



BUILDING CONTROL NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the April edition of the Forest of Dean District Council Building Control newsletter.

If you have picked up this newsletter in our office or have seen a copy of a colleague's, and you are interested in a regular copy then we can add your details to our mailing list.

Please send your details to building.control@fdean.gov.uk Otherwise please visit www.fdean.gov.uk and follow the links to Building Control where our newsletter can be found online.

We want your ideas

We would like to try and tackle any Building Regulation Problems you have. If you would like a certain subject addressed or simply have some unanswered questions then please drop me an email and we will do our best to answer them. simon.drake@fdean.gov.uk

What's New?

Party Wall Act Booklet

Are you carrying out works near to another building or adjoining another building? It is important to ensure that the correct notification is given to the owners next door. This Booklet gives guidance, help and legal requirements. It will even help you find a Party Wall Act Surveyor. If you would like a copy they are available from reception at our offices.

Site Lines Magazine.

We have a limited number of the latest edition of Site Lines; it is an LABC booklet full of useful details and information. If you would like a free copy you can again collect one from our offices, please telephone me on 812360 and I will leave one on reception for you.

Website

Water Efficiency calculator

This has now been added to our website for you to download and use.

BRE365 Soakaway Design

This document has also been added to our website to download and use.

Previous Newsletters

All previous newsletters are now available on our website for you to read and download.

Tony Gwynne has updated two of our guidance notes; they are for loft conversions and new domestic extensions and garages. You can download your free copy from our website. These documents can be used as part of your building regulation submission.

Part L 2010 (due to come into force October 2010)

The main changes to Part L of the Building Regulations and guidance are as follows:

1. Conservatories under 30m² will now not be exempt from part L.
2. Internal swimming pools to be included in the requirements with more clarification.
3. Party Walls are no longer classed as zero-rated u value; it will depend on construction details.
4. Trickle vents to be sealed when pressure testing.
5. Accredited Details need to be used for thermal Bridging otherwise 25% penalty given.
6. Extended use of Air Pressure testing in buildings to allow builders more flexibility in construction.
7. Design Submissions to be a requirement in the Building Regulations and as build submissions, and will be required before works commence.
8. All fixed low energy lighting will now be included in DER assessment.

Environment Agency Guidance

From April 2010, the Environmental Permitting Regulations will allow the Environment Agency to register exemptions for discharges that represent a low risk to the Environment, provided they are maintained and serviced properly to prevent the risk of pollution.

From the 6th April 2010, any sewage treatment plant discharging 5m³ or less per day, will be required to register with the Environment Agency for an exemption certificate.

Details can be found on the Environment Agency Website, and guidance note WAT1_09. www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Seminar updates.

Thank you to those of you for attending the last seminar. We hope you enjoyed the free seminar and buffet by Dorma on the DDA. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Future Seminars include:

Air Tightness Testing by Chiltern Dynamics.

Intelligent Energy Solutions.

Part L 2010 and the changes.

