

# **LONDON BOROUGH of WALTHAM FOREST**

## **Guidance Note 1:**

Brief Introduction to Building Control  
and Index



# **BUILDING CONTROL**

## **(I) INTRODUCTION**

Building Regulations set minimum standards in the construction of buildings for the health, safety, comfort and convenience of building users.

If one wants to construct, extend or alter a dwelling or a building that is a workplace, it is likely that an application will be required under the Building Regulations.

Building Control is the process where applications are submitted and inspections are carried out to ensure that building work satisfies the standards set by the Building Regulations.

## **(II) FURTHER INFORMATION:**

- **What is Building Control?**

What work is covered by the Building Regulations?

How does one submit a Building Regulations application?

- **A brief summary of the Building Regulations**
- **Frequently asked questions**
- **Exempt works (work not covered by the Building Regulations)**
- **If building work is carried out without an application?**
- **Demolitions**
- **Sound testing in flat conversion etc.**
- **Loft conversions**
- **Loft storage**
- **Chimney breast removal**
- **Re-covering roofs**
- **Replacing windows**
- **Conservatories**
- **Porches**
- **Choosing a builder**

- **Building over or near a sewer**
- **Brief introduction to electrical safety in the home**
- **Bad weather**
- **Party Walls: What every owner should know**
- **Basements**
- **Garden walls**
- **Boundary disputes**
- **Right to light**
- **Fire Doors**
- **Trees and Buildings**

***(III) APPLICATION FORMS:***

Forms are available for:

- Full Plans,
- Building Notice,
- Regularisation applications,
- Notification of the Local Authority of demolition works and
- Building Control search request.
- **Schedule of Charges (Fees)**

***(IV) USEFUL LINKS***

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- *Indicates documents which can be accessed and downloaded from the LBWF website ([www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk))*

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