

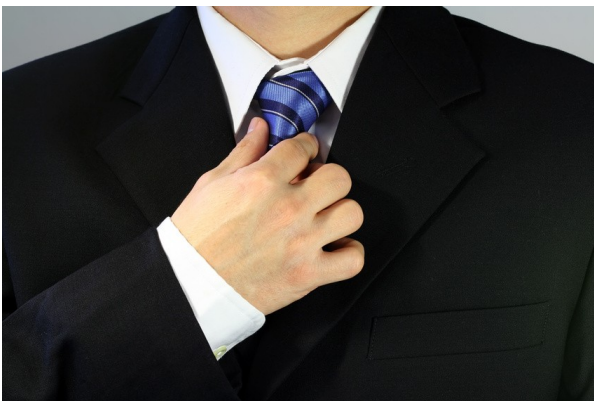
Welcome to the Winter edition of the Newark and Sherwood District Council Building Control newsletter.

With your continuing support and feedback, our service will continue to improve. We are in the process of undertaking a customer feedback survey and the results of this will be used to improve our service to you. We will listen to your comments with encouragement and we will continue to ensure that we strive to provide you with the best service and value for money we possibly can.

In this Newsletter, I hope you find the information of interest and benefit.

David Jones , Business Manager
Building Control
Newark and Sherwood District Council

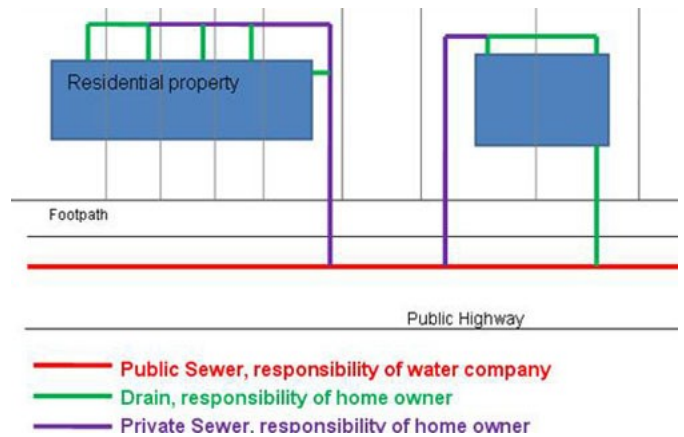
Staff Update



Newark and Sherwood District Council Building Control is pleased to welcome Shane Stone, Senior Building Control Surveyor. Shane will have overall responsibility for the Newark and Western area of the district, working hard to ensure that our good service continues.

Public Sewers - New Legislation

Existing Responsibilities



New responsibilities



You may not know it, but Severn Trent Water and Anglian Water Services Limited took ownership of previously privately owned sewers, serving more than one property, both foul and surface water that drained into the public sewer system on the 1st October 2011.

Details of this transfer can be found on the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Website (Defra) at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/quality/water/sewage/sewers/>

This transfer has created many more kilometres of Public Sewers which do not yet appear on the Map of Sewers and whose location are not yet known to your Water Service provider

It is now the building owner's responsibility to establish the existence of any Public Sewer within 3m of their proposed construction project. This will include identifying the exact line, depth and size of the Public Sewer. Owners will be required to make an application to the Water Service provider to build over or within 3m of a Public Sewer.

This is a separate process to a Building Regulations application and requirements of H4.

The current Building Regulations 2010 and associated approved documents remain unchanged regarding the issue of building over or within 3m of a Public Sewer shown on the Map of Sewers.

Newark and Sherwood District Council Building Control are therefore only legally obliged to refer your application for formal consultation under H4 where construction works are over or within 3m of public Sewers shown on the Map of sewers.

Site Inspection requests



We still aim to provide same day site inspections notifications for requests received before 10am on the day.

Inspections can be arranged by telephoning 01636 655807 or Customer Services on 01636 650000. Inspection requests may also be received by emailing bcsupport@nsdc.info

With all request methods, the Building Control reference should be quoted, if possible, together with the address of the property, Applicant's name and the type of inspection required. Contact name and telephone number of the contractor would also be useful.

For information, our reference is quoted on all letters and documents sent out, including our list of inspections.

Unfortunately, we are not always able to give timed appointments as our surveyors have large areas to cover and have to plan their route and prioritise inspections accordingly. We will, however, endeavour to make either a morning or afternoon inspection, wherever possible.

Why you should use Newark and Sherwood Building Control Service.



We provide free pre-application advice. Building Regulations applications can be initially submitted free of charge with the applicant subsequently invoiced for an agreed amount.

Fixed charges that are competitive and in many cases cheaper than other providers.

We endeavour to provide a paperless service and accept applications via email bcsupport@nsdc.info. You can complete a form, attach plans by email and make the necessary payment via our secure telephone line.

We will carry out a check of the Full Plans application and contact you regarding any defects.

We will carry out same day inspections.

Our Building Control team has many years experience and a wealth of local knowledge

A free newsletter.

Our office is easily located and has free parking.

Even though we continually receive excellent customer feedback, we are not complacent and are constantly looking at ways to improve our service. We take a great pride in our service and want you to use us.

Site Lines Magazine

A new copy of the latest edition of 'Site Lines magazine' is now available. This is an LABC booklet full of useful details and information.

If you would like a free copy, you can collect one from our reception at Kelham Hall.

Partnerships



We are actively looking for partners here in Building Control.

Just to give you a brief overview of how this works, if you put applications in to other Local Authorities in Nottinghamshire, the East Midlands or indeed anywhere in the country, then you can submit your Full Plans application to Newark and Sherwood District Council.

We will check your plans as we would do as if it was in the Newark and Sherwood District.

The decision is then sent by us to the inspecting Authority who will

approve the application subject to any of their local conditions.

The inspections are then carried out by the Authority where the building work is being done.

An agreed fee is split proportionally between Newark and Sherwood District Council and the inspecting Authority, based on the inspecting Authority's fees.

If you are interested in this for your projects then please contact David Jones, Business Manager-Building Control.