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**Building Control Services
Planning & Transportation Service
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
PO Box 604, Barnsley, S70 9FE**



You can visit us at the Barnsley Connects Service Centre, The Civic, Eldon Street, Barnsley, S70 2JL between 9.00 - 1.00pm Monday – Friday, where we provide a duty surveyor to give technical or general advice.

If you wish to speak with a specific surveyor, you can arrange to meet with them at the Barnsley Connects Service Centre by prior appointment between 9.00 - 5.00pm Monday - Friday.

Alternatively, a Building Control Surveyor is always available by telephone to give technical, or general advice and to receive inspection requests, between 9.00 - 5.00pm Monday – Friday.

How to contact us:

Building Control general direct line: (01226) 772678

24hr answerphone (inspection requests): (01226) 772699

Fax Number: (01226) 772698

Dangerous Structures (out of hours): via emergency services

E-mail:

Building Control Manager: TIMCLIFFE@BARNLSLEY.GOV.UK

Application Submissions: BUILDINGCONTROL@BARNLSLEY.GOV.UK

Website: www.barnsley.gov.uk/buildingcontrol

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**GENERAL INFORMATION
SHEET No. 3**



**YOUR CHOICE OF
BUILDING CONTRACTOR
(WHO & WHY)**

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Your choice of Building Contractor (Who & Why)

Unfortunately disputes can arise between owners and Builders. Building Control Officers can only advise on Building Regulation matters. Other matters may have to be resolved legally.

Building Control cannot recommend a Building Contractor to work for you, however, the following items may assist you:

1. Ask to see samples of the Builders work and speak to his former customers;
2. Any contract with your Builder should include a list of all the works required;
3. Stage payments should be set down and agreed by both parties;
4. Any "EXTRA'S" requested should be in writing and the costs agreed;
5. Ensure that a completion inspection is carried out by Building Control, any remedial works requested should be completed and re-inspected before final payments are made.

If you do not ask for a completion inspection, you are breaking the law and it will affect the selling of your property.

6. Our Building Control Officers are in place to protect your interests by making sure that the Building Regulations are adhered to. Works such as plastering and decorating cannot be controlled.

If there are any doubts about any part of a contract between you and your Builder, you are advised to contact your Solicitor.

