

Corporate Approved Inspectors



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Dear Colleagues

Attached is our latest Newsletter regarding LBC's business continuity considering the COVID-19 restrictions and LBC's latest news and events.

Your privacy is important to us! We want you to know that we will not share your contact information with anyone.

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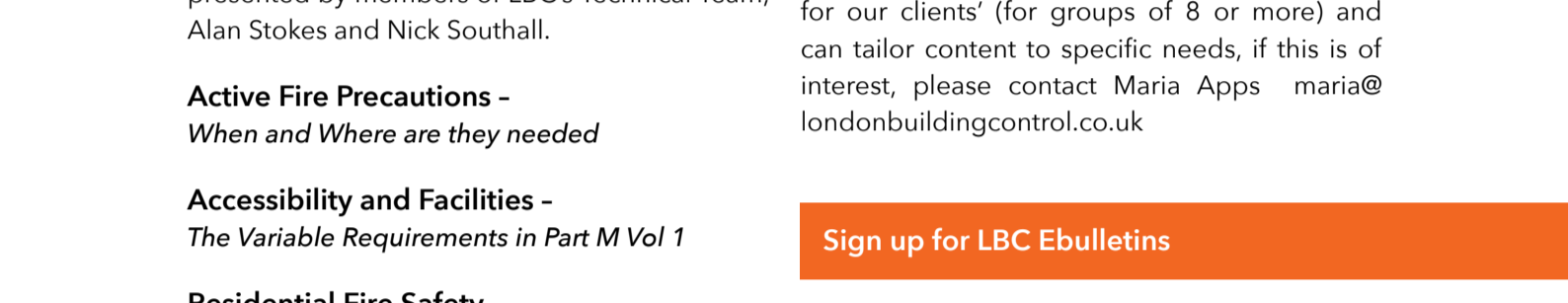
We are pleased to say that as the COVID-19 crisis continues LBC are continuing to provide our full range of Building Control Services.

We have a network of Building Control Surveyors and support staff working either from their offices or homes who can help you. Our Technical Team are also carrying out virtual meetings via phone and video conferencing.

So do please contact us if you need any assistance and we will be happy to help you.



Regulatory & Compliance CPD Events



We are currently offering a range of free CPD Zoom Webinars (see list below) designed to support the construction sector. The sessions are ideal for Architects, Designers, Contractors, Planning Consultants and Developers.

The sessions focus on recent regulatory and environmental legislation changes and will be presented by members of LBC's Technical Team, Alan Stokes and Nick Southall.

Active Fire Precautions - When and Where are they needed

Accessibility and Facilities - The Variable Requirements in Part M Vol 1

Residential Fire Safety - Design & Flexibility

Proposed changes to The Building Regulations - an update from MHCLG

Commercial Fire Safety design and the flexibility

CDM Procedures and requirements for Principal Designers

Interested in a bespoke CPD event?

We are happy to provide bespoke courses for our clients' (for groups of 8 or more) and can tailor content to specific needs, if this is of interest, please contact Maria Apps maria@londonbuildingcontrol.co.uk

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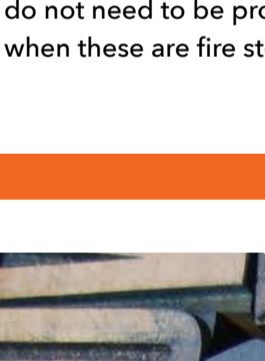
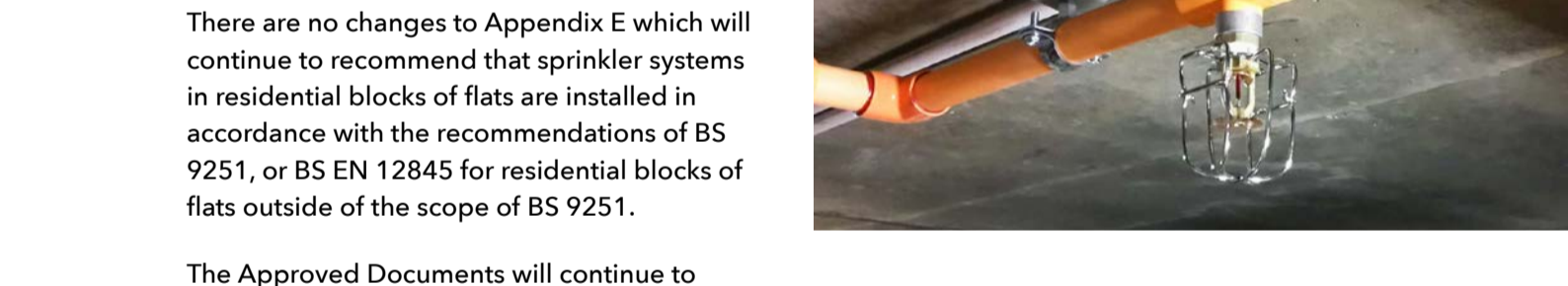
To sign up to receive CPD invites, LBC Newsletter and regular updates please register your details on the homepage of our website.



NHS Nightingale Hospital London

The first temporary NHS Nightingale hospital, at ExCeL London, can house approximately 4000 intensive care beds along with the associated ancillary areas required to run these beds.

The NHS and the military achieved something extraordinary in setting up NHS Nightingale, London in just a matter of days and LBC are honoured to have played their part providing Building Control advice on this project which will ensure people who need intensive care can get it.



Latest Updates from www.gov.uk

New Approved Document B Volume 1 Summary of main changes MHCLG Circular

The changes focus on residential blocks of flats and mixed-use buildings containing flats.

Scope

These amendments to sprinkler provisions, and new guidance on consistent wayfinding signage, will apply to building works in a block of flats or mixed-use buildings containing flats with a top floor more than 11 metres above ground level.

This includes the erection of new buildings, material alterations, material changes of use and extensions as set out in Regulation 3 of the Building Regulations 2010 (as amended).

Sprinklers

Amendments include a reduction in the height threshold for sprinklers in Purpose group 1a (residential (block of flats)) from 30 metres to 11 metres. As a result of the change to the height threshold, Table B4 (Minimum periods of fire resistance) will also be amended when these changes take effect to reflect that a block of flats without a sprinkler system above 11 metres is not permitted if following the guidance in the Approved Document.

There are no changes to Appendix E which will continue to recommend that sprinkler systems in residential blocks of flats are installed in accordance with the recommendations of BS 9251, or BS EN 12845 for residential blocks of flats outside of the scope of BS 9251.

The Approved Documents will continue to note that sprinklers in residential blocks of flats do not need to be provided in common areas when these are fire sterile.

Wayfinding signage for the fire service

The amendments set out guidance for the provision of consistent wayfinding signage for use by the fire service in Purpose group 1a (residential (block of flats)) with a top storey more than 11 metres above ground level. Signage should include floor identification and flat indicator signs which provide information relating to the flats that are accessed on each floor.

The amendments set out the recommended locations for this signage and guidance on typeface and wording. The amendments do not prescribe a particular material or technology that should be used for this signage, such as photoluminescent lettering. But they do set out that the signage should be on a contrasting background, easily legible and readable in low level lighting conditions or when illuminated with a torch.

Designers should satisfy themselves and the relevant Building Control Body that their choice of design will meet these conditions.



HOT OFF THE PRESS LBC News and Events

LBC runs free online webinar in aid of NHS Charities Covid-19 Urgent Appeal

On 16 April LBC held its first online webinar on the Proposed changes to The Building Regulations - an update from MHCLG in aid of NHS Charities COVID-19 Urgent Appeal.

This LBC sponsored event, enjoyed by over 100 delegates, introduced the proposed changes to the Building Regulations 2010, The Building Act 1984, and the regulatory framework.

NHS staff and volunteers are doing amazing work right now in caring for COVID-19 patients and LBC are proud to be able provide essential support for our amazing NHS staff and volunteers.

We are proud to say that LBC donated £1050 to the NHS Charities COVID-19 Urgent Appeal and would thank you all those who took part in making the event a huge success.



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How we can help

We offer free pre-application advice and quotations so if you would like to discuss the provision of building control services for the project you are working on or considering, please do contact us.

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