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1983 No. 1945

**PUBLIC HEALTH, ENGLAND AND WALES**

**The Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough  
of Gravesham) Order 1983**

*Made* - - - - 22nd December 1983  
*Laid before Parliament* 12th January 1984  
*Coming into Operation* 3rd February 1984

The Secretary of State, being satisfied on the joint application of the councils of the County of Kent and the Borough of Gravesham that adequate provision appears to be made in the area of the Borough of Gravesham for the accommodation of gipsies residing in or resorting to that Borough, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 12(2) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968(a) and now vested in him(b), hereby makes the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Gipsy Encampments (Designation of the Borough of Gravesham) Order 1983 and shall come into operation on 3rd February 1984.
2. The area of the Borough of Gravesham is hereby designated as an area to which section 10 (prohibition of unauthorised camping in designated areas) of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 applies.

*Patrick Jenkin,*  
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

22nd December 1983.

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(a) 1968 c. 52; section 12 was amended by section 175 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 65).

(b) S.I. 1970/1681.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the order.)*

This order designates the Borough of Gravesham in the County of Kent as an area to which section 10 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 applies. The effect of designation is to make it an offence for any gipsy to station a caravan for the purpose of residing for any period on any land within the boundaries of a highway, or on any other unoccupied land, or on any occupied land without the consent of the occupier. A magistrates' court has power under section 11 of the 1968 Act, as amended by section 174 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980, to order the removal of unlawfully stationed caravans and persons residing in them.

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