



Changes to the Building Control System

Date: Tuesday 29th January 2013

Time: 18:30 (Tea/Coffee from 18:00)

Venue: Rochestown Park Hotel

Speaker: John O'Connor, BE, MEngSc, CEng, FIEI

Synopsis: The building regulations and the building control regulations were first introduced in 1992. Other than the introduction of disability access certificates there has been no significant change to the building control regulations. The system is one generally of self-regulation coupled with the requirements to submit commencement notices, and obtain fire safety certificates and disability certificates for certain buildings and building work.

Major amendments to the building control regulations are being introduced. This will include a statutory system of certification for design and construction. Those who may certify includes appropriately qualified and registered engineers, architects and building surveyors. The new system will also require inspection of building works during construction. The Building Control (Amendment) Regulations will be accompanied by a Code of Practice – for the Inspection and Certification.

John O'Connor is the Chief Executive of the Housing Agency. Previously he was Chief Executive of the Affordable Homes Partnership and Executive Manager in the Housing Department of Dublin City Council. He has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors; and worked as a structural engineer for many years. He worked in building control and was significantly involved in the 1990s on the introduction of the current system. John recently chaired an advisory group on the preparation of a draft Code of Practice for the Inspection and Certification for the building control system.

Fee/ Booking: Admission is free.

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