



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Your Ref: 1509/1/WAC/LM

Our Ref: EIR / 1621

25 January 2018

Mr
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Email: @asmbelfast.com

Dear Mr

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Affordable Warmth Scheme

I refer to your EIR request as above and respond as follows:

On a related point please note that generally these types of application are made to Derry City & Strabane District Council using a Building Notice application. However, we are unable to distinguish between 'ordinary' Building Notice applications and those submitted under the 'Affordable Warmth Scheme' as this information is not disclosed, in all cases, to us by the applicant (usually the installer or home owner).

Responses are numbered as per your questions as follows:

Q1. Generally, when council receives a call for inspection (all application types) before 10am, priority cases will receive an inspection the same day were possible based on available resources. Alternatively, a date and time will be agreed with the caller for the inspection to be completed.

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Due to the high volume of inspections involving boiler installations and associated works, Derry City & Strabane District Council have established a dedicated resource and generally all inspections are completed within 10 days of request, very often earlier.

Q2. Following inspection were the works are in compliance with the Regulations and all necessary paperwork has been furnished to council, the Completion Certificate will be posted to the applicant within 3 working days.

Q3. This data is not currently recorded by Council.

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Q5. Officers have available the necessary equipment to undertake inspections to satisfy themselves that the installation is in compliance with The Building Regulations (NI) 2012.

Q6. See response to Q5.

Q7. The time taken for each inspection is highly variable and depends on many different factors.

Q8. Officers will check for controls and assess the installation as necessary to satisfy themselves that the installation is in compliance with all the related parts of The Building Regulations (NI) 2012.

Q9. See answer to Q8.

Q10. Derry City and Strabane District Council do not 'release public funds' in relation to these applications. Our officers are legally authorised and competent to inspect installations for the purposes of assessing compliance with the regulations.

Q11. Officers have access to all relevant documents and standards to allow them to make their assessment for compliance with The Building Regulations (NI) 2012.

Q12. The Building Regulations (NI) 2012 require that gas installations only be installed by a person with the required competence and that the works are undertaken by a member of a class of persons approved by the HSENI.

Q13. See answer to Q10.

Q14. Officers will assess installations for compliance and enforce the requirements of The Building Regulations (NI) 2012.

Q15. Councils within Northern Ireland are responsible for enforcing The Building Regulations (NI) 2012 within their own geographical area.

Q16. The relevant legislation within Northern Ireland does not permit approved inspectors or self-certification. Only councils are permitted to provide the necessary documents to demonstrate compliance with The Building Regulations (NI) 2012.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely
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