

Building Control

October 2010



Farewell to Roger



Roger Pitchforth who has worked for Calderdale Building Control since its inception in April 1974 retired at the end of September this year.

Roger, a Chartered Surveyor started his Building Control career at Sowerby Bridge MDC before joining Calderdale.

Roger has risen through the ranks, becoming a senior surveyor and then a member of the fire safety and access team, a position he made his own, helping to ensure that the Council's buildings are accessible, well maintained, safe and easy to evacuate from.

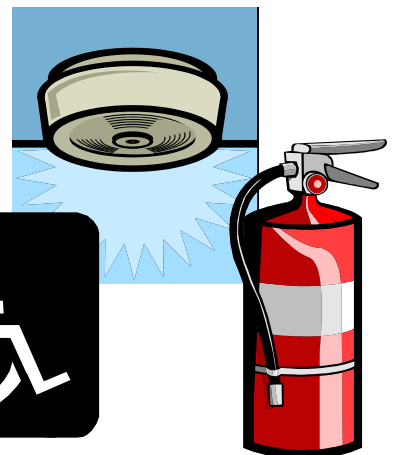
Roger is a well known face across the Council with considerable knowledge and skills in fire safety and inclusion, which will be sadly missed when he leaves. We wish Roger all the best for a long and happy retirement and thank him for all his efforts.

Managing Fire Safety

Building Control will still provide support for fire safety and access issues, but due to the difficult economic circumstances we will not recruit a replacement for Roger Pitchforth.

If you need fire safety or access advice please ring our office on 01422 392223.

Or you can email your enquiry to:
building.control@calderdale.gov.uk.





Amended Procedures

October 2010 is a time of huge changes in Building Control

New Charges



From 1st October we will have a new scheme of charges in place which will be similar across West Yorkshire. Our new charges are expected to ensure full cost recovery and that the user should pay for the actual service that they receive.

Information on our new charges is available online at www.calderdale.gov.uk/buildingcontrol/services/charges/index or you can ring us on (01422) 392223. You can also ring your usual contact, please find all contact numbers at the back of this newsletter.

New Building Regulations



The Government have consolidated the existing building regulations with a new statutory instrument,

number 2214 called The Building Regulations 2010, made on 6th September and coming into force on 1st October.

A free copy of the new regulations is available to download at www.opsi.ov.uk/si/si201022. Scroll down the website page to locate statutory instrument 2214 of 2010.

New Approved Documents

On 1st October, amended editions of Part F 'Ventilation', Part J 'Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems', and Parts L1A, L1B, L2A and L2B 'Conservation of fuel and power', come into force.

The 2010 editions will be available to download at planning portal at www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/buildingregs/technicalguidance/bcapproveddocumentslist



Online Application and Fees Payment

Our online building regulation application and fees payment is up and running, allowing you to submit your applications online, at your convenience, with online payment of fees by debit or credit card.

To use this facility, please go to:

www.calderdale.gov.uk/buildingcontrol/building-forms/index.html



Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator	Target %	Achieved by Teams		Overall
		North	South	
Application Acknowledged within two days of Deposit.				
Full Plans	98	100	100	100
Building Notices	98	100	100	100
Regularisation Application	98	100	100	100
Applicant/Agent notified of amendments or decision within three weeks of deposit (Full Plans Only).				
Residential	93	100	99	99
All Other Types	93	90	82	86
Decision notified within statutory time period of five weeks and two months (Full Plans Only).				
Requested Site Inspections shall be carried out within the statutory time limit or such longer time as agreed*	100	100	100	100
External correspondence (which requires a reply) to be acknowledged within two days of receipt.				
External correspondence (which requires a reply) to receive a reply within 14 days of receipt.	100	100	100	100
Notified Dangerous Structures to be inspected within 12 working hours				
Counter Notice on Demolitions to be served within 14 days of receipt of information	92	100	100	100
Percentage of customers satisfied with service				
Initial Notices determined within 5 working days	100	100	100	100

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Can we improve our service?

As a customer focused control service, we are always looking at ways to improve our services. To do so we use customer questionnaires to gather feedback. Please fill in a questionnaire and tell us how we are doing and what we could do better.

Questionnaires can be found at both the Planning and Building Control offices.

If you cannot find a questionnaire just ring us or send an email with your ideas and feedback to building.contro@calderdale.gov.uk



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