

Goodwill Advice

As well as applying for Building Regulations Approval, please remember you may also need the permission of others as well. While this list should not be considered exhaustive, examples include the following:

Other Council Services

- If you are carrying out building work you may need Planning permission. To determine this please contact Development Control on 01992 564436
- If you live in a listed building, you need separate ' Listed Building Consent'. You will need this even if you don't need Planning permission. For further information or to find out if a building is listed, please contact Conservation and Environment on 01992 564110
- If you live in an ex-council house, you probably need permission from Housing Services to carry out the work. Please phone Housing on 01992 564199 to find out more.
- Building within 8m of a watercourse requires Land Drainage consent. For further information please contact the Land Drainage section on 01992 564048

The Party Wall Act

This is a matter of civil law, in other words it is between you and your neighbour, and does not involve the Council. It does however mean that you may be required to notify your neighbour in writing before you start any building works if the work falls into one of the following categories:

- Work to an existing wall or structure shared with another property.
- Building a wall of a building or a freestanding wall up to or astride the boundary with a neighbouring owner.
- Excavating within 3 or 6 metres of a neighbouring building or structure.

Advice on party wall matters can be obtained by contacting the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors on 0207 222 7000 or there is an explanatory booklet which is produced by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister which can be contacted on 0207 944 3000.

Building Over or Close to Sewers

If you are building over or within 3 metres of a public sewer you may need the local Water Authorities permission. In most cases this is Thames Water Utilities (TWU) Note: TWU insists that any drain, laid before 1st October 1937, serving more than one property is a public sewer.

After 1st April 2002, Building Regulations applications for new buildings and extensions, which involve building over or within 3 metres of a public sewer, must be full plan applications and a Building notice Application is therefore not acceptable.

For details of public sewers and building over agreements please contact Thames Water's Asset Data Services on telephone number 0118 925 1884.



