



# Department for Communities and Local Government

To:

The Chief Executive

Unitary, Metropolitan, District and  
London Borough Councils in England  
County and County Borough  
Councils in Wales

The Town Clerk, City of London

The Clerk, Council of the Isles of Scilly

The Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple

The Under Treasurer, Middle Temple

The Head of Building Control

Unitary Metropolitan, District and  
London Borough Councils in  
England

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City of London

Council of the Isles of Scilly

1 March 2016

Approved Inspectors

cc: The Chief Executive:

County Councils in England

National Park Authorities in England &  
Wales

The Chief Fire Officer: Fire and Rescue  
Authorities in England & Wales

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to inform you of amendments to Approved Documents G and M which will come into force on 1 March 2016 in respect of building notices given, full plans deposited or initial notices given on or after that date.

## *Scope*

This Circular Letter and the amendments to the Approved Documents apply in relation to building work carried out in England and also to building work on excepted energy buildings in Wales.

## *Publications*

The Department has published *Circular 01/2016* to announce the changes and transitional provisions which apply. The Annex to the Circular contains the formal notice of approval for the amended Approved Documents. The Circular is available on the GOV.UK website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/building-regulations-circulars>

### *Approved Document G*

The Department has amended Approved Document G (Sanitation, hot water safety and water efficiency) (2015 edition) to correct an omission. The amended edition is identified as Approved Document G (2015 edition with 2016 amendments) and is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sanitation-hot-water-safety-and-water-efficiency-approved-document-g>

Please note that there have been no changes to Part G of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010 but only to the guidance in the Approved Document.

A complete list of all the amendments is published as a corrigendum document at the above web page.

### *Approved Document M*

The Department has amended Approved Document M: Volume 1 – Dwellings (2015 edition) to incorporate a number of clarifications and corrections. The amended edition is identified as Approved Document M: Volume 1 – Dwellings (2015 edition with 2016 amendments) and is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/access-to-and-use-of-buildings-approved-document-m>

Please note that there have been no changes to Part M of Schedule 1 to the Building Regulations 2010 but only to the guidance in the Approved Document.

A complete list of all the amendments is published as a corrigendum document at the above web page.

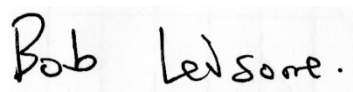
Building control bodies are advised to make applicants submitting a building control application on or after 1 March aware of the revised guidance.

## **Enquiries**

Telephone enquiries on this Circular Letter should be addressed to Richard Harral on 0303 4441778.

All e-mail enquiries to [enquiries.br@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries.br@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Ledsome." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly informal style.

**R J LEDSOME**

**Deputy Director**

**Building Regulations and Energy Performance Division**