

**Revisions  
to the  
Local Plans Interpretation Document of 2007**

**January 2024**

**1. Introduction**

1.1 This report implements the decision by the Executive Council of the Planning Authority on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 to approve Planning Circular CIR 2/24 related to the Conversion of building height limitations in the Local Plans (height in number of floors) in terms of Annex 2 of DC15 (overall height in metres).

1.2 CIR 2/24 stipulates that [the] converted limitations will be integrated into the Local Plans Interpretation Document as official guidance. Sections A2.2 and A8.1c of this document, relating to building height limitations, will be replaced by the conversion table presented in this Circular.

**2. Revisions to the Local Plans Interpretation Document of 2007**

2.1 In line with paragraph 1.2 above, sections A2.2 and A8.1c of the Local Plans Interpretation Document of 2007 shall be replaced by the following text:

**A. POLICY INTERPRETATION**

REFERENCE	ISSUE	INTERPRETATION
<b>2.</b>	<b>BUILDING HEIGHTS</b>	
2.2 Interpretation of Building Height	If there is a proposal for a three floor building which can be fitted within the height of an existing building or a building with two or less floors and the design is highly commendable but the number of floors is higher than that indicated in a Local Plan, would such a proposal be acceptable?	Development proposals should adhere to the provisions of Circular CIR2/24 related to the Conversion of building height limitations in the Local Plans (height in number of floors) in terms of Annex 2 of DC15 (overall height in metres).
<b>8.</b>	<b>AREA SPECIFIC POLICIES</b>	
<b>8.1 NHLP</b>		
8.1c NHLP Maps GT2, SJ4 and MP2 – basements and semi-basements	Is basement level (0.9m) allowed in areas where a semi-basement is prohibited by the Local Plan (NHLPMaps GT2, SJ4 and MP2)?	Development proposals should adhere to the provisions of Circular CIR2/24 related to the Conversion of building height limitations in the Local Plans (height in number of floors) in terms of Annex 2 of DC15 (overall height in metres).  <b>These provisions shall apply to all building height limitation maps in all approved local plans.</b>