



Board Direction

Ref: RD04.RD.0025

The submissions on these files were considered at a Board meeting held on 2nd August 2016.

The Board concurred with the Inspector's recommendation and decided to allow the appeal and to direct the building control authority to issue a Dispensation from the requirements of Parts M1, M2 and M3 of the second schedule of the Building Regulations 1997-2014, for the following reasons and considerations.

REASONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

Having regard to:

- the specific nature, function and use of the building concerned, namely an unmanned electrical substation building, which is only accessed infrequently and by specific personnel requiring special training, in order to carry out maintenance or emergency response;
- the location of the extensions to an existing control building within a secure ESB substation compound where personnel accessing the building would be familiar with the approach routes;
- the legislative context and guidance contained in Technical Guidance Document M (2010) with respect to the circumstances within which a dispensation might be appropriate;

it is considered that the granting of a dispensation from the requirements of Parts M1, M2 and M3 of the second schedule to the Building Regulations 1997-2014 is appropriate in this case.

Board Member _____ Date: 2nd August 2016
G.J. Dennison