

Vince

Further to your email of 5 July I have received further guidance and would respond as follows:

- You are now specifying free standing scaffolds which was not apparent from your initial letter of 22 May
- TG20:08 was not written specifically with house building in mind therefore never intended to deal with problems associated with free standing scaffolds
- TG20 is currently being rewritten for publication in the spring of 2013. It will give more guidance on this issue, although it is unlikely to deal in detail with free standing scaffolds for house building
- We will invite the NASC Technical Committee to give consideration to this issue at their next meeting on 6 September
- It would be helpful if you could forward an example of a 'standard' house which might be used as a model and detail the scope of works (1.5m or 2.0m lift heights, loading requirements etc)
- NASC could then prepare a generic design and highlight any issues which might need further consideration prior to review with HBF (this work may need to wait until TG20:13 is complete)
- Alternatively you may wish to contact a designer and pay for this service (as per my letter of 4 July)

I hope the above is helpful and look forward to further contact in due course

Regards

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Robin

Thank you for your response.

That's not really the answer I was looking for as there is conflicting views on the stability requirements for housebuilding scaffolds from both your members and designers. I met with the major homebuilders today and whilst I agree some have tried to standardise designs, it was apparent from discussions that there were a number of conflicting views based on advice from the scaffolding industry.

In a most cases a major home builder will have well over 50 standard housetypes and will also construct a considerable number of bespoke houses depending on market conditions and planning requirements. What we were looking for was to review the requirements for a 'freestanding house building scaffold', so that scaffold contractors will have a baseline to work to.

We are constantly referred back to TG 20 but it has been found that this provides confusing information. We would not have designs for all the different housetypes that may be built and I think that would be impractical based on the fact that TG 20 is the baseline guide and all scaffold contractors inform us that they have constructed/designed to that standard.

I was of the view that between NASC and HBF that we could review the standard housebuilding scaffold detailed in TG 20 and develop a joint approach to the issue. This would decrease confusion and provide a consistent approach to the subject. However based on the response received it seems this is not of interest to NASC and we need to create our own industry standard.

Regards

Vince Coyle