

Goodwill Advice

As well as applying for Planning permission, please remember you may also need the permission of others as well. While this list should not be considered exhaustive, examples include the following:

Other Council Services

- If you are carrying out building work you may need Building Regulations approval. To determine this please see the [Building Control webpages](#), or contact the team on 01992 564141.
- If you live in a listed building, and/or the building is in a conservation area, you may need separate Listed Building Consent. You may need this even if you don't need Planning permission. For further information or to find out if a building is listed, please see the [Conservation webpages](#), or contact the Conservation Officer on 01992 564358
- If you live in an ex-council house, you probably need permission from the [Housing Directorate](#) to carry out the work. Please contact Housing on 01992 564199 to find out more.
- Building within 8m of a watercourse requires [Land Drainage](#) consent. For further information please contact the Land Drainage section on 01992 564608.

The Party Wall Act

This is a matter of civil law, in other words it is between you and your neighbour, and does not involve the Council. It does however mean that you may be required to notify your neighbour in writing before you start any building works if the work falls into one of the following categories:

- Work to an existing wall or structure shared with another property
- Building a wall of a building or a freestanding wall up to or astride the boundary with a neighbouring owner
- Excavating within 3 or 6 metres of a neighbouring building or structure

Advice on party wall matters can be obtained by contacting the [Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors](#) on 0870 333 1600.

There is also an [explanatory booklet](#) produced by the Department of Communities and Local Government, who can be contacted on 0303 444 0000.

Building Over or Close to Sewers

If you are building over or within 3 metres of a public sewer you may need the local Water Authority's permission. In most cases this is Thames Water Utilities (TWU) Note: TWU insists that any drain, laid before 1st October 1937, serving more than one property is a public sewer.

After 1st April 2002, Building Regulations applications for new buildings and extensions, which involve building over or within 3 metres of a public sewer, must be [Full Plan applications](#) and a Building Notice application is therefore not acceptable.

For details of public sewers and building over agreements please contact [Thames Water's Asset Data Services](#) on telephone number 01189 251515.