

## **Building regulations and fire safety procedural guidance: circular letter 15 July 2020**

The purpose of this circular letter is to draw attention to revised procedural guidance published by Local Authority Building Control (LABC) with the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) through the Joint Regulators' Group of the Building Safety Programme.

This guidance sets out how building control bodies should consult with fire and rescue services on plans for building work.

It also covers arrangements for the handover of fire safety information.

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## **New board members to strengthen oversight of HS2 as it enters next phase of delivery**

- three Non-executive Directors appointed to the HS2 Ltd board, strengthening accountability and oversight of project
- Ian King to provide direct updates to the Secretary of State on HS2, instilling greater discipline to protect taxpayers' interests
- delivers on government's commitment to strengthen grip of HS2 programme by improving transparency and cost and schedule control

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps has today (14 July 2020) announced the appointment of three Non-Executive Directors to the HS2 Board to strengthen oversight and scrutiny of the UK's largest infrastructure project.

Elaine Holt, Ian King and Tom Harris will respectively take up the roles of infrastructure specialist, government representative and community engagement leader, to improve the way that HS2 Ltd is managed and instil greater discipline of the project.

These appointments are the latest step in the government's commitment to reset the HS2 programme, strengthen the leadership team and instil greater accountability to ensure decisions made by the company deliver on the government's priorities.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said:

When we gave HS2 the go-ahead, we made a clear commitment to draw a line under past problems and to move forward with a strong grip of the project and a laser-like focus on cost control and transparency.

The appointments of Elaine Holt, Tom Harris and Ian King to the Board of HS2 Ltd will deliver on this promise and ensure this vital project has the robust leadership it requires as it drives our country's economic recovery from COVID-19 and delivers better connectivity to level up communities across the north and Midlands.

Ian King will represent the government's interests on the HS2 Ltd board, bringing with him more than two decades of senior leadership and project delivery experience. He will provide advice to the HS2 Ltd Board on the government's approach to issues and will report to the Transport Secretary and HS2 Minister Andrew Stephenson.

Elaine Holt joins as a railway and infrastructure specialist, having had experience in executive and non-executive roles in the transport sector, project delivery and railway operations.

Tom Harris, a former parliamentarian, will strengthen the company's focus on community engagement, further ensuring that those impacted by the project continue to be listened to and treated with the respect they deserve.

Allan Cook CBE, Chair of HS2 Ltd said:

I am looking forward to working with Elaine, Tom and Ian as they join the board of HS2 Ltd. The scale and complexity of the next phase of the project – which is already making a vital contribution by supporting thousands of jobs all over the country – requires increased levels of the expertise and oversight to further strengthen the excellent experience we have on the board.

Elaine, Tom and Ian have a huge wealth of experience in each of their specialist areas. I am certain they will make a valuable contribution to the success of the HS2 project as we progress through the construction phase and ensure that, with the other members of the Board, we meet our commitments to Government and UK taxpayers.

The appointment comes as the project enters its construction phase and increases its activity and scale along the route and across the business.

HS2 Ltd has recently awarded £14 billion of contracts and is hiring close to 500 new employees in a range of skills.

The supply chain's presence on site is also set to rise from 10,000 to 16,000 workers in the next 18 months, providing a boost to the construction sector and wider UK economy.

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# [UK Government welcomes announcements by eight Overseas Territories to tackle illicit finance](#)

Ministers updated Parliament today on a major step forward by the UK's Overseas Territories to help improve global corporate transparency. The written statement welcomes commitments from eight Overseas Territories to introduce publicly accessible registers detailing who owns the companies in their Territory.

The announcements demonstrate the positive action the UK's Overseas Territories are taking to help tackle illicit finance and follows work by Gibraltar, earlier this year in March, to make their company register publicly accessible. The Government expects that beneficial ownership information on businesses registered in the Overseas Territories will be accessible to the public by 2023.

The eight UK Overseas Territories which have committed to implement this measure are; Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, the Falkland Islands, Montserrat, the Pitcairn Islands and St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The Foreign Secretary, Dominic Raab, said:

This is an important step forward by governments from across the Overseas Territories. I welcome the leadership to improve corporate transparency, and the message it sends about the need to tackle illicit finance globally.

The UK Government has led an international campaign to make such registers a global norm by 2023 and is hopeful the only remaining permanently inhabited territory not to make an announcement, the British Virgin Islands, will make a similar commitment soon. The FCO is continuing to work with their Government in encouraging them to take this action.

The UK Government already has arrangements with the Overseas Territories whereby they provide UK law enforcement authorities access to information on the ownership of companies in their jurisdictions. This information improves the ability of law enforcers to detect money laundering and financial crime.

- WMS statement available by clicking [here](#)

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## [Driving lessons, theory tests and driving tests to restart in Wales](#)



The Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) and Welsh Government have announced that:

- learner drivers and motorcyclists can resume training in Wales from Monday 27 July
- theory tests will restart on Monday 3 August
- motorcycle, lorry, bus and coach, car and trailer, and tractor driving tests will resume on Monday 3 August
- car driving tests will start again on Monday 17 August

The rules will apply to all types of driver and motorcycle training in Wales from these dates, including private practice with someone you live with.

Theory tests will restart in Wales on Monday 3 August. The tests will take place with physical distancing measures in place to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Car driving tests will restart in Wales on Monday 17 August, which will give learner drivers time to have refresher lessons and practice before taking their test.

### **When lessons and tests will restart**

When services restart depends on what vehicle you're learning to drive or ride.

#### **Car**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Driving lessons	Monday 27 July 2020

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Theory tests	Monday 3 August 2020
Driving tests	Monday 17 August 2020

## **Motorcycle and moped**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Motorcycle and moped compulsory basic training (CBT)	Monday 27 July 2020
Motorcycle direct access scheme (DAS) training	Monday 3 August 2020
Theory tests	Monday 3 August 2020
Motorcycle and moped module 1 and module 2 tests	Monday 3 August 2020

## **Lorry, bus and coach**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Driver training	Monday 27 July 2020
Theory tests	Monday 3 August 2020
Driving tests	Monday 3 August 2020

## **Car and trailer**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Driver training	Monday 27 July 2020
Driving tests	Monday 3 August 2020

## **Tractor and specialist vehicle**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Driver training	Monday 27 July 2020
Driving tests	Monday 3 August 2020

## **Approved driving instructor (ADI)**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
Driving instructor training	Monday 27 July 2020
ADI part 1 test (theory)	Monday 3 August 2020
ADI part 2 test (driving ability)	Monday 17 August 2020
ADI part 3 test (instructional ability)	Monday 17 August 2020
ADI standards check	Monday 17 August 2020

## **Motorcycle trainer**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Date</b>
DVSA enhanced rider scheme trainer theory test	Monday 3 August 2020

## **Helping the country to get moving again**

Gareth Llewellyn, DVSA Chief Executive, said:

It has been vital that lessons and tests only resume when safe to do so and in line with the government's advice

We know this has been a tough time for the whole country including learners and driving instructors but I am pleased to announce the restart of lessons and tests in Wales

Tests for critical workers have continued during the lockdown and I would like to thank all those instructors and examiners who have continued to work to help deliver tests for those who have done so much to help us during this terrible pandemic.

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1. 29 July 2020

Added a Welsh translation of the news story.

2. 15 July 2020

Added the date that approved driving instructor (ADI) part 3 (instructional ability) tests and ADI standards checks restart in Wales.

3. 15 July 2020

First published.

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## **[Recovered appeal: land off Audlem Road, Stapeley, Nantwich and land off Peter De Stapeleigh Way, Nantwich \(refs: 2197532/2197529 – 15 July 2020\)](#)**

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