

The Housing Renewal Grants (Owner's Interest) Directions 1996

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 7(3), 19(3), 25(2) and 146 of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby gives the following directions:

Citation and commencement

1. These directions may be cited as the Housing Renewal Grants (Owner's Interest) Directions 1996 and shall come into force on 17 December 1996.

Owner's interest condition

2.

- (1) A local housing authority may treat the condition in sections 7(1)(a), 19(1)(a) and 25(1) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 as fulfilled by a person who has, or proposes to acquire, an owner's interest in only part of the land to which an application for a grant relates if -
 - (a) the relevant works include specified works which are to be carried out (in whole or in part) on land which is not the applicant's land; and
 - (b) the applicant has the power to carry out the works.
- (2) In sub-paragraph (1) "specified works" means -
 - (a) works to connect the applicant's land with a gas, electricity, water or drainage utility at the nearest practicable point so as to provide to the applicant's land-
 - (i) adequate lighting;
 - (ii) adequate heating;
 - (iii) an adequate piped supply of wholesome water; or
 - (iv) an effective system for draining of foul, waste or surface water;
 - (b) works described in section 23(1)(a) of the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996; or
 - (c) works to repair or replace (in whole or in part) any of the works described in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (3) In sub-paragraph (2) "applicant's land" means land in which the applicant has, or proposes to acquire, an owner's interest.

Application

(4) These directions -

(a) shall apply to local housing authorities in England only; and

(b) shall not apply in a case where the application for a grant was made before the date on which these directions come into force.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

2 December 1996

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Environment