

Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-312, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Please tell if building control in your townhall carry out double glazing inspections to residential properties that are replacing windows

2. Please say what double glazing standards are used by you with regards to for example, installation methods, window positioning, bolting, washers, rain ingress prevention, shape, size, measurement, extrusion and glass quality, beading, silicon, foaming, sill, stays, locks, accessories, spacers / shims, tools etc

Response:

1. Yes, East Cambridgeshire Building Control Department does carry out inspections on replacement window projects when a) the company/person carrying out the works are not FENSA registered and b) an application is made to us. FENSA registered companies do not need to submit an application for direct replacement windows as they are able to self-certify.

2. We do not use Double Glazing standards as a pre-requisite for our inspections. Our inspections are based on ensuring the replacement windows/doors meet all the relevant and statutory requirements of the Building Regulations. There are several different parts of the regulations which need to be adhered to including Part C for water ingress, Part F for ventilation and Part L for thermal requirements etc. The replacement windows/doors are checked against the requirements of the building regulations and if everything appears to be in accordance with these, then a completion certificate (or regularisation certificate for retrospective applications) will be issued. It should also be noted that there is a requirement on the applicant and the person carrying out the works that they have done this to the best of their knowledge in accordance with the building regulations.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-312.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.