



Fire Precautions Act 1971

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Consultation between fire and other authorities

17 Duty of fire authorities to consult other authorities before requiring alterations to buildings

(1) Before a fire authority—

- (a) serve on the applicant for a fire certificate with respect to any premises a notice under section 5(4) of this Act informing him that they will not issue a certificate unless alterations are made to the relevant building ; or
- (b) serve in respect of any premises a notice under section 8(4) or (5) or section 12(8)(b) of this Act mentioning as a step which would have to be taken anything involving the making of alterations to the relevant building,

the authority shall—

- (i) if the premises are situated in England or Wales (else where than in Greater London) or in an outer London borough and the fire authority are not the local authority for the area in which the premises are situated, consult that local authority ; and
 - (ii) if the premises are situated in Scotland, consult the buildings authority (within the meaning of section 1 of the Building (Scotland) Act 1959) for the area in which the premises are situated.
- (2) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that a local authority or buildings authority who have in accordance with this section been consulted by a fire authority proposing to serve any such notice as is mentioned in subsection (1) above may be a person aggrieved within the meaning of section 9 of this Act.