



Building Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 55

PART I

BUILDING REGULATIONS

Passing of plans

26 Provision of closets

- (1) Where plans of a building or of an extension of a building are, in accordance with building regulations, deposited with a local authority, the authority shall reject the plans unless—
 - (a) the plans show that sufficient and satisfactory closet accommodation consisting of one or more water-closets or earth-closets, as the authority may approve, will be provided, or
 - (b) the authority are satisfied that in the case of the particular building or extension they may properly dispense with the provision of closet accommodation.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) above—
 - (a) the authority shall not reject the plans on the ground that the proposed accommodation consists of or includes an earth-closet or earth-closets unless a sufficient water supply and sewer are available, and
 - (b) the authority shall reject the plans if they show that the proposed building or, as the case may be, extension is likely to be used as a factory or workplace in which persons of both sexes will be employed or will be in attendance, unless—
 - (i) the plans show that sufficient and satisfactory separate closet accommodation for persons of each sex will be provided, or
 - (ii) the authority are satisfied that in the circumstances of the particular case they may properly dispense with the provision of such separate accommodation.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (3) Any question arising under subsection (1) or (2) above between a local authority and the person by whom, or on whose behalf, plans are deposited as to—
- (a) whether the provision of closet accommodation or, as the case may be, the provision of separate closet accommodation for persons of each sex may properly be dispensed with,
 - (b) whether the closet accommodation proposed to be provided is sufficient and satisfactory or, as the case may be, sufficient and satisfactory for persons of either sex, or
 - (c) whether the provision of an earth-closet in lieu of a water-closet should in a particular instance be approved,
- may on the application of that person be determined by a magistrates' court.