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PART A

Interpretation and general

Application for dispensation or relaxation

- **A17.**—(1) Any application for a direction dispensing with or relaxing any requirement of these regulations shall be submitted in duplicate.
- (2) Before giving a direction the Department or, as the case may be, the district council may if it thinks fit send—
 - (a) to the applicant, a copy of its draft direction; and
 - (b) to any other person or body appearing to it to be interested, a copy of the application and of its draft direction,

inviting comment on the draft direction, and it shall take into account any comments received before making the direction final.

- (3) Before giving a direction the Department or, as the case may be, the district council may if it thinks fit afford to the applicant or any other person appearing to it to be interested, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Department or, as the case may be, the district council for that purpose.
- (4) After giving a direction the Department or, as the case may be, the district council shall notify the applicant and any other person who was sent a copy of the draft direction under paragraph (2), of the direction and its reasons therefor.