

PART 10

LETTING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF VACANT HIGH-STREET PREMISES

Significant concepts

176 Designated high streets and town centres

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| (1) A local authority may designate a street in its area as a high street for the purposes of this Part if it considers that the street is important to the local economy because of a concentration of high-street uses of premises on the street. | 5 |
| (2) A local authority may designate an area within its area as a town centre for the purposes of this Part if— | 10 |
| (a) the built environment of the area is characterised principally by a network of streets, and | |
| (b) the authority considers that the area is important to the local economy because of a concentration of high-street uses of premises in the area. | |
| (3) A street or area is not to be designated, however, if the authority considers that its importance derives principally from goods or services purchased in the course of business. | 15 |
| (4) A designation under this section may be varied or withdrawn at any time. | |
| (5) A local authority must maintain and make available to the public a list describing, and a map showing, any designations under this section that are in force in its area. | 20 |
| (6) A designation under this section is a local land charge. | |
| (7) In this Part— | |
| “designated high street” means a street for the time being designated under subsection (1); | 25 |
| “designated town centre” means an area for the time being designated under subsection (2). | |

177 High-street uses and premises

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| (1) For the purposes of this Part, any use of premises that falls within any of the following sub-paragraphs is a “high-street use”— | 30 |
| (a) use as a shop or office; | |
| (b) use for the provision of services to persons who include visiting members of the public; | |
| (c) use as a restaurant, bar, public house, café or other establishment selling food or drink for immediate consumption; | 35 |
| (d) use for public entertainment or recreation; | |
| (e) use as a communal hall or meeting-place; | |