

Richmond Burgage Pastures Bill [HL]

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends two outdated provisions of the Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 1853 (“the 1853 Act”). The 1853 Act makes provision about the regulation of the pasturing and management of certain pastures in Richmond, North Yorkshire, including the disused racecourse. It also established the Richmond Burgage Pastures Committee (“the Committee”), which continues to manage the pasture land in accordance with the 1853 Act.

Clause 1 deals with citation.

Clause 2 amends two provisions of the 1853 Act.

First, it amends section 5 of the 1853 Act by removing a requirement that members of the Committee must reside no more than seven miles from the boundaries of the old borough of Richmond.

Secondly, it amends section 10 of the 1853 Act by removing restrictions on the Committee's power to lease land under that section. Those restrictions require that any leases must be granted from year to year and at the best yearly rent that can reasonably be had.

Clause 3 enables the costs of preparing for, obtaining and passing of the Bill paid or payable by the Committee to be paid out of the Committee's revenue.

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In the view of the Richmond Burgage Pastures Committee the provisions of the Bill are compatible with the Convention Rights.

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WHEREAS—

- (1) The Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 1802 made provision about the allocation of ownership of certain pasture land near Richmond in North Yorkshire, and included provision about the preservation of Richmond Racecourse and training grounds whilst also preserving rights of certain persons to use the land as pasture: 5
- (2) The Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 1853 (“the 1853 Act”) made provision about the depasturing and management of certain pastures in Richmond, North Yorkshire, including the disused Richmond Racecourse:
- (3) The Richmond Burgage Pastures Committee (“the Committee”) was established under the 1853 Act and the Committee continues to manage the pasture land referred to above in accordance with the 1853 Act: 10
- (4) Certain provisions of the 1853 Act are outdated and require amending:
- (5) The objects of this Act 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:— 15

1 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 2017.

2 Amendment of the Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 1853

- (1) The Richmond Burgage Pastures Act 1853 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 5, omit “, and whose Residence shall not be more than Seven Miles from the Boundaries of the Municipal Borough of Richmond”.
- (3) In section 10, omit “from Year to Year, at the best yearly Rent that can be reasonably had for the same,”. 5

3 Costs of Act

The costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to the preparing for obtaining and passing of this Act paid or payable by the Richmond Burgage Pastures Committee may in whole or in part be defrayed out of revenue. 10

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