



# *BUILDING CONTROL NEWSLETTER*



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Welcome to the February 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](mailto:building.control@fdean.gov.uk) Otherwise please visit [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://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](mailto:simon.drake@fdean.gov.uk)

### **What's New?**

#### **Eurocodes**

There is a new suite of British Standards for Structural Design, based on European Standards, these are often called the Eurocodes.

The structural Eurocodes are a set of standardised European design standards, which provide a common approach to structural design across the EU. They are intended to remove potential barriers to trade that exist when countries have different design standards.

There are ten Eurocodes made up of 58 parts that are being adopted in all EU states in 2010.

Any conflicting national structural design standards will be withdrawn by 31st March 2010.

## **Website**

Tony Gwynne has updated two of our guidance notes; they are for loft conversions, 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.

## **New Part G**

The proposed changes to the new part G of the Building Regulations are due to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

Back in October Part G was due to be updated but it got put back to April, at the time we put a short guide in the Newsletter, so it has been added again to give you a bit of a reminder.

The following is a quick guide to the changes in Part G

In recent years there has been an increase in the incidence of hold water scolding accidents involving baths, particularly amongst the young and the elderly. Government has implemented changes to the existing part G, which was due to come into force on October 1<sup>st</sup>. However this has now been delayed until April 2010.

The main changes are:

Baths in new homes will be required to be fitted with protective measures, such as a thermostatic mixing valve, to limit the temperature flow of hot water.

A new water efficiency standard of 125 litres per person per day for new homes.

Existing safety measures will be extended for all hot water systems including non-vented systems.

Gives greater control where grey and harvested rainwater can be used, from wells springs and watercourses.

Homes must have a water supply controlled by Regulations made under section 67 of the Water industries Act 1991.

A new Water Efficiency calculator has been devised. This will have to form part of any New Property Building Regulation Application, and is carried out on behalf of the client, most likely from their Architect.

Details of this calculator can be found at [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk)

We hope to bring you a future seminar on Part G and the changes

## **Seminar updates.**

Thank you to those of you for attending the latest seminar.

We hope you enjoyed the latest free seminar and buffet by Liquid Plastics.

We were sorry to have to cancel our Seminar on Jan 15<sup>th</sup> from Intelligent Energy Solutions; this will be arranged again shortly. The Seminar will be based around Air Source Heat Pumps, Ground Source Heat Pumps, PV's, Solar and Thermal.

This seminar will be free and will include a buffet lunch.

## **Future Seminars include:**

Air Tightness Testing by Chiltern Dynamics.

Intelligent Energy Solutions (details as above)

## **SAP and EPC (Revised Fees due to VAT)**

As you are aware we are able to offer this service Nationwide, so if you have an application for a new house, barn conversion or even excessive glazing to an extension, we can carry out this work for you.

The service includes DER (Design) and on completion EPC which will be registered with Land Mark.

The total cost of this service is £158.63 Inc VAT.

Any addition properties with the same details can be registered for an extra £58.75 inc. VAT

