on the said plan, and according to the particulars set forth in the schedule to this Scheme annexed.

In the appropriation for the aforesaid purposes of the lands constituting the said improvement area any regulation made for the purposes and in the manner set forth in the schedule to this Scheme annexed shall be duly observed.

Execution of Scheme.

The London County Council shall carry this Scheme into execution in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890, and subject to such conditions and modifications as may be

prescribed and made under the authority of the said Act, the Provisional Order authorising the execution of this Scheme, or the Act confirming such Provisional Order.

Short Title.

This Scheme may be cited for all purposes as "The London (Boundary Street, Bethnal Green) Improvement Scheme, 1890."

Dated this 4th day of November, 1890.

Sealed by Order,
(L.S.)

(Signed) H. DE LA HOOKE,
Clerk of the London County Council.

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Particulars referred to in the foregoing Scheme.

Upon the lands within the said improvement area buildings shall be built in such manner and under such conditions and restrictions as to elevation, size, design, and extent of accommodation as the London County Council shall prescribe or approve, and to their satisfaction, so as to afford in the aggregate suitable accommodation for not less than 4,600 *persons, in lieu of* 5,719 *persons, being the number of the persons of the working class which will be displaced in the said area by the execution of this Scheme.*

Such dwellings shall be furnished with such water-closets, sinks, water supply, dust shoots, and other proper sanitary arrangements as the London County Council shall prescribe, and to their satisfaction.

The buildings upon the lands constituting the improvement area, when the same shall be acquired, shall be taken down and removed, and new buildings upon the said lands shall be erected according to regulations to be made from time to time in that behalf by the London County Council, with the approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Such of the lands constituting the improvement area as shall not be required for the purpose of providing accommodation as aforesaid for 4,600 *persons of the working class, may be sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of by the London County Council as they may think fit.*

Streets.

The following streets shall be formed and widened as shown by dark red lines upon the said plan :—

Boundary Street, *Mount Street,* *Mead Street,* *Old Nichol Street,*	*To be widened, so far as affected by the Scheme, to a minimum width of* 40 *feet.*

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New streets, 40 *feet wide, to be formed in line of Nichol Row from Church Street to Virginia Road, and in line of New Nichol Street from Boundary Street to Nichol Row.*

A new street, 40 *feet wide, to be formed from Old Nichol Street to Jacob Street, as shown upon the said plan.*

N.B.—The provision in this Scheme as to the accommodation for the number of working classes displaced, is subject to the powers conferred by section 11 *of the Housing of the Working Classes Act,* 1890, *under the circumstances, and to the extent therein mentioned, to dispense with the obligation to provide accommodation for the persons who may be displaced by the scheme, and to the right of the London County Council to call evidence before the officer conducting the local inquiry to found a report by him in support of an application hereafter to the confirming authority for such a dispensation.*

Estimate.

Required by section 6 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1890 :—

	£	s.	d.
Cost of land, &c. - - -	371,000	0	0
Cost of roads - - - -	35,000	0	0
	406,000	0	0
Less recoupment - -	106,000	0	0
Total net cost - - -	£300,000	0	0

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