



Coronavirus

Building Control service changes and updates



Coronavirus Update

As the coronavirus outbreak develops across the UK, we hope that you are coping under the challenging circumstances and that you, your colleagues and family are well. We will continue to provide you with a first-rate service, whilst also ensuring safety at all times.

LABC guidance

Based on guidance from Local Authority Building Control (LABC) there are some changes being put into place. These are designed to keep you, your staff and colleagues safe, whilst trying to minimise the impact coronavirus has on your business.

Virtual inspections

We recognise the need to balance service delivery with reduced personal contact, so from now until further notice we will be conducting virtual inspections. We will be asking you to provide suitable photographic evidence and any other relevant details and information. These are some of the changes we have made:

- Commencement – virtual inspection
- Foundations – virtual inspection
- Damp-proof course (DPC) - virtual inspection
- Drainage – virtual inspection
- Floor prep - virtual inspection
- Structural works – virtual inspection
- Insulation works - virtual inspection
- Completions - delayed until the situation improves where possible or virtual inspection
- General advice – All advice will be provided remotely



Approval

It is important that you obtain approval from the relevant surveyor that the work is compliant before pouring concrete, backfilling drains or covering up structural work and insulation (if applicable). Failure to do so will render you liable to open up the work so that compliance can be verified at a later date.

Dangerous structures

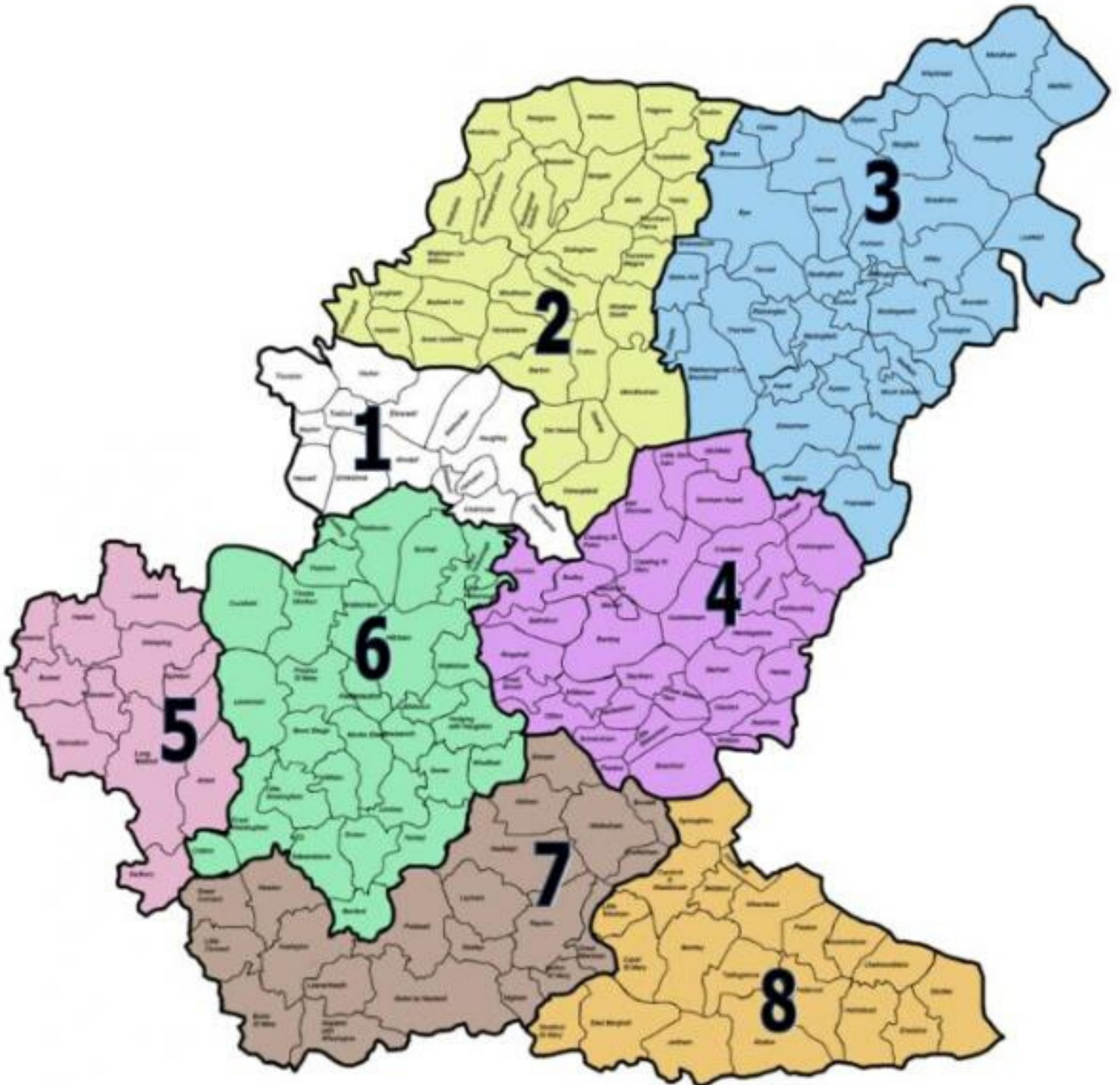
As part of our responsibility to protect the public from dangerous building work and structures our duty will remain to attend such structures. If the need arises please contact us as usual, either in the office or by using our dangerous structures out of hours number, and a surveyor will discuss and attend if necessary.

Reduce mail handling

Wherever possible, please email us in preference to sending paperwork (cheques, plans and so on) via post. This will reduce the risk to everyone, including postal workers.

Should the current guidance change, we will let you know as soon as possible. Please feel free to contact us by telephone on 01449 724510 or email us at building.control@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk should you wish to discuss any specific points raised.

We want to thank you for your patience during this challenging situation and wish you all the best.



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