

## DS MEMORDNDUM No.93

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To: All Technical Staff

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Subject: New Arrangements with regard to Means of Escape

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Since the introduction of DS Memo 55 in January 1992, it has been the management's intention to extend the scope of means of escape undertaken by the area surveyor. Such a move would ensure that what the surveyor undertakes corresponds more closely to their progression criteria ie what is expected to be done for the grade employed. Up till now assistant on Scale SO2 and above have dealt with means of escape from small shops and offices during which time their knowledge on this subject has increased. This has also been helped by the introduction of the new Approved document in June 1992.

This arrangement has worked well and been welcomed by the surveyors. It has also helped in meeting performance targets. However, since January 1992 surveyors have been prevented from undertaking means of escape commensurable to the progression criteria and their experience.

Therefore, from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1994 means of escape will be undertaken by the area surveyor in line with the progression criteria as outlined below. This relates to any new full plan application or building notice submitted on or after that date.

Mean of Escape each Grade is expected to cover

Scale 4 to Scale 6	Single family dwellings; old and new, any size
Scale 6 to SO1	As above plus flats / maisonettes covered by the RBKC Guide to move FROM Existing Dwellings
SO2 (Incorporates PO1)	As above plus small shops and offices as DS Memo 55.

PO2	General Means of Escape which includes; 1. As above 2. All shops and offices except a) Shopping Malls b) Section 20 buildings 3. All new flats / maisonettes any size
PO3	Multi-purpose buildings which includes the above but excludes; Hospitals and residential care buildings HMOs (bedsits / hostels / halls of residence) Shopping Malls Assembly buildings Schools Buildings issued with an entertainment licence (only the licensed part) New Section 20 buildings and major alterations to existing Hotels
PO4 / PO5	As above

When a surveyor has work in his area outside the above criteria then the PBCS must determine if the surveyor is (1) still capable of undertaking the work of (2) can undertake the work under supervision or (3) there is capacity within the group to undertake that surveyors work. If this is not the case then the work will revert to the means of escape group, as at present.

PBCS are to identify any training needs and discuss with their ADS ways and means of addressing any problems that arise.