

A guide to making the most of the Building Regulations.

***It's all about building work...
and not all building work needs planning permission.***

Home improvements and the law

The law says home owners carrying out improvement work must tell their local council, have the work authorised and correct documents filed for future reference. People often delegate this to their architect, builder or contractor. But it is your responsibility and you can tell your builder that you want to use our team.

You can trust us and you know we will always be available and won't go out of business.

Why choose Surrey Heath Building Control?

Local authority building control is impartial, run on a not for profit basis and is always nearby. If anything goes wrong they can deal with you in person. We issue completion certificates and can provide copies to solicitors, mortgage companies and insurers whenever you request or if you are selling your home. So insist your contractor uses the local authority building control team.

What type of building work do we help with?

- Home extensions
- Alterations to load bearing elements like chimney breasts and walls
- Loft and garage conversions
- Solar panels and electricity generation
- Roof renewal
- Replacing kitchens and bathrooms
- Creating new rooms – including some conservatories
- Fitting new boilers and fuel burning stoves
- Adding or altering drains
- Changing a building's use

We can also help with checking who is responsible for approving other work such as insulation, wiring and windows.



Seven good reasons to use Local Authority Building Control

- 1. Superb local knowledge** – our local authority surveyors are on your doorstep, understand local conditions and homes. We have access to the council's historic records as well as close relationships with organisations like the water authority and fire service.
- 2. Up to date** – we provide regular updates on the building regulations and other developments, keeping builders up to date with all the latest technical changes.
- 3. Quality assured** – all local authority surveyors are qualified professionals with expertise in areas such as building design, energy conservation, emergency escape and noise prevention.
- 4. Local and flexible** – being so local means it is easy for our team to carry out site visits and same day appointments are available.
- 5. Cost effective** – we are run on a not-for-profit basis. Very often our advice simplifies the work – saving you even more money.
- 6. Green** – our building control team can advise on insulation and green energy generation. Our advice can save pounds from your bills and help reduce carbon emissions.
- 7. Guardian angels** – our surveyors have no vested interests – they just provide independent professional advice. We provide the completion certificate that is recorded at the council for all future searches.

There's no need to risk the cowboys.

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