

Conflict of Interest Statement

1.0 Introduction

All Stroma Building Control employees and contractors must undertake their duties impartially and with integrity in accordance with Regulation 3 of The Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) Regulations 2024, entitled 'Independence of Approvers', addresses the need for safeguarding impartiality, stating that Approvers must have no professional or financial interest in the work they supervise.

A copy of The Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) Regulations 2024 can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2024/110/made>.

The definition of independence required of RBCAs in carrying out their duties is as follows:

Extract from: *The Building (Registered Building Control Approvers etc.) (England) Regulations 2024*.

Independence of approvers

3.—(1) Approvers must have no professional or financial interest in the work they supervise.

(2) A person ("P") is regarded as having a professional or financial interest in the work described in any notice or certificate given under these Regulations if—

- (a) P is or has been responsible for the design or construction of any of the work in any capacity,
- (b) P or any nominee of P's is a member, officer or employee of a company or other body which has a professional or financial interest in the work, or
- (c) P is a partner or is in the employment of a person who has a professional or financial interest in the work.

(3) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) P is treated as having a professional or financial interest in the work even if P has that interest only as trustee for the benefit of some other person,
- (b) in the case of married persons or civil partners living together, the interest of one spouse or partner is, if known to the other, deemed to be also an interest of the other.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation the following are not to be regarded as a professional or financial interest—

- (a) involvement in the work as an approver,
- (b) entitlement to any fee paid for P's function as an approver,
- (c) entitlement to any fee paid for an employee of P carrying out a function as a registered building inspector(1), and
- (d) potential liability to pay any sum if a claim is made under the insurance cover provided for the purposes of the 1984 Act.

Stroma Building Control employees and contractors are not permitted to work on any design and construction work on which it is engaged to provide a building control service, even if the work is outside of Regulation 3.

Stroma Building Control will ensure that there is no conflict of interest involved in the delivery of our building control functions, as required by the Building Safety Regulator (BSR) Operational Standard Rules.

The Code of Conduct for Registered Building Inspectors must be adhered to, where:

- Steps are taken to identify and record conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest, both prior to the commencement of and during work activity.
- Not undertake work, or continue to undertake work, where a conflict of interest is identified.
- Where a conflict of interest is identified, it must be notified to the employee's Line Manager, the applicant or agent and cease to act to enable the necessary action to be taken to resolve and remove the conflict.

2.0 Impartiality Policy

Stroma Building Control's Impartiality Policy is available for all employees, contractors and relevant interested parties to access.

3.0 Approval

This policy statement has been endorsed and approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I O'Connor', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Ian O'Connor
Managing Director
Stroma Building Control Ltd