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Sanitary inspectors to investigate Scientology premises

Sanitary inspectors are to carry out an investigation into the conditions in which, it is alleged, members of the Scientology cult are living in their office headquarters — a converted warehouse — in the centre of Edinburgh.

Councillor Rupert Speyer has asked the city's sanitary department to find out if members of the Scientology staff who study a religious philosophy, are sleeping in their offices at North-east Thistle Street Lane.

He also wants to know how many toilets there are for the 100-strong staff and if planning permission has been given for the warehouse to be used as office accommodation.

Mr Speyer said yesterday: "I expect a report from the chief sanitary inspector within the next few days. I understand that members of the staff are charged £2 10s a week for living in the offices although there are, I believe, no beds or bathrooms."

"CAN'T SLEEP"

A neighbour of the Scientologists, Mrs Isobel Graham, 17 Thistle Street, Edinburgh, will be visiting the public health authorities today.

"Since the Scientologists moved in as our neighbours some months ago, I have hardly had a wink of sleep," said Mrs Graham.

"The building is as silent as the grave during the day, but there is a lot of activity at night. My husband and I have complained to the police about the noise but now I am going to the health authorities to find out what can be done. I can hardly concentrate on my work during the day because I am so tired after being disturbed at night."