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An Act to provide for the Removal of certain Restrictions upon Traffic in certain Streets of London. A.D. 1890.

[18th August 1890.]

WHEREAS there are certain streets in London herein-after mentioned which are maintained sewered and lighted by the local authority out of money raised by rates but certain gates or bars are maintained in the said streets for the purpose of limiting and restricting the traffic through the same:

And whereas the continuance of such gates or bars and the limitations and restrictions thereby imposed upon traffic in the said streets tend to the public inconvenience and it is expedient that provision should be made for their removal:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it 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 (that is to say):—

Short title.

**1.** This Act may be cited as the London Streets (Removal of Gates) Act 1890.

Definitions.

**2.** In this Act the expression "the Council" means the London County Council and the expression "the owner" used with reference to a gate bar rail post or other obstruction means the person or persons for the time being entitled to maintain such gate bar rail post or other obstruction.

Agreements for removal of certain gates bars and obstructions in streets.

**3.** At any time after the passing of this Act it shall be lawful for the Council on the one hand and the owner of any of the gates bars or other obstructions hereafter mentioned on the other hand to enter into and carry into effect any agreement or agreements as to the removal of such gate bar or other obstruction and for opening

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the street in which it is situate to the free and unrestricted use either of traffic of all descriptions at all times or of such classes of traffic and at such times as may be defined in such agreement.

The gates bars and other obstructions herein-before referred to are as follows :—

(*a*) Gate and bar partly in the parish of Saint Pancras and partly in the parish of Saint Giles-in-the-Fields across the north-eastern end of Torrington Place near Torrington Square ;

(*b*) Gate and bar in the parish of Saint Pancras across Gordon Street near the northern end thereof ;

(*c*) Gate and bar in the parish of Saint Pancras across Upper Woburn Place near the junction therewith of Woburn Buildings ;

(*d*) Gate and bar in the parish of Saint Pancras across Sidmouth Street near the south-eastern corner of Saint Peter's Church ;

together with any sheds fences rails posts or other erections connected with such gates and bars respectively.

Procedure in default of agreement.

**4.** If the Council and the owner of any such gate bar rail post and other obstruction fail to make such agreement then it shall be lawful for the Council at any time to serve notice in writing upon such owner requiring him within a time therein stated (not to be less than three months after the date of the notice) to take down and remove every gate bar rail post and other obstruction to which the notice relates and to restore and make good the site thereof so that the same shall form part of the footway or roadway of the street If on the expiration of the time stated in the notice the owner shall have failed to comply therewith it shall be lawful for the Council by their officers and servants to take down and remove every gate bar rail post and other obstruction to which the notice relates and to restore and make good the site thereof and from and after the date of such notice it shall not be lawful for the owner (except with the consent in writing of the Council) to erect any other gate bar rail post or other obstruction for limiting or restricting traffic in the street or any other street in the vicinity or in any way to limit or restrict the use of any such street for traffic of all descriptions When and as soon as any of the said gates bars rails posts and other obstructions shall have been removed under the powers of this Act the site of such gate bar rail post or obstruction shall for all intents and purposes form part of the street in which it was situate and may and shall thenceforth be used repaired maintained lighted cleansed and sewered in the same manner as the rest of the street and other public streets in the district :

Provided that if any lands shall be taken or injuriously affected by anything to be done under or by virtue of this Act without the consent of the owner thereof compensation shall be made for the same by the Council in the manner provided by the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and the Acts amending the same the provisions of which Acts so far as relates to lands taken otherwise than by agreement and to compensation for lands injuriously affected shall be deemed for that purpose to be incorporated with this Act The words "injuriously affected" shall have the same meaning as in the said Act Provided also that no claim for compensation under this Act shall be made after the expiration of six months from the date of the notice served upon such owner under the provisions of this section and duly published.

As to laying certain wooden or noiseless pavement.

**5.**—(1) Before the removal under the powers of this Act or in pursuance of any agreement to be made under the powers of this Act of the gate and bar across the north-eastern end of Torrington Place the Vestry of St. Pancras shall lay down a wooden asphalte or other noiseless pavement from the junction of Gower Street and Torrington Place to the south-east corner of Tavistock Square along Torrington Place the north side of Torrington Square the south side of Gordon Square and the south side of Tavistock Square.

(2) Before the removal under the powers of this Act or in pursuance of any agreement to be made under the powers of this Act of the gate and bar across Gordon Street near the northern end thereof the Vestry of St. Pancras shall lay down a wooden asphalte or other noiseless pavement from the junction of the Euston Road and Endsleigh Gardens to the south-west corner of Gordon Square along the west side of Endsleigh Gardens along Gordon Street and the west side of Gordon Square.

(3) Before the removal under the powers of this Act or in pursuance of any agreement to be made under the powers of this Act of the gate and bar across Upper Woburn Place near the junction therewith of Woburn Buildings the Vestry of St. Pancras shall lay down a wooden asphalte or other noiseless pavement from the Euston Road to the south-east corner of Tavistock Square along the east side of Endsleigh Gardens along Upper Woburn Place and the eastern side of Tavistock Square.

(4) The Vestry of St. Pancras shall from time to time renew or maintain the wooden asphalte or other noiseless pavement so laid down by them.

(5) It shall be lawful for the Council on the one hand and any vestry or district board of works on the other hand having under the powers of the Metropolis Management Act 1855 and the Acts

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amending the same the control and management of the streets in which the said gates and bars are respectively situate or the approaches thereto to enter into and carry into effect any agreement as to the laying down and maintenance of the wooden asphalte or other noiseless pavement between the points herein-before mentioned and the manner in which the costs and expenses of laying down such pavement shall be provided And the Council shall contribute one half of the cost of laying down such pavements respectively.

As to payments under this Act.

**6.** All costs and expenses of the Council in the execution of this Act (except so far as they may be otherwise provided for by this or any other Act) shall be defrayed as payments for general county purposes within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1888 and the costs charges and expenses preliminary to and of and incidental to the preparing applying for obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the Council in like manner.

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