

Planning an extension ?



Amanda Marwood writes:

Did you know that since 1st October 2008 a householder does not have to apply for planning permission to build a single storey ground floor rear extension provided that:

- The extension does not extend beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling of the house by more than 4 metres in the case of a detached house, or 3 metres in the case of any other type; and
- The height of the extension does not exceed 4 metres, or 3 metres where it is within 2 metres of the boundary of the curtilage of the dwelling house.

Did you know that from 1st October 2008 a householder will not have to apply for planning permission to build a loft conversion provided that:

- The cubic content of the extent of the roof does not exceed 40 cubic metres in the case of a terraced house or 50 cubic metres in any other case; and
- Any enlargement, other than in the case of a hip to gable construction, would be no more than 20cm from the eaves of the original roof. A loft conversion that meets with the above conditions can still be carried out, even if the property has previously benefitted from a single or two storey rear extension.

Did you know that from 1st October 2008 the construction of new drives or areas of car standing will require express planning permission where the hard surfacing will cover more than 5 square metres and the surface is impermeable. If the surface is permeable, so that water can permeate the ground, no express planning permission will be necessary.

If you would like any further advice on this please contact Amanda Marwood who would be happy to advise you further.

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