



Completion Notices - where are we now?

A recent un-appealed Valuation Tribunal decision of *Delph Property Group v Alexander (VO)* and *Leicester City Council (2018)* has clarified the correct procedure to challenge a Completion Notice and the resultant Rating List entry.

This is an important complex decision issued by the President of the Valuation Tribunal for England (VTE) in two parts – an interim decision in February 2018 and a final decision in May 2018. It has clarified the correct method for challenging completion notices for non - domestic rating

and the jurisdiction of the VTE. It considered also what was and was not a “new” building.

“Owners” of buildings that have been deleted from the rating list and continue to be vacant or “owners” of any new building should carefully examine any completion notices issued and subsequent or revised entries into the rating list. The prudence of taking professional advice cannot be overstated.

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