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[AS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE]

TO

Make provision for the management of Parliament Square; and for connected purposes.

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:—

1 Parliament Square Committee

- (1) Within six months of the passing of this Act, the Secretary of State shall by regulations establish a Committee (“the Committee”) with responsibility for the management of the controlled area of Parliament Square.
- (2) The Committee's membership shall be made up of representatives of all of the bodies which own or have responsibility for the controlled area of Parliament Square. 5
Representatives of the Metropolitan Police shall also be members of the Committee.
- (3) The Committee shall coordinate the work of its members in order to ensure that the controlled area of Parliament Square is kept clear of litter, detritus or other debris. 10
- (4) The Committee shall report annually to both Houses of Parliament.

2 Demonstrations in Parliament Square

- (1) The Committee shall cooperate with any relevant bodies to facilitate lawful, authorised demonstrations in the controlled area of Parliament Square. 15
- (2) The Committee shall have the power to authorise the removal of any—
 - (a) tent erected in the controlled area of Parliament Square,

- (b) other structure that is designed, or adapted, (solely or mainly) for the purpose of facilitating the sleeping or staying in a place for any period erected in the controlled area of Parliament Square,
 - (c) sleeping equipment placed in the controlled area of Parliament Square for the purpose of sleeping overnight in that area, 5
 - (d) placard, notice or structure designed or adapted (solely or mainly) for the purpose of displaying such placard or notice, whether or not any such structure is used solely for that purpose, or
 - (e) litter, detritus or other debris.
- (3) The Committee shall ensure that between midnight and 6am every night any items listed in subsection (2) are removed. 10

3 Interpretation

For the purposes of this Act—

the “controlled area of Parliament Square” means the area of land that is comprised in— 15

- (a) the site in Parliament Square on which the Minister of Works was authorised by the Parliament Square (Improvements) Act 1949 to lay out the garden referred to in that Act as “the new central garden”, and
- (b) the footways that immediately adjoin the central garden of Parliament Square; 20

“footway” has the same meaning as in the Highways Act 1980 (see section 329(1) of that Act).

4 Short title, commencement and extent

- (1) This Act shall come into force at the end of a period of three months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed. 25
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales only.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Parliament Square (Management) Act 2012.

Parliament Square (Management) Bill [HL]

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