

HSE as the building control authority for HRBs

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Dame Judith's findings

- **Ignorance** – regulations and guidance are not always read by those who need to, and when they do the guidance is misunderstood and misinterpreted.
- **Indifference** – the primary motivation is to do things as quickly and cheaply as possible rather than to deliver quality homes which are safe for people to live in. When concerns are raised, by others involved in building work or by residents, they are often ignored.
- **Lack of clarity on roles and responsibilities** – there is ambiguity over where responsibility lies, exacerbated by a level of fragmentation within the industry, and precluding robust ownership of accountability.
- **Inadequate regulatory oversight and enforcement tools** – the size or complexity of a project does not seem to inform the way in which it is overseen by the regulator. Where enforcement is necessary, it is often not pursued. Where it is pursued, the penalties are so small as to be an ineffective deterrent.



The new regulations

3 sets of regulations – all linked.

[The Building \(Higher-Risk Buildings Procedures\) \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

76 pages

[The Building Regulations etc. \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

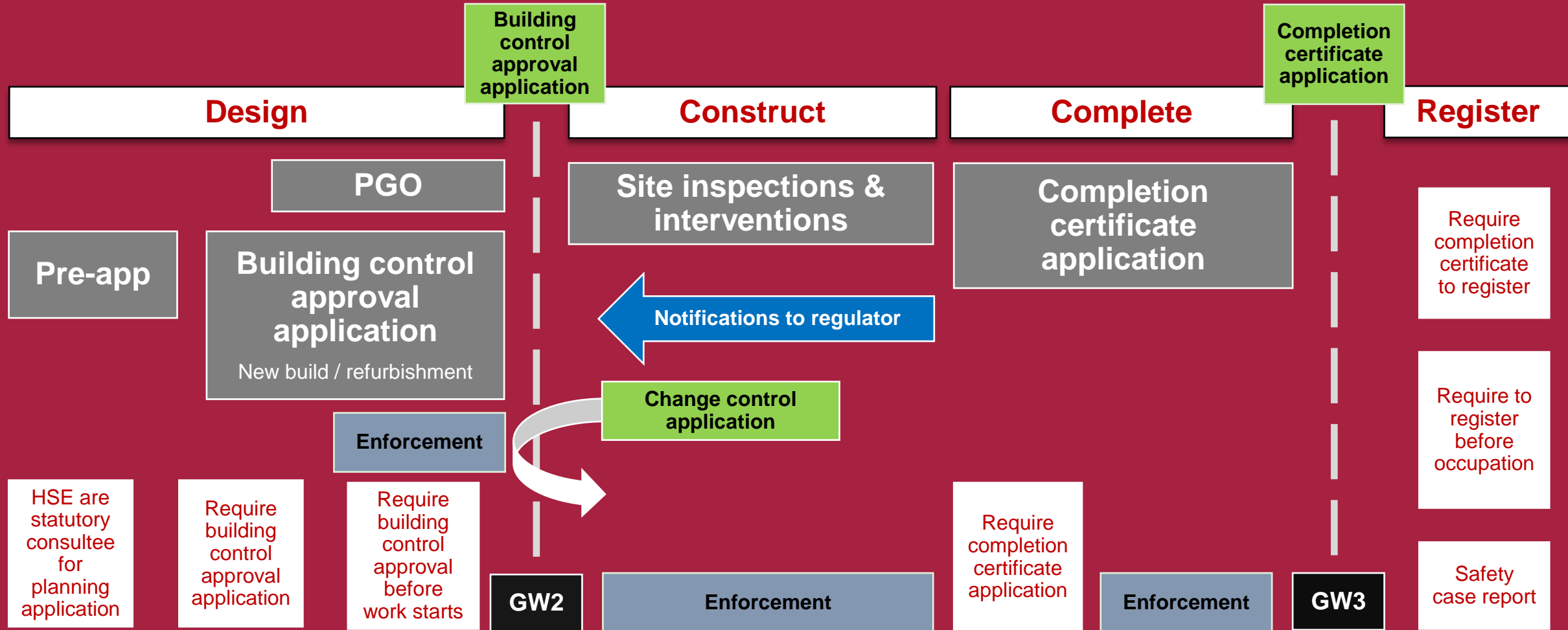
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[The Building \(Approved Inspectors etc. and Review of Decisions\) \(England\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](#)

24 pages



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