

Relation thereto; Power to Apply Funds and Borrow Money, Levy Rates, &c., &c.)

NOTICE is hereby given, that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by or on behalf of the Urban District Council of Shepshed, in the county of Leicester (hereinafter referred to as "the Council"), for an Act (hereinafter referred to as "the intended Act") for the following purposes, or some of them (that is to say):—

1. To authorize and empower the Council to acquire and to provide for the sale and transfer to and vesting in the Council of the Undertaking, works, lands, mains, pipes, property, powers, rights, privileges, and authorities of the Shepshed Gas and Coke Company Limited (in this Notice called "the Company") for such price or consideration and upon and subject to such terms, conditions, and stipulations as may have been or may be agreed between the Council and the Company or as may be settled by arbitration or expressed in or provided for by or under the provisions of the intended Act, and to authorize and require the Company to sell and transfer their Undertaking, property, and rights accordingly.

2. To confirm and give effect to any agreement between the Council and the Company with reference to any such purchase and sale which may be entered into prior to the passing of the intended Act.

3. To provide for the dissolution and winding up of the Company, and for the distribution of the purchase money or other consideration amongst the shareholders and other persons entitled thereto.

4. To authorize the Council to carry on the Undertaking of the Company, to maintain, continue, improve, alter, extend, and enlarge the existing gasworks of the Company, and to supply gas for public and private purposes, in bulk or otherwise, for lighting, heating, and motive power, and for any other purpose for which gas now is or may hereafter be found applicable within the urban district of Shepshed, and the parish of Garendon, in the county of Leicester, and to lay down and maintain, alter, repair and renew mains, pipes, apparatus and other works for the supply of gas within such district and parish, and to break up roads, footways, highways, streets, bridges, railways, tramways, and other works, and to exercise all or any of the powers of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, with respect to the construction of gasworks, the laying down of pipes and otherwise as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of supplying gas therein.

5. To authorize the Council upon the lands hereinafter described, now occupied by the Company, to maintain and continue and from time to time improve, extend, enlarge, alter, renew and repair the existing gasworks of the Company, and to erect additional gasworks and to manufacture and store gas, and to convert, treat, and manufacture and store all or any products arising in or resulting from the manufacture of gas. The lands hereinbefore referred to contain 2,790 square yards or thereabouts, and are situate in the parish and urban district of Shepshed, in the county of Leicester, and are bounded on the north by land and buildings belonging to Thomas Bennett, William Cotton, and William Freeman respectively, on the south by a public footpath leading from Field-street to Factory-street, in Shepshed aforesaid, on the east by Britannia-street, and by land belonging to Thomas Bennett, Harry Herbert Gibbs, George Smalley, and Walter Brown respectively, and on the west by land belonging to William Freeman.

6. To authorize the Council for the purposes of

their Gas Undertaking to purchase, take on lease and hold lands, tenements and hereditaments and easements and other rights, in, over, or affecting the same and to appropriate for such purposes lands for the time being belonging to them, and to let, lease and dispose of lands.

7. To authorize the Council to provide, supply, and deal in meters, stoves, ranges, motors, dynamos, apparatus and fittings for heating, cooking, ventilating, or motive power, or for any other purpose for which gas may be utilized, and automatic meters and apparatus for the automatic supply of and payment for gas and to fix, remove and alter the same and other fittings and apparatus, and to do any work or service in connection therewith, and to sell and deal in coal, coke, culm, tar, oil, ammoniacal liquor and other residual products and things, and to acquire and hold patent rights and licences relative to the manufacture, conversion, utilization and distribution of gas and residuals.

8. To make provision for securing payment of gas rates, and for the registration and measurement of gas and the testing of meters and the use of anti-fluctuators, and the specification and regulation of pipes, meters and fittings, and the placing thereof, and to confer upon the Council the same powers of laying down and maintaining mains, pipes and apparatus in streets and roads not dedicated to the public as they from time to time possess in respect of public streets and roads.

9. To authorize the Council to make, levy, and recover rates, rents and charges for the supply of gas and for the hire and use of meters, stoves, engines, and fittings, and for other purposes of the intended Act, and to vary existing rates, rents and charges, and to confer, vary, or extinguish exemptions from the payment of rates, rents and charges.

10. To authorize the Council and any County or Parish Council, or sanitary or other authority, or any company, body, or person, to enter into and carry into effect contracts and agreements with respect to the supply by the Council in bulk or otherwise of gas beyond the aforesaid limits of supply, and to confer upon the Council special powers with reference thereto, and to the laying down and maintaining pipes and apparatus in streets and roads adjoining or near to the said limits, and to confer all necessary powers upon all such other authorities, bodies, and persons, and to provide for the protection of the gasworks and gas supply of the Council.

11. To alter and enlarge the present borrowing powers of the Council, and to enable them to apply to any purposes of the intended Act any moneys they are already authorized to borrow, and for those purposes to borrow money on mortgage, debenture stock and annuities upon the security of their rates and property for the time being, and of the rates, rents, and charges to arise under the intended Act, or in such other manner, and subject to such terms, conditions, and restrictions (if any) as may be prescribed by the intended Act.

12. To vary or extinguish all existing rights and privileges which would or might in any way prevent or interfere with or delay the accomplishment of any of the objects of the intended Act and to confer other rights and privileges.

Printed copies of the Bill for the intended Act will on or before the 20th day of December, 1902, be deposited in the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1902.

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