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Ecclesiastical Exemption

The Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas)(England) Order 2010 gives exemption from listed building and conservation area consent for the Methodist Church and the other main denominations. The relevant legislation for Wales is the Ecclesiastical Exemption (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Order 1994.

We have a system of control for dealing with applications for alteration which complies with a code of practice agreed with the government. As part of this system we consult with statutory bodies, such as English Heritage and the local planning authority and the relevant national amenity societies about works that would otherwise require listed building consent. A full outline of the process can be found in Section 98 of the Standing Orders, and there are flow diagrams on the Methodist Church website that explain this further.

The proposals also have to be advertised locally by way of a site notice and, where external works are proposed, an advertisement in a local paper. Some projects may also require consultation with the Listed Buildings Advisory Committee (see the link to the LBAC).