

Westminster Building Control



Collaborative
Experienced
Knowledge
Available

Safety for all

Working in the heart of London



Westminster Building Control have been working as part of the development and construction team for well over 30 years. During that period the City of Westminster has changed dramatically. Paddington Basin, Oxford Street, Victoria Street, Marylebone Village are just a few of the areas that have transformed.

We have been at the center of those changes and continue to support these projects as well as the residents of Westminster.

What we do

- Pre application advice
- Assisting through RIBA stages
- Plan Checking with constructive guidance for compliance
- Site inspection
- Out of hours Inspections (Systems testing, etc)
- In-house Fire Engineer
- In-house Structural Engineer
- Major Project support
- Temporary Structures (Events)
- Dangerous Structures (24/7)

Building Control Team

Julian Tanton	-	Head of Building Control
Hassan Lashkariani	-	Senior Surveyor
Garnet Gordon	-	Senior Surveyor
James McCabe	-	Senior Surveyor
Funsho Oluro	-	Senior Surveyor
Irene Cheung	-	Senior Surveyor
Carol Little	-	Senior Surveyor
Stuart Williams	-	Senior Engineer
Shakira McKenzie-Meade	-	Assistant Surveyor
Alex Doyle	-	Assistant Surveyor
Tracy Jarvis	-	Senior Technical Support
Aysel Adem	-	Senior Technical Support

Building Control Team



Julian Tanton MRICS
Head of Building Control

Julian Tanton – Head of Building Control

Julian Tanton has been in post with Westminster District Surveyors since January 1999 and has been Head of service since August 2017.

Julian began his career in Civil Engineering and following a Civils Degree, he worked in Structural Engineering before moving over to Building Control.

In January 2001 Julian gained Corporate Membership of RICS and broadened his experience in Building Control. Julian has worked on Tate Britain, Lords Cricket Ground, The London Clinic and a range of new residential developments with high-rise towers.

Julian manages the Building Control Team and is part of the Dangerous Structure Team. He also oversees the structural safety of the many Temporary Structures in Westminster such as the 2012 Olympics, British Summer Time, Sporting Events and Film Premiers.

Key Skills:

Links to BC Teams and professionals across London

Structural Engineering

Means of Escape and Fire Safety

Dangerous Structures and Temporary Structures



Building Control Team



Hassan Lashkariani AMIStructE
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Senior Building Control Surveyor

Hassan Lashkariani – Senior Building Control Surveyor

Hassan Lashkariani is a Senior Building Control Surveyor working within our multi – disciplinary team of Engineers and District Surveyors.

Hassan has worked in the construction industry for 33 years starting out in structural engineering before moving over to Building Control.

Hassan has worked in Westminster District Surveyors for 19 years and has a vast knowledge of the properties within the City of Westminster. Having worked on a range of projects from larger residential blocks to traditional Victorian Terrace properties Hassan has a particular knowledge of Listed Buildings and Basement construction.

Hassan is our in-house Structural Engineer.

Key Skills:

Alterations of listed buildings and basement construction

Construction technology and method of construction of old and new buildings

Detailed knowledge of the Building Regulations and the Building Act

Planning and Housing Acts



Building Control Team



Garnet Gordon MRICS

Senior Building Control Surveyor

Garnet Gordon – Senior Building Control Surveyor

Garnet has more than 30 years' experience in Building Control, with Westminster District Surveyors and several years in private practice as a structural engineer and temporary works designer.

Garnet works as part of a multi-disciplinary team of surveyors and service engineers, covering Marylebone, Fitzrovia, Pimlico and St. Johns Wood. The size and complexity of projects vary from new build and refurbishment of offices, flats, hotels, mixed-use developments, commercial properties and domestic houses.

Being in the City of Westminster and London's West End, he has been involved in Entertainment Licensing, suitability surveys, annual inspections, including the approvals and inspections for the refurbishment and alterations to restaurants, nightclubs, schools and cinemas.

Key skills:

Large and Complex Projects

Fire Safety

Temporary Works Design

Dangerous Structure Surveys

Refurbishments

Fit outs

Tree Surveys



Building Control Team



James McCabe MRICS

Senior Building Control Surveyor

James McCabe – Senior Building Control Surveyor

James has a degree in Building Surveying with 30 years experience in Building Control and Entertainment Licensing, mainly with Westminster District Surveyors'. He has also held appointments with Kensington and Chelsea and The London Borough of Croydon. James is part of a multi-disciplinary team of engineers and surveyors, covering Belgravia, Knightsbridge and Pimlico.

Work includes dealing with a wide and varied array of buildings within the City of Westminster many with complex designs; these include residential, commercial, schools and entertainment/sporting venues.

Working in the West End James has been fortunate to have dealt with Entertainment Licensing, Theatres, restaurants nightclubs and cinemas gaining specialist knowledge of these unique buildings. James has worked on Lord's Cricket Ground (New Warner Stand), Royal Albert Hall, London Zoo, Schools and Hotels

Key skills:

Fire Safety

Dangerous Structures

Refurbishments

Entertainment Licensing

Temporary Structures

Fit-outs



Building Control Team



Funsho Oluro MRICS

Senior Building Control Surveyor

Funsho Oluro – Senior Building Control Surveyor

Funsho Oluro joined Westminster District Surveyors as a Trainee in September 2002 and has been a Senior Building Control Surveyor since June 2011.

Funsho started his career in Quantity Surveying following a degree in that discipline. He worked as trainee and later, Assistant Quantity Surveying Manager before immigrating to Britain. He subsequently joined Westminster as a Trainee in order to re-train as a Building Control Surveyor.

In December 2008, Funsho gained Corporate Membership of RICS and broadened his experience in Building Control. Funsho has worked on 150 New Bond Street, 5 Hanover Square, Park House, 190 Strand, NOVA-Victoria Project and a range of other residential, commercial and mixed-use developments that include high-rise residential dwellings.

Funsho is Building Control Surveyor for the Soho, Mayfair and Fitzrovia areas. He is part of the Dangerous Structure Team and inspects Temporary Structures in Westminster.

Key Skills:

Means of Escape and Fire Safety

Fire Risk Assessment

Disabled access and accessibility audits

Dangerous Structures

Commercial awareness and Professional networking



Building Control Team



Irene Cheung MRICS

Senior Building Control Surveyor

Irene Cheung – Senior Building Control Surveyor

Irene is Chartered Building Control Surveyor with more than 10 years experience in building control with Westminster District Surveyors. She began as a trainee and rose through the ranks to become a senior surveyor.

Over the years, Irene has been the lead surveyor on many projects of varying size and complexity. This includes refurbishment and fitting out of commercial and residential properties, new build houses, flats, offices, schools, care homes, mixed-use developments and larger residential development projects.

Key Skills:

Fire safety

Office developments

Residential developments

Customer focus



Building Control Team



Carol Little MRICS

Senior Building Control Surveyor

Carol Little – Senior Building Control Surveyor

Carol Little is a Senior Building Control Surveyor working within our multi – disciplinary team of Engineers and Surveyors.

Carol has 29 years' experience in Building Control, having worked both in Local Authority Building Control across Hampshire and London, and as an Area Surveyor for a private sector Building Control Consultancy as Lead Surveyor on projects across Central Southern England. Based on her previous experience as an Access Officer, her role also included provision of Access Audits for major clients in London.

After obtaining her MRICS status in 2001, Carol has built up a wealth of knowledge and experience on a range of new build and refurbishment projects. These include offices, mixed use, defence, hotels, high – rise residential, leisure, industrial, retail and multi – unit residential developments.

Most recently, Carol spent 4 years working in Central / North London as a lead Major Projects Surveyor for a number of on - going large residential and commercial developments. One of her commercial projects won a 2018 LABC Building Excellence Award in the London Regional Finals.

Key Skills:

Large and complex buildings

Means of Escape and Fire Safety

Accessible Environments

Fit outs

Refurbishments

Customer Focus



Building Control Team



Stuart Williams IEng MIET MIFireE
Senior Building Control Engineer

Stuart William – Senior Mechanical and Electrical Engineer

Stuart has over 30 years' experience in Building Control initially with the GLC working within the Building Regulations Engineering Group, the London Borough of Hackney and twice at Westminster.

Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team on all types of buildings including large and complex buildings.

Having worked in the West End he has had experience of Entertainments Licensing dealing with Theatres, Night Clubs, Cinemas and Restaurants.

Stuart has extensive knowledge of active fire safety systems and test witnessing.

He currently sits on the LDSA Mechanical and Electrical technical committee.

Key Skills:

Large and Complex Buildings

Building Services and Fire Engineering

Electrical and Mechanical Life Safety Systems

Witness Testing



Building Control Team



Shakira McKenzie-Meade

Assistant Building Control Engineer

Shakira McKenzie-Meade – Assistant Building Control Surveyor

Shakira has been working in Building Control since January 2016 with previous Project management experience in the construction industry. Spending the last 2 years within the Technical support team as a senior Technical Support Officer dealing with Customer queries, the processing of applications, Approved inspector related Notices as well as training staff and passing on knowledge in relation to our internal systems and processes.

She is currently on a training path to becoming a fully qualified surveyor and works closely with the wider team gaining knowledge and experience.

Key Skills:

Processing of Applications

Staff Training

Understanding of current affairs in relation to the Construction industries



Building Control Team



Alex Doyle

Assistant Building Control Engineer

Alex Doyle – Assistant Building Control Surveyor

Alex started out his career as an apprentice within the licensing team. After spending a year within that team, he decided to switch and join the building control team in September 2017.

He has been working with the technical support team in his first year to build his knowledge of Building Control. It has been important to get an understanding to how this side of building control is managed. As a competent technical support officer, he is able to process applications, deal with customer inquiries and support the team.

While being trained up in this role Alex has also had opportunities to carry out site inspections with senior surveyors. Alex is very enthusiastic and currently studying surveying Level 4 with an aim to become a fully qualified surveyor. Alex has recently become an assistant building control surveyor.

Key Skills:

Keen and eager to learn

Team Player

Processing Of Applications



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Tracy Jarvis

Senior Technical Support

Tracy Jarvis – Senior Technical Support

Tracy has worked in Westminster Building Control as an Administrative Officer for 38 years and is therefore very knowledgeable of Building Control, not just administratively but also technically. She is our longest serving member of staff and is key to the day-to-day running of the service, enjoying being part of a vibrant team.

Tracy actively problem solves on a daily basis ensuring a good customer service.

Key Skills:

Processing of Applications

Financial overview

Customer facing

Team player



Building Control Team



Aysel Adem

Senior Technical Support

Aysel Adem – Senior Technical Support

Aysel has worked in Westminster City Council administration and Technical Support for 17 years and has a vast amount of experience.

Aysel recently won Westminster's Employee of the Quarter award on 2 occasions, for firstly working beyond her role and secondly training other staff and team working.

Aysel is customer focused with the many and varied contacts and proactively supports the surveying Team in its daily functions.

Key Skills:

Processing of Applications

Customer facing

Team player

Systems software proficient





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