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## PRE-COMMENCEMENT WORKS (TW & TF SUPPLIER)

- 1 Pre-Start meeting safety information, build route, access and deliveries.
- 2 Crane lift plans, locations and laydown areas.
- 3 Foundations tolerances, splash course, drainage, radon barriers, steps and staggers.
- 4 Plot works driveways, kerbs, access, utilities and drainage.
- **5** Scaffolding platform levels, hop-ups, system type and access / egress.
- 6 Quality checks and sign off.

## TIMBER FRAME ERECTION (TW & TF SUPPLIER)

Alternatively, where a TF supply only contract is in place and TW directly employed trades are taking responsibility for construction.

- 1 DPC and soleplates prior to 1st delivery.
- 2 Deliveries, crane set up and offloading.
- NEW
- 3 Nailing, fixings and ironmongery.
- 4 Ground floor (GF) walls external load bearing (LB), party and non LB walls.
- 5 Safety platform Trad-Deck (or similar).
- 6 Pre-Finished floor cassettes / loose joists, chipboard decking and stairwell protection.
- 7 First floor walls external, LB, party and non LB walls.
- 8 Roofs, gables, ladders, eyebrows and bracing.
- **9** Roof casettes (R-in-R types) purlins, spandrels, cassettes, GRP dormers and rooflights.
- 10 UPVC fascia and soffit.

- **11** Low level roofs.
- Roof must be fully loaded with roof coverings. e.g. tiles or slates prior to any superstructure brick or blockwork commencement.
- Brickwork support steel goal posts within TF.
- **14** Access / egress removable sub-panel.
- 15 Internal walls Non LB partitions.
- Cavity barriers and fire stops checks and evidence packs.
- **17** Breather paper and laps.
- 18 Checks, handover and sign-off.

## BUILDER WORK - KEY CONSIDERATIONS (TW ONLY)



1 Fire Safety – 16 Steps and Fire Risk

Assessment.



- 2 Checks on substructure and floor dimensions and levels are essential.
- Thermal insulation tolerances, types, cold spots, loft and eaves pinch point.
- Acoustic insulation party walls, tolerance, cavity, density, type and internal walls.
- 5 Drylining moisture, fixings, board types, specifications around apertures and through stairwells.
- Wapour controls Vapour Control Layer (VCL), laps, penetrations, seals and locations.
- 7 Vertical settlement eaves, verges, apertures and penetrations.
- 8 Services installation through studs and joists.

- 9 Penetrations hot flues and ventilation ducts.
- Gas and utility supply pipework, risers, meter boxes and ducts.
- Brickwork wall ties, movement joints, sills,

  11 cavity width, fill, cleanliness, perpend
  ventilators and firestops.
- 12 DPC's ground levels, around apertures, steps and staggers.
- Cavity trays and lintels settlement, DPC's, clips, spans and types / locations.
- NHBC offer a bespoke inspection (Optional for additional fee) soleplate inspection and

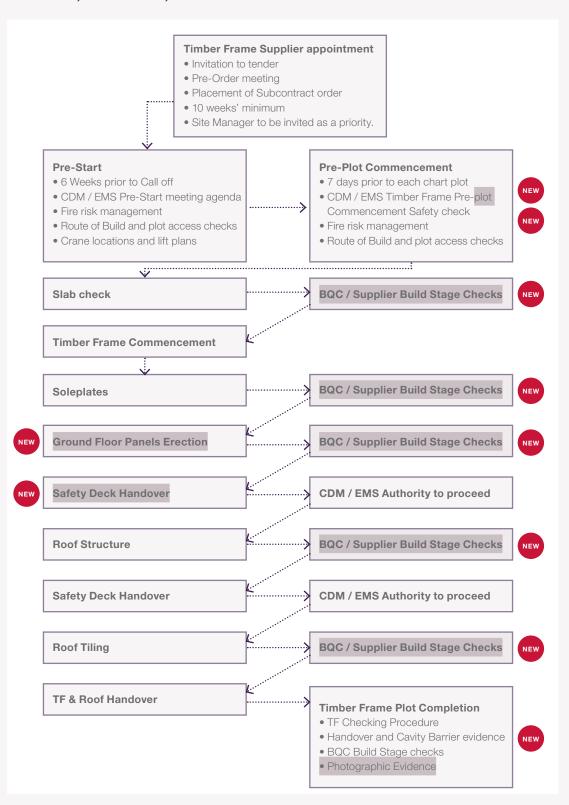


**15** Build stages, checks, handover and sign off.



### PRE-COMMENCEMENT WORKS (TW & TF SUPPLIER) PRE-START MEETING

#### SAFETY INFO, BUILD ROUTE, ACCESS AND DELIVERIES



All orders, drawings, standard details, RAMS and Pre-Start information must be provided for the SiteM to start the SMPP. Refer to TW Timber Frame Framework Agreement – Procurement Flow Chart.

### PRE-COMMENCEMENT WORKS (TW & TF SUPPLIER) PRE-START MEETING



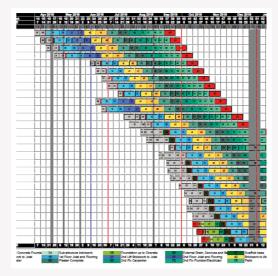
#### SAFETY INFO, BUILD ROUTE, ACCESS AND DELIVERIES



1 Various other approved guidance documents are available. Including 'Site Check', The Timber Frame Pocket Guide and STA 16 steps to fire safety.



2 Due consideration must take place at the design stage to ensure access availability to all areas of the site from a suitable delivery vehicle. The site team must provide a build route and agree access, laydown and crane locations with the timber frame supplier. For restricted access, loose joists may be considered.



3 The site team must provide a build programme advising the timber frame supplier of the frequency, speed of build and sequence.

Programmes are subject to change and the timber frame supplier must be notified as soon as practically possible on any changes enabling them to update their agreed delivery programme.

The timber frame supplier must provide an agreed delivery programme and kit erection programme, advising dates and durations.



### BUILD ROUTE CRANE LIFT PLANS, LOCATIONS & LAYDOWN AREAS



The agreed build route will drive discussions around access, laydown areas, crane set up, sequence and speed of construction.

Consideration on a site by site basis between TW, timber frame supplier and the groundworkers on how many plots ahead the slabs need to be. The scaffolder and groundworker must be involved and agree to requirements, well in advance.



Approved lifting plan and agreed locations must be considered from the outset with the timber frame supplier. Refer to HSE Manual Guidance. Ensure alternative arrangements are made where crane set up may restrict normal access arrangements.



3 Road construction must be considered at LPE stage, from a design and budget perspective. California Bearing Ratio (CBR) testing for pads may mean that the road construction or stoned ground will have to be compatible for crane pads.



**4** Well planned laydown areas must be ready for the timber frame to be off-loaded into a clear space.

Laydowns will definitely be needed. Prior to delivery of the timber frame, there must be clear access and egress to the plot. There should be no immediate hazards or excavations around the perimeter of the plot.

#### Note:

Artic vehicles are loaded to ensure safe transportation and will not be in sequence of timber frame components.

#### Note:

Releasing several plots in close proximity at the same time can optimise crane days.

## FOUNDATIONS TOLERANCES, SPLASH COURSE, DRAINAGE, RADON BARRIERS, STEPS & STAGGERS







1 The timber frame erector will visit site before any deliveries are processed, to ensure the slab is ready for the timber frame to be delivered to site. The timber frame supplier will meet the SiteM and jointly undertake the sign off process.



2 The appointed Groundworks Contractor will set out foundations, with thorough checks to comply with building tolerances.

The flooring structure forms an integral part of the structure of the building and must be dimensionally within tolerance.





Careful consideration to the gas membrane barrier must be taken during this stage.
Lapping detail must be constructed correctly before the timber frame delivery arrives. Extra lapping may be needed between the floor and timber frame. Splash course must be left down below DPC level.



**4** Need to be aware of 'as' or 'opposite' plots across the site, to be aware of pop ups in the correct places.

Steps and staggers and DPC tanking need to be considered and built within tolerance, well ahead of timber frame arriving.

#### Note:

By adding the splash course to the bricklayers package, any deviation in slab or soleplate setting out can be readjusted in the cavity. It is essential that this is left down until soleplates are installed.

#### Note:

Ensure that perp vents are included within the splash course and are of the correct type. This is a commonly missed item on timber frame sites.





## PLOT WORKS DRIVEWAYS, KERBS, ACCESS, UTILITIES & DRAINAGE

NEW



1 Drainage and drives need to be in prior to plot works commencing, to ensure a sterilised area for access and lifting the timber frame into the plot.



2 All services and drainage should be completed and backfilled, ready for the next stage in the build to commence.



**3** Flexible joints should be provided when the pipes pass through external walls to the correct dimensions, within 150mm of the substructure wall and then a rocker within 600mm.



**4** Manholes should be correctly spaced and uniform on the run of plots and positioned in every direction.

#### SCAFFOLDING

#### PLATFORM LEVELS, HOP-UPS, SYSTEM TYPE & ACCESS / EGRESS





1 Due to the nature of timber frame erection, all scaffolds must be designed. The Technical and Production departments must agree a design, prior to site start, ensuring designs meet the platform and adjustable hop up levels to suit timber frame as per TW standard details. For more information, refer to HSE Manual Guide.



There must be access accounted for at all doorways, for safe access and egress of



the plot.



3 All four sides of the scaffold must be erected prior to the timber frame arriving on site (ground floor panels may be erected prior to scaffold if required).



## PRE-START INSPECTIONS CHECKS & SIGN-OFF

Check edges
The edge must be within +/- 10mm of the straight measurement line.

Edge of slab

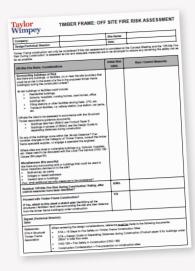
+/- 10mm max

Check substructure level

Concrete slabs must not be more than +/- more than 5mm from datum. Over the whole slab, the level must not be out by more than 10mm.

Datum

1 SiteM will undertake a final review of foundations and check to ensure splash course is left down, below DPC level, to allow brickwork to be built up after timber frame is erected.

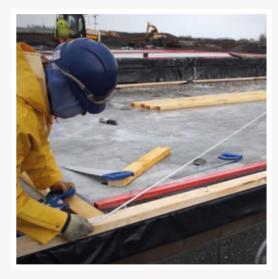


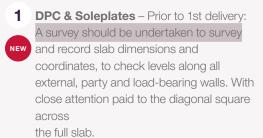
2 SiteM will review fire escape plans and compliance with the Structural Timber Association (STA) 16 Steps Fire Safety Guidance and if required, check to ensure a fire risk assessment has been undertaken.

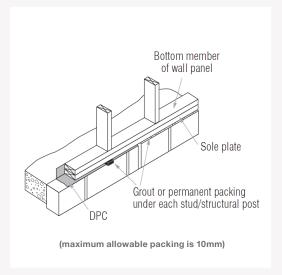


### TIMBER FRAME ERECTIONS SUPERSTRUCTURE (TF SUPPLIER) - DPC & SOLEPLATES









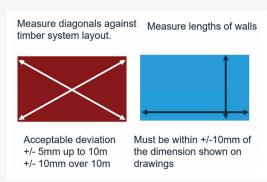
- Where packing under a soleplate is required, the packing option to be adopted should be detailed on the construction drawing: Three common options are:
  - Permanent structural packing under sole plate.
  - Bedding of sole plate.
  - Double sole plate with packers installed between.

Of these the commonly used option is permanent packing under the sole plate.

#### Reminder:

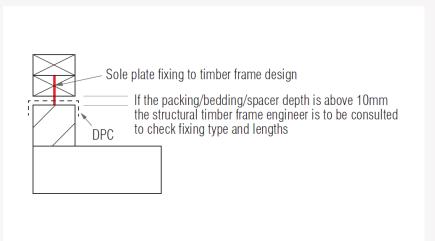
Ensure that the roof contractor is programmed to follow immediately on after the Timber Frame is finished.

Ensure that the window fitting has been called off in advance to follow the roofer. benefits of timber frame will be lost if these tasks are only booked when the timber frame is completed (adding in a potential week or two delay per plot).





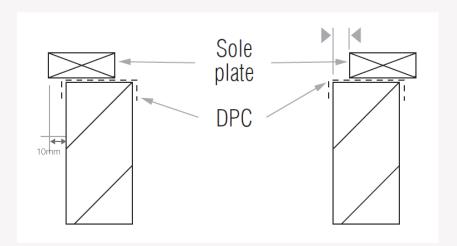
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- 3 Be aware that materials used for levelling sole plates may not be adequate for load transfer. Full support must be provided before construction proceeds beyond ground floor wall panels. Packing can be:
  - Free flowing non-shrinkable grout along the full length and width of the sole plate.
  - Individual durable robust packers placed under the full area of each load point.

The packing / bed must:

- Support each stud.
- Be durable and have suitable resistance to moisture.
- Not deform under load.
- Maintain the DPC between packing and plate. Lap DPC a minimum of 100mm up inside face.



4 If the packing / bedding / spacer depth is greater than 10mm, the timber frame engineer is to be consulted to check fixing type and length. When the foundation edge is set back or extends beyond the sole plate is greater than 10mm, the TF engineer is to be consulted to check whether the erection can take place.

## TIMBER FRAME ERECTIONS SUPERSTRUCTURE (TF SUPPLIER) - DPC & SOLEPLATES





Deliveries, crane set up and offloading:
Careful management of delivery vehicles
and laydown areas, is required on site for
efficient and safe sites. On lift day,
alternative arrangements should be planned
where deliveries and crane position may
affect normal traffic management routes.



**6 Ground floor walls** – The first element of the timber frame which is craned in, is the wall panels. All timber frame erectors will be in the plot ready to receive the first load. The erectors must be STA accredited.



**7 Ground floor walls** – Stud partitions are nailed into the soleplate according to the fixing detail. All internal wall bracings and corners are fixed and plumb ready for the next stage.

## PRE-FINISHED CASSETTES PLASTERBOARD SLOT & STAIRWELL PROTECTION



1 The floor panels are installed using pre-fitted lifting slings which are removed from the underside.



Cassette tolerances and setting out will be checked to ensure no overhang into brickwork cavity and stairwell apertures line through. When using loose joists temporary internal fall protection (TRAD deck) is installed. Internal non load bearing walls will be loaded into plot to allow later installation.



3 Cranking tools allow the timber erectors to fit cassettes flush and level on the top, to prevent bumps and maintain the structural integrity of the timber frame. Screws are used to draw the cassettes tight and flush, to agreed detailing.



4 Stairwell fall protection infill panels are designed into the timber frame floor cassettes. Airtec safety handrails are supplied and erected around the stair opening by the site team.

## FIRST FLOOR WALLS EXTERNAL, LOAD-BEARING & PARTY WALLS





1 The timber frame erectors will continue to install the upper floor external, load bearing and party walls. Temporary bracing is installed to stabilise the timber frame structure, to approved details and fixings, supplied and fitted by the timber frame supplier.



Walls are completed and internal non load bearing walls loaded into the building, ready for installation afterwards.



3 The site team must ensure the scaffold platform is the correct height for fitting the fascia and soffit as per TW standard details.

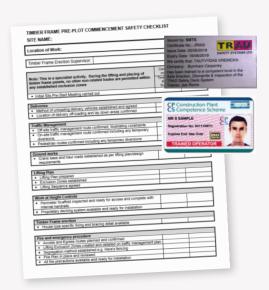


## SAFETY PLATFORM TRAD-DECK (OR SIMILAR)



1 Roof level safety decking is supplied by the site team for the timber frame supplier to install. If part of the timber frame contractors package, they will install internal fall protection (TRAD Deck / Rhino deck).





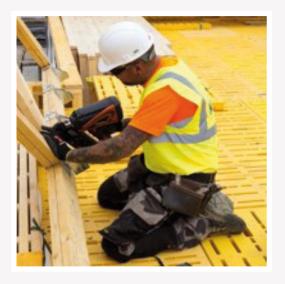
- 2 The site team must follow the specific TW sign-on / sign-off procedure, for the transfer of safety decking responsibilities between the site team and Timber Frame supplier. All installers must be trained and competent.
- 3 Safety decking will need to be installed around and between non load bearing wall partitions stacked vertically or horizontally in the plot. Adjustable legs may be required to accommodate sheet materials.

## TRUSSED ROOFS GABLES, LADDERS, EYEBROWS, BRACING & UPVC FASCIA AND SOFFIT





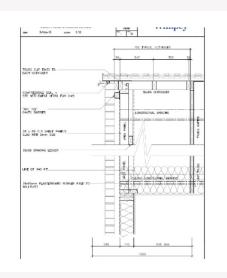
1 Trusses can be loaded into truss racks prior to construction of plot, or trusses will arrive on site for the timber frame supplier to erect.



**2** Trusses should be installed as per manufacturers guidance.



**3** Fixing of high level bracing, including spandrel panels, needs specific STA type ladder or designed access platform.



**4** The SMT should check to ensure the correct eaves and verge option is being used.



#### STAGE 1: INTERIM HANDOVER

#### A CHECKLIST SHOULD BE COMPLETED THAT CONFIRMS THE BELOW:

#### **FOUNDATIONS**

- 1 Once the substructure is complete, the plot can be inspected and interim sign off agreed with the timber frame supplier. This will allow the SiteM to book in the next set of trades to continue build on the plot.
- 2 Prior to the fitting of the soleplate / wallplates has the foundation / concrete slab been checked for dimensional and level accuracy?
- 3 Has all DPM / DPC been fitted to the soleplates / wallplates as per site specific details?
- NEW
- 4 Have soleplates been secured to the slab by fixing in accordance to the design.
- **5** Have soleplates been secured to the slab at each side of doorways?
- NEW
- 6 Has the soleplate been appropriately packed, if required?
- 7 Do the soleplates need structural grout installed between the slab and the DPC?

#### **GROUND FLOOR EXTERNAL WALLS AND PARTY WALLS**

- 1 Are all panels plumb, straight and aligned at junctions?
- 2 Have packers been filled under all studs where required?
- NEW
- **3** Are panel junctions tight together and have been nailed together correctly in accordance with manufacturers' fixing schedule and as per detail?
- 4 Have all vertical breather laps been securely stapled down, all tears correctly patched as per patching detail and trimmed back to a minimum of 25mm overhang at the soleplate level?
- 5 Have load in materials been located in the correct areas?
- 6 Have the correct number of internal non-load bearing panels been loaded into the plot?
- 7 Are the headbinders lapped correctly at the corners and at internal load bearers?

# FELT & BATTEN, WINDOWS & DOORS AND REMOVAL SAFETY





Site management teams to arrange trades prior to the completion of the timber frame structure. Roofing contractor to be ready to commence roof works to felt and batten roofs.



Once the roof is complete the timber frame supplier or site team will dismantle and remove safety decking.



**3** Site management teams to arrange trades for fitting the stairs, windows and doors once safety decking has been removed.



4 Once this is reached the timber frame is structurally complete, wind and watertight and secure, ready for fitting cavity barriers and return visit for internal works to start.



### INTERNAL WALLS NON-LOADBEARING PARTITIONS & STAGE



1 When the main structure of the building is in place and the safety deck is removed, the non-loadbearing internal walls can be erected. Plot can be finally signed off by the timber frame supplier. The SiteM will need to coordinate further return visits.





2 Inspection and Snagging: After the internal fall protection is out and the internal load bearing walls are complete, the plot will be checked by the timber frame supplier, using there own quality checklists. Any remedials will be made good.

#### 3 STAGE 2 FINAL HANDOVER

Once all quality assurance checks are complete, the plot will be jointly inspected and signed off by the timber frame supplier and the site team, in accordance with TW BQC.

ROOF CASSETTES
(R-IN-R-TYPES) - PURLINS & SPANDRELS





1 The timber frame supplier will supply and erect roof cassette system, similar to 2½ storey homes built in masonry construction.

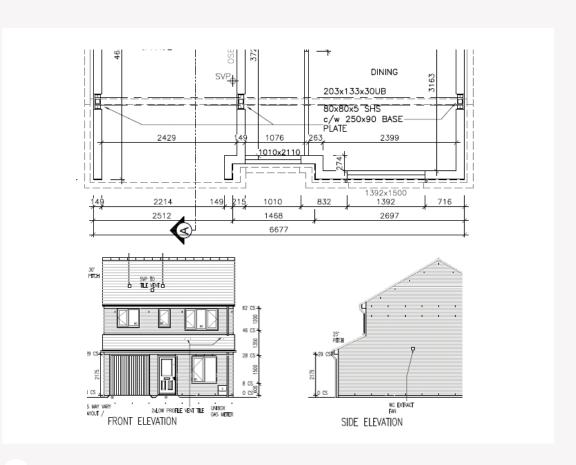


**2** TW supply the internal podium safety platform for installation of the top hat roof. Pre-insulated and plaster boarded top hats on the peak of the room in the roof are supplied and fitted by the timber frame supplier.

On party walls, ensure suitable fire lining around the roof beams where they intersect the fire rated plasterboard.



## BRICKWORK SUPPORT STEEL GOAL POSTS WITHIN TIMBER FRAME



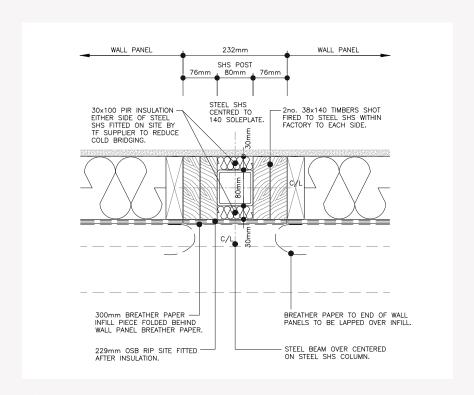
1 Some house designs require steel goalposts to support first floor brickwork.

Columns are needed with padstone at DPC level to suit size of steel base plate.

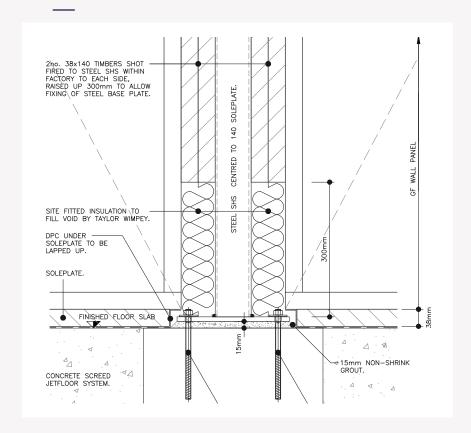
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### BRICKWORK SUPPORT STEEL GOAL POSTS WITHIN TIMBER FRAME





**2** All steelwork above DPC should be protected from the cavity with breather membrane and should come pre-finished in red oxide.



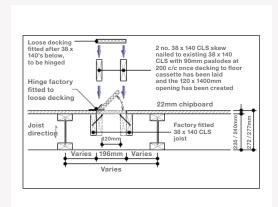
3 It is important insulation is fitted front and back to avoid cold bridging during the timber frame installation process. All steelwork lifting must comply with approved RAMS.

**TIMBER FRAME** 

### ACCESS / EGRESS FIRE ESCAPE & MATERIAL LOADING



1 Every plot has a removable sub-panel designed into the timber frame below a window aperture, to allow access / egress and for materials.



**SECTION A-A - SLIP THROUGH DETAIL** 

2 Homes with winding or half / quarter landing stair designs, will have a preformed slot built into the floor cassette to allow feed of plasterboards from ground floor to first floor level.



3 Stairs should be supported by temporary fixings, goal posts and a timber retaining block fitted against the bottom riser during construction. After plasterboarding, the staircases are mechanically fixed as per the stair manufacturers instructions into the timber studs.

#### Note:

Plasterboard could be loaded during construction through scaffold.



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#### CAVITY BARRIERS & FIRE-STOPS

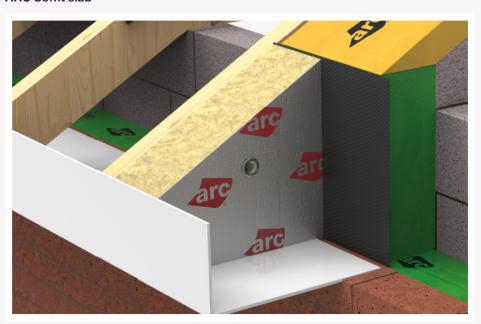


### FIRE STOPPING AND CAVITY BARRIER LOCATIONS – TIMBER FRAME CONSTRUCTION – ENGLAND AND WALES



#### ARC Soffit slab







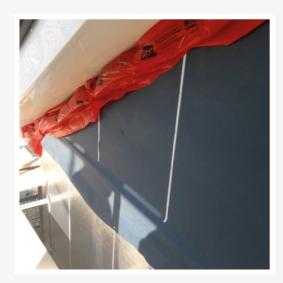
\* This is a guide for the products to be installed but please refer to individual product data sheets.



#### CAVITY BARRIERS & FIRE-STOPS



1 Fix the timber firestopping contractor will supply and fix the timber firestopping around the windows.



2 The timber frame supplier must provide photographic, digital or paper evidence per plot, that cavity barriers and firestops have been fitted in compliance with requirements. This will be provided to the site manager for filing with the TW plot record book / file.



3 The site team sign off and retain records in the plot file. Follow on trades must be monitored to ensure firestopping remains in place and is fit for purpose. If issues are seen, then they must be rectified to ensure firestopping integrity is maintained.



The timber frame supplier or kit erection team must ensure the correct products are used and fitted in the correct position. It is important that there are no gaps and butt joints are lapped and continuous.

#### CAVITY BARRIERS & FIRE-STOPS





1 Around apertures, the timber frame supplier or contractor where supply only is to fit is to fit timber firestops to the face of the timber frame, on all four sides.

The SMT need to ensure windows and doors are fitted tight and appropriately sealed with DPC to face, settlement detailing and weather sealed.

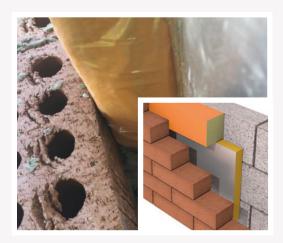


**2** TW are responsible for firestopping around service and utility penetration. e.g. gas flues, gas risers and meter boxes.



**3** Any small gaps in the timber stops should be sealed with fire rated mastic.

The timber frame supplier must install timber firestops around all windows and door apertures. TW site team must ensure DPC is fitted to face of firestops and over the check reveal.



4 Cavity socks must be fitted to all masonry walls to restrict the spread of smoke and flames within external masonry walls and to further minimise the effect of flanking noise pollution at wall junctions.

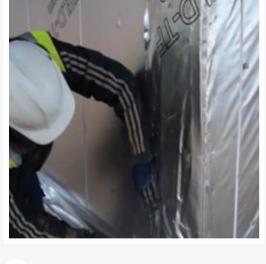
Barriers should be abutted together tightly with good detailing at external corners where the socks were installed starting at each corner to ensure a square profile is maintained with mitres cut at spandrel panels to ensure the full bag width butts together.



#### BREATHER PAPER & LAPS



1 Breather paper allows moisture to escape and prevent water getting into the timber frame. All rips and tears must be patched in accordance with details.



2 Breather membranes come pre-fitted to panels, with folds formed. These must be folded and stapled neatly and tightly around corners, panel junctions and floor zones, to provide a seamless covering.

#### Note:

Stud marker tape (highlighted on photo) allows the bricklayer to align wall ties. All wall ties must only be fixed into timber studs.

### NAILING, FIXINGS & IRONMONGERY







**1** All fixings should be installed to the correct schedule and places at the correct distances. A fixing schedule will be provided to assist checking. Nails must not protrude.





2 All structural ironmongery such as joist hangers, truss clips, strapping must be fully nailed. Floor cassette junctions must be screwed top and bottom, from either side.



Loose joists must be fixed in accordance with the manufacturer's schedule.



### WASTE & PAPERWORK RECYCLING, CHECKS, HANDOVERS, SIGN-OFFS & RECORD KEEPING



All rubbish must be removed from the plot and segregated into the correct skips.

The site team must provide the skips adjacent to each plot. The timber frame supplier or erector is responsible for clearing excess material and filling the

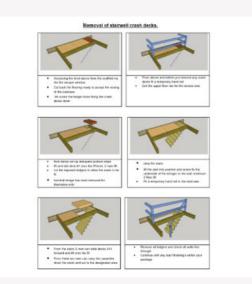
correct skips.

Control files

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2 Stage 1 and 2 handover information must be provided by the timber frame supplier to the site team for joint review and sign off.

The site team must review and sign documentation, as formal closure of works.



The timber frame supplier or erector is responsible for removing sacrificial stairwell temporary infill panel from site, on return loads to factory.

These should be stored neatly on site for collection and reuse.



4 The site team must archive all inspection and handover information, either within site files, plot files or head office archives, either electronically or paper based.

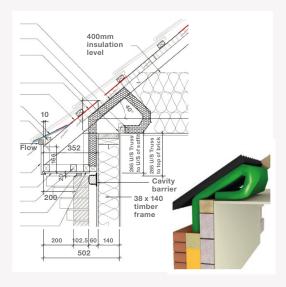
## BUILDER WORK – KEY CONSIDERATIONS



### THERMAL INSULATION – TOLERANCES, TYPES, SPECIFICATIONS, COLD SPOTS, LOCATIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS



1 Thermal Insulation must be fitted tightly into voids and adjacent timber work, where specified. There should be no gaps greater than 5mm.



2 Timber frame suppliers are responsible to supply and fit the ARC eaves ventilation and insulation barrier at the eaves pinch point.



Insulation should not be compressed. Insulation must be packed tightly into corners behind the rotated studs, to avoid cold bridging.



4 It is important to use the correct insulation for the differing applications and locations within the plot. Please refer to TW insulation schedules and product labels to select the correct material.



## BUILDER WORK - KEY CONSIDERATIONS (TW ONLY)

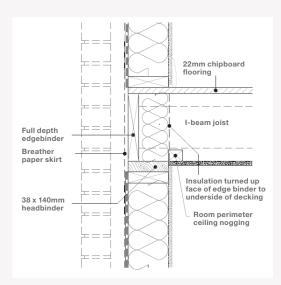
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1 Insulation must be fitted behind and around pipe boxing to deaden the sound of water flows. Ensure all internal partitions around wet rooms are insulated to reduce noise.



2 Insulation should be correctly stored in the compound on site, or ideally loaded into the plot. All insulation must be protected to ensure it does not get wet. Do not use wet or damaged material.



3 Insulation must be site fitted within the floor cassette at perimeter detailing, to prevent cold bridging and draughts, within the mid floor zones.



4 All insulation should be fitted behind the First Fix services. Cabling fitted to front face should be identified by foil tape, before boarding. Where cabling runs through studs permissible drilling zones should be observed. Metal guards should be fitted to protect services, metal brackets should be fitted to protect them.

#### PARTY WALL INSULATION





Comp Site:	•			
Plot:	Site manager/supervisor:			
Ref.	Item	Yes I	No ⊮)	(nitials & date)
1	Are wall linings at least 240mm apart?			
2.	Are sheathing boards at least 50mm apart?			
3.	Are stud frames at least 68mm apart?			
4.	is absorbent material at least 60m/m thick?			
5.	Does absorbent material cover whole fining area except above ceiling line in roof void zone?			
6-	Are all joints in wall lining staggered?	Ш	Ш	
7.	Is separating wall living correct mass per unit area on both sides?			
8-	Are all joints sealed with tape or caulked with sealant?	. $\sqcup$	닏	
9.	Are services installed in accordance with sketches 9.1 and 9.21	ш	ш	
10-	If there is a separating floor (e.g. in flats/apartments) has the resilient flanking strip been provided?			
11.	is separating wall satisfactorily complete?			
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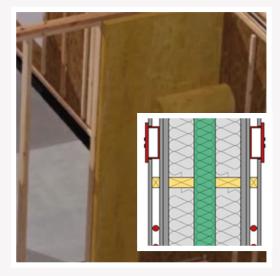
1 Timber frame party walls must comply with E-WT-2 Robust Details requirements. Walls are fully OSB sheathed there entire length, each side. Timber frame suppliers will supply and fit party wall cavity insulation. A DPC should be fitted at head, to prevent water ingress during timber frame erection.



The party wall is denser for acoustic reasons. The internal studwork insulation must be minimum 16 kg / m³ density (i.e. superglass TF party wall roll or similar). The site team must check to ensure the correct material is used. Do not use normal low density thermal insulation.



3 Services must not penetrate or be fitted behind the plasterboard layers. Two layers of acoustic boarding are required, with minimum density of 22 kg / m². Sacrificial service battens are fitted to areas requiring services to be installed.



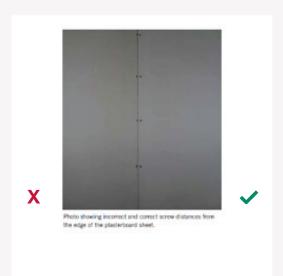
4 At steps, staggers and floor zones, the timber frame supplier must ensure cavity insulation is continuous. Cavity barriers must be fitted along head party wall at ceiling levels and underside of roof felt, by the timber frame supplier.

In Scotland, services are not permitted in separating walls. Additional timbers may be added to create a void on top of the plasterboard.

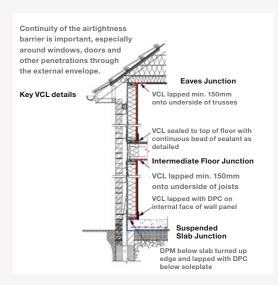


# DRYLINING, MOISTURE CONTROL & WEATHER SEALS

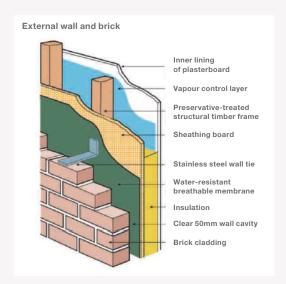
#### MOISTURE, FIXINGS, BOARD TYPES, SPECIFICATIONS AROUND APERTURES AND THROUGH STAIRWELLS



1 Plasterboard provides fire protection to the home. It must be fixed in accordance with the board supplier's requirements. Screws should not be overdriven and fixings should be at the correct centres and edge distances. Boards must never be fixed to timbers greater than 15% moisture content.



**3** VCL can be ether be 500g membrane or foil backed plasterboard. When using a membrane, it must be lapped at all joints and behind ceiling boards. A VCL is not required on ceilings or party walls.



2 Steel must have a VCL fitted as per design.





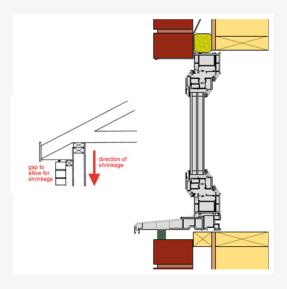
#### VCL CHECKLIST WHEN NOT USING FOIL BACKED PLASTERBOARD

**4** Vapour control layer (VCL) or foil backed plasterboard to be installed where specified.

The site team must complete a VCL check before drylining starts. Any services penetrations through VCL should be taped, sealed and neat. VCL's must never be fitted if the timbers are over 20% moisture content.

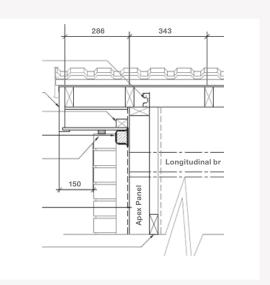
## VERTICAL SETTLEMENT EAVES, VERGES, APERTURES & PENETRATIONS



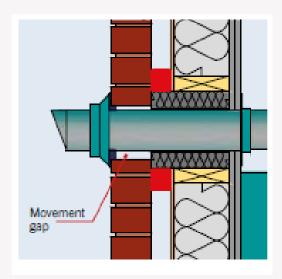


Due to its nature, timber will shrink across the grain. This happens at floors and top / bottom of walls. TW allow 10mm per storey for settlement provision at key areas.

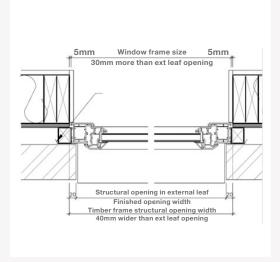
All apertures must have a settlement gap / cover at head and sill level, with brick / block cladding.



2 Soffit and verge construction must allow for settlement gaps, identical to aperture provisions. All settlement gaps must be sealed with a flexible weather seal, such as compriband or similar. The site team must check compliance.



3 All service penetrations, such as boiler flues, must provide settlement allowance. These must be sealed with a flexible weather sealant, similar to windows, doors and rooflines.



**4** Windows and doors must be fitted flush with the back face of the brickwork and use a check reveal.

Windows and doors must never project into the brickwork reveal.



## SERVICES INSTALLATION THROUGH STUDS, RAILS & JOISTS



First Fixing in timber frame is similar to traditional build. All drilling must be done through centre of joists, dwangs / noggins or studs in accordance with the manufacturer's permitted zones. It is possible to drill through the floor joist edge binders and top / bottom rails for services, within agreed limits.





Cabling must run through the timber frame stud void, drilled in accordance with manufacturers' boring zone guidance. Metal guard plates must be fitted to avoid home users accidentally puncturing cables. Avoid cutting notches in rails, as this could weaken the timber frame superstructure.

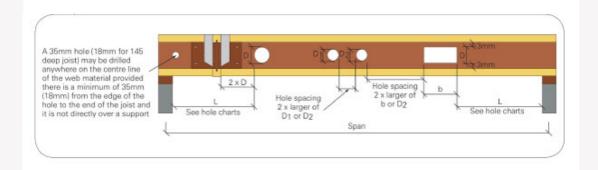
**3** Ventilation ducting must run within the floor zone or within ducts below ceiling level.

The site team must ensure plasterboard ceiling fire integrity is maintained, where ducts penetrate the drylining.

#### SERVICE HOLES



#### **SERVICE HOLE HELP DIAGRAM**



1 Service holes and notches within the timber frame must comply with TW guidance and agreed detailing. Never cut timbers if unsure. Never cut holes or notches greater than guidance.

The standard timber frame house type range, have been designed to avoid clashes with large ventilation ducts, boiler flue outlets and wet room waste pipework.

If a larger hole is required, specialist advice must be sought before work commences.



**2** The timber frame studwork must avoid boiler flue locations.

OSB sheathing can be drilled to accommodate hot flue outlets. A mineral wool fire collar or similar must be fitted, to maintain fire protection.



## GAS & UTILITY SUPPLY PIPEWORK, RISERS, METER BOXES & DUCTS



1 Gas feed pipework to boilers must be boxed in and not on the face of the timber frame wall.

This is an NHBC requirement and must be in accordance with TW agreed details.

Vertical gas feed pipework must be centred in the panel, a min. 50mm from face of plasterboard and OSB. This reduces the possibility of future accidental puncturing. The pipe must be securely clipped into position at regular centres.

Ensure that the gas supply void is less than  $100 \text{mm} \times 100 \text{mm}$  otherwise the voids needs ventilation as per BS6891.



2 All gas installation within timber frame methods must comply with Gas Safe Technical Bulletin 113 and IGEM Gas Utilisation Procedures IGE / UP / 7 Edition 2. Gas pipework can be built within upper floors, but must comply with agreed TW detailing.

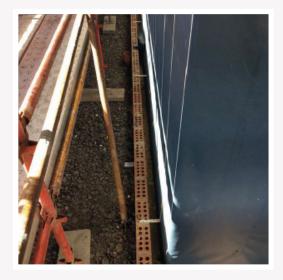


**3** Electric meter board should be fixed to a non-combustible fire-board backing, as good practise.

External wall mounted electric or gas meter box installations should have firestops fitted on all sides, as good practise.

### EXTERNAL BRICKWORK WALL TIES, MOVEMENT JOINTS, CAVITY WIDTH, LINTELS, TRAYS & PERPEND VENTILATION





1 Wall ties and fixings must be stainless steel. Locations (centres and coursing height) must be in accordance with agreed details and brickwork design information. Timber frame is designed to suit brick coursing, but some cutting will be needed.

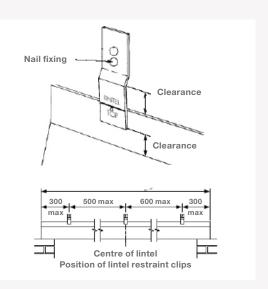


2 Studwork marker tapes are fitted on the timber frame panels. This indicates the studwork fixing position for the wall tie. Wall ties must be nailed to studs or edge binders. Never fix wall ties to OSB only.

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3 Perpend ventilation must be fitted in accordance with NHBC requirements. This ventilates the cavity and allows water to escape. Vents must be kept clean and never blocked. Attention to detail is needed at DPC and cavity tray locations at low level roof projections.



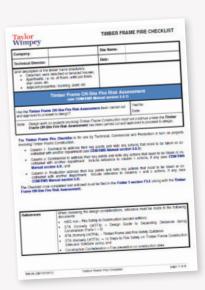
4 Brick / block expansion joints are sometimes required. These must be in accordance with TW agreed design, locations and detailing. Proprietary timber frame steel lintels are needed over apertures. These span the width and are clipped back to the timber frame to allow vertical settlement.

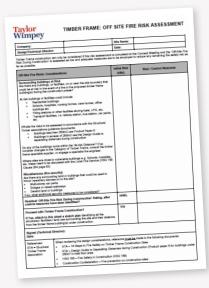


### FIRE SAFETY BEST PRACTISE & FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS





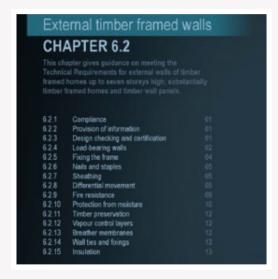




1 Fire safety on timber frame sites, is no more onerous that masonry builds. The TW site team must comply with Section 11 of the Site Safe HSE manual. Good fire safety site management must be encouraged and regularly audited.

#### NHBC - STANDARDS & INSPECTIONS





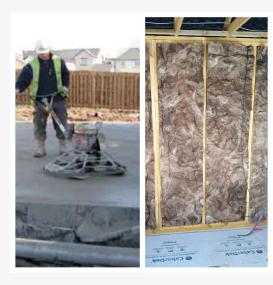
1 All TW timber frame sites must comply with NHBC standards. In particular, Section 6.2 External timber framed walls.

All timber frame plots need to be registered with NHBC. TW only use **STA Gold Assured** timber frame suppliers.



TW encourages additional inspections and quality checks through site specific CQR and the BQR undertaken by the Quality Manager (QM).

These provide more detail on common defects and recurring issues, that can be fed back to the timber frame suppliers, as part of the continuous improvement process.



Where the NHBC Quality Management Service (QMS) is being applied timber frame construction must comply with the two NHBC QMS inspections, Foundations – Prior to erecting the kit, and Pre-Plasterboarding – after kit erected. The timber frame structure must also comply before the NHBC Pre - plaster key stage inspection.



4 Build quality and safety critical compliance are important to on the critical path.

Additional 3rd party inspections are useful on initial / new timber frame sites, to set standards and enforce compliance.

Cavity barriers, wall ties and drylining are safety critical items that must be correct.