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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 192**

**The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART A**

**Interpretation and general**

**Application for dispensation or relaxation**

**18.**—(1) Any application for a direction dispensing with or relaxing any requirement of these regulations shall be submitted in writing.

(2) Before giving a direction the district council or, in respect of regulation 17(2) the Department, 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 district council or, in respect of regulation 17(2) the Department, 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 district council or, as the case may be, the Department for that purpose.

(4) After giving a direction the district council or, in respect of regulation 17(2) the Department, 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.