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Building Standards – Verification Inspection services

Further to advice of 22/05/2020 regarding remote verification inspection procedures, we are now satisfied that COVID-19 restrictions have eased sufficiently to allow the resumption of site inspection, although initially this applies to unoccupied premises only.

Our inspection team will be available to carry out site inspections but only where it is considered safe to do so and where the minimum 2 metre physical distancing rule can be observed.

In the meantime, that will not apply to inhabited premises including, e.g. existing dwellings, new dwellings, or extensions to existing dwellings where the owner has permitted occupation. For these developments the applicant/agent will be required to submit alternative evidence in the form of photographs as detailed in the previous Remote Verification Inspection guidance document attached for reference.

Please allow a minimum 48 hours' notice to ensure our inspection team can schedule their workload responsibly, and for our isle's customers inspection will be dependent on ferry booking availability.

Inspections can be booked through the generic building.standards@orkney.gov email address, the [eBuildingStandards](#) portal, or by the contact details on the Construction Compliance and Notification Plan issued with Building Warrant approval.

I hope you appreciate that these measures are required to help keep us all safe and please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Building Standards team if you require any further information regarding your Building Warrant in these difficult times.

Best regards.

Jack Leslie.

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