

Building Regulations

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Rt Hon Eric Pickles MP



Greg Clarke MP



Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP



Bob Neill MP



Baroness Hanham



Andrew Stunell OBE MP

“Re-opening Britain for business”

“One in one out”

any minister who wants to bring in a new piece of regulation must first find an existing one to scrap

“For a long time, the whole business of Whitehall has been about creating new regulations. This new rule completely blows that culture apart “

David Cameron



2010 Spending Review

2.31 The Government will increase housing supply by reforming the planning system so it is more efficient, effective and supportive of economic development. In addition, it will introduce a New Homes Bonus **It will also reduce the total regulatory burden on the house building industry over the Spending Review period.**





Your Freedom

'real democracy is unspun; it is the raucous, unscripted debates that always throw up the best ideas'

Andrew Stunell
31 July 2010

“I want to hear your views on how the Regulations can be improved, added to, or slimmed down. I would also like suggestions as to how we can deliver even better levels of compliance in the future.”



Building Regulations Exercise

- Over 200 responses (plus c600 as part of campaign for inclusion of Changing Places) but not a lot of unexpected issues or suggestions (not surprising given our ongoing dialogue with partners)
- A key finding – the regime’s not perfect, there are things we can improve, but it’s in pretty good shape

Cut Red Tape Exercise attracted little Building Regulations-related comment

Your Freedom Website

- Attracted responses more from the public and individuals within industry
- A more deregulatory tone. Large-scale support for abolishing Part P or reducing cost of compliance
- A questioning of the role of regulation and its scope eg why do we control what people do in their own homes (eg water temperature)

Andrew Stunell
16 December 2010

"Today, I'm publishing the findings of that process. In the coming year, I plan to look at how we ensure our regulations are as effective as they can be in delivering safe and sustainable buildings."



Future changes to the Building Regulations - next steps

- Working on the next iteration of Part L
- Evaluation of Part P (Electrical safety)
- Rationalise Parts M, K & N – address conflict and overlap and look at the issue of ‘Access Statements’
- Consideration of some minor issues – Structural Eurocodes
- Consideration of including security and changing places into the BR
- Look at the Building Control System including specific consideration of the issue of Compliance



Andrew Stunell
16 December 2010

"The success of this process is dependent on consultation with those at the frontline of the construction industry, building the homes and buildings that this country needs.

That's why for me this is just the start of the process - their contribution has informed my programme of work for the next year, and I want to work with them further to ensure building regulations are fit for the 21st century."



“If you think that more fire protection would be good for UK businesses then you should be making your case to the business community, not to the government.”

30 June 2010

"The Government's position is very clear: sprinklers continue to play an important role in protecting people from fire. However, as part of a broader deregulation initiative, we are removing duplicate and unnecessary provisions from primary legislation and an assorted collection of Local Acts to allow individuals, councils and business to get on with their job without unnecessary Government meddling."

19 November 2010



"We take fire safety very seriously and are aware of the questions raised about timber-framed buildings. The new government is listening to the public's concerns carefully and will tackle them head-on."

23 August 2010



Peckham 2009





Just a construction safety issue?



**Fire Stats Monitor
April 2009 to March
2010**



**Compartmentation
in roof voids
BD2846**



Competency for Risk Assessment Professionals

- Cross industry group developing a common competency standard.

New Fire Safety Guidance for Purpose Built Flats

- Being drafted now



Thank You