

Home improvements and the law

To satisfy the Building Regulations, home owners should inform Building Control if they are carrying out improvement works to their property.

Even if you have already obtained Planning Consent, you may still need to obtain Building Regulation approval.

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.

Our professional team are locally based, and you know we will always be available and won't go out of business.

Why choose RBWM building control?

Local authority building control is impartial, and we have local knowledge and experience of the area, and the service is run on a not-for-profit basis. If anything goes wrong the service 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. You can rely on our service, so please insist your contractor uses the local authority building control service at RBWM.



We'll help deliver your next home improvement project

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A guide to making the most of the building regulations with RBWM

It's all about building and making it work for you.....

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Seven good reasons to use local authority building control

This leaflet helps people carrying out home improvements understand their responsibilities and how to make sure that any changes to their home are carried out safely, in an environmentally friendly way and prevent cowboy builders getting a look in.



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
- Kitchen and bathroom alterations
- 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.

- 1. Superb local knowledge** – our building control consultants 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. Green** – our building control team are experts on insulation, green energy and building methods. Our advice can save pounds from your bills and help reduce carbon emissions.
- 4. Cost effective** – we are run on a not-for-profit basis. Very often our advice simplifies the work – saving you even more money.
- 5. Local and flexible** – being so local means it is easy for our team to carry out site visits, and same day appointments are usually available.
- 6. Quality assured** – we operate a Quality Management System in accordance with ISO 9001:2008. Our building control consultants are qualified professionals with expertise in areas such as building design and construction, energy conservation, sustainability, emergency escape and noise prevention.
- 7. We are here to help you** – our building control consultants 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.

