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Under Section 14 of the Clean Air Act 1993, unless the height of the chimney has been approved by the local authority and any conditions attached to the approval adhered to, it is an offence to cause or knowingly permit a furnace to be used to:

- burn pulverised fuel;
- burn at a rate of 45.5 kg or more an hour any other solid matter, or
- burn at a rate equivalent to 366.4 kW or more any liquid or gaseous matter

If you are intending to carry out any of the following activities and any one of the above criteria apply, then you need to apply for chimney height approval from the Council:

- constructing a new chimney
- increasing the combustion space of
- adding a new furnace to an existing
- changing the fuel burnt in an existing
- replacing a furnace with one having

Application for chimney height is free of charge. You can download the application form from our website or contact us at the address on this page. Contact us for more information. A written decision will be given within 28 days, unless it is agreed in writing that a longer period is necessary.

We cannot approve the proposed chimney height if it is not practicable, the smoke, grit, dust, gases or odours are likely to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance, or if it is likely to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance, having regard to:

- the purpose of the chimney;
- the position and descriptions of buildings in the vicinity;
- the levels of the neighbouring ground;
- any other matters requiring consideration in the circumstances.

We can attach conditions to the approval, such as the rate and quality of emissions from your chimney.

Please include any supplementary information such as stack height calculations with the application for chimney height approval.

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