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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 587

HOUSING, ENGLAND

The Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2016

Made - - - -	*16th May 2016*
Laid before Parliament	*19th May 2016*
Coming into force - -	*20th June 2016*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 157(1)(c) and (3) of the Housing Act 1985(**1**), makes the following Order:

PROSPECTIVE

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1. This Order may be cited as the Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2016 and comes into force on 20th June 2016.

2. In this Order "the Act" means the Housing Act 1985.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 1 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**

I2 Art. 2 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**

Designated rural areas

3. The areas specified in the Schedule are designated as rural areas for the purposes of section 157 of the Act.

(**1**) 1985. c. 68. Section 157(1) was amended by Part 4 of Schedule 18 to the Government of Wales Act 1998 (c. 38), by paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 15 to the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (c.37) and by section 188 of the Housing Act 2004 (c. 34). Section 157(3) was amended by section 126 of the Housing Act 1988 (c.50). There are other amendments to section 157 which are not relevant to this Order.

Commencement Information

I3 Art. 3 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**

Designated regions

4. In relation to a dwelling-house which is situated in a rural area designated by article 3 and listed in paragraph 1 of the Schedule, the region designated for the purposes of section 157(3) of the Act is the district of Chichester.

5. In relation to a dwelling-house which is situated in a rural area designated by article 3 and listed in paragraph 2 of the Schedule, the region designated for the purposes of section 157(3) of the Act is the district of Malvern Hills.

6. In relation to a dwelling-house which is situated in a rural area designated by article 3 and listed in paragraph 3 of the Schedule, the region designated for the purposes of section 157(3) of the Act is the area of the council of the county of Shropshire(**2**).

7. In relation to a dwelling-house which is situated in a rural area designated by article 3 and listed in paragraph 4 of the Schedule, the region designated for the purposes of section 157(3) of the Act is the district of Wychavon.

Commencement Information

I4 Art. 4 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**
I5 Art. 5 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**
I6 Art. 6 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**
I7 Art. 7 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**

Review

8.—(1) The Secretary of State must from time to time—

(a) carry out a review of articles 3 to 7, and

(b) publish a report setting out the conclusions of the review.

(2) The report must in particular—

(a) set out the objectives intended to be achieved by designating rural areas and regions for the purposes of section 157 of the Act,

(b) assess the extent to which those objectives are achieved,

(c) assess whether those objectives remain appropriate, and

(d) if those objectives remain appropriate, assess whether the designations of the rural areas and regions in question remain appropriate.

(3) The first report under this regulation must be published before 19th June 2021.

(4) Subsequent reports must be published at intervals not exceeding five years.

Commencement Information

I8 Art. 8 in force at 20.6.2016, see **art. 1**

(**2**) Established by S.I. 2008/492.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Brandon Lewis
Minister of State
Department for Communities and Local Government

16th May 2016