

CONSTRUCTION TIES AND COMPONENTS

All new walls are to be block bonded into the flanking walls or have proprietary mechanical fixings with stainless steel ties every masonry course.

rafter feet straps are to be centred at the following:-

Wallplate straps - 1800mm centres;

and secured to every third joist;

Rafter feet - fixed to each rafter and extended down and secured to inner block wall.

Rapid ventilation "opening lights" to all new windows will be in excess of 1/20th of the floor area of the room they serve with background ventilation of 8000mm square. The windows are to be secure, adjustable and located 1750mm above floor level.

All new windows to habitable rooms are to have unobstructed openings of a minimum area of 0.33 metres square and at least 450mm high and 450mm wide. The bottom of the opening should not be more than 1100mm above floor level.

Robust construction details to include:-

a) A continuous thermal element of dry-lining around the internal perimeter of the extension which would elevate thermal bridging through the wall.

b) Thermal joints between elements i.e. around windows and door openings are to be closed with thermal breaks or have the insulation extended to about the frame and suitably sealed with an approved mastic compound.

c) All service pipes and ducts bridging an external element are to be sealed around the element and insulated with Kingspan Kooltherm pipe insulation or Kooltherm duct insulation.

Internal pipes, hot water vessels etc. shall be insulated with Kooltherm pipe or duct insulation or to standards set out in the Domestic Heating Compliance Guide.

Provisions should be made to reduce unwanted air leakage through the new envelope of the building fabric.

Five "X" smoke alarms will be sited in the ground floor hall and on the first floor landing. The alarms are mains powered with a battery backup for residential use. The smoke alarms are Ionisation 240V AC with a automatic reset to BS 5446: Part 1 1990.