

BUILDING TALK.



Meet the Team

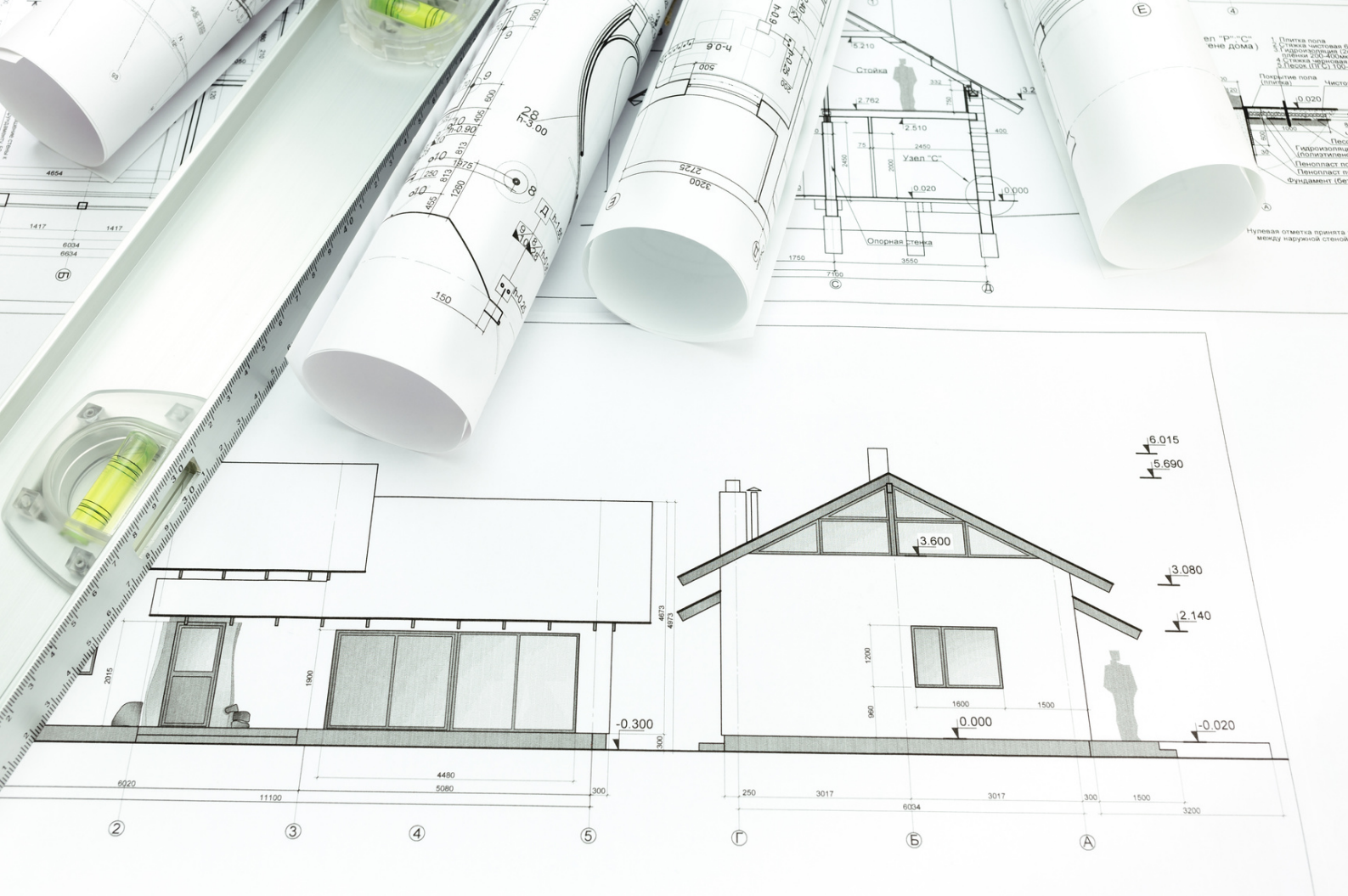
Introducing Kara Burgess, Building Control Administration Officer.

Originally from Canterbury, my background is in health and disability administrative work.

At Council my role includes accepting and vetting building consent applications, booking and arranging inspections and LIM requests.

I've been at Council for less than a month and enjoy learning all aspects of the role so far. I'm looking forward to developing my knowledge in building control and look forward to hearing from you for inspection bookings and helping with anything I can.





Are you a Design Professional or Consultant?

Grey District Council compiles a document with a list of providers of design and consultant services. This is a helpful resource for members of the public who are seeking a provider.

The directory encompasses a wide spectrum of expertise, including design professionals, planning consultants, engineers, surveyors and environmental consultants.

It's now time to update the document. We invite businesses in these fields to be included. If you'd like your business to be listed, please contact us at building@greydc.govt.nz and let us know.

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Building & Resource Consent Christmas Processing Times

Christmas is just around the corner!

Council would like to inform the public that any Building or Resource consents received after 5:00pm on Tuesday 21st November are not guaranteed to be processed before Christmas.

Although we will do our best to make sure all complete consent applications are issued within their statutory timeframe.



To ensure a Resource Consent or Building Consent is processed before Christmas (barring any requests for further information or affected parties which stop the processing clock), the application needs to be submitted before **5:00pm Tuesday 21st November 2023**.

Legislation (The Building Act 2004 and the Resource Management Act 1991) states that the period between 20 December and 10 January each year is excluded from the working days count for all timeframes. This means that any weekdays during this time will not be counted as working days.

Building Inspections

Building inspections will be completed through to 3:00pm on Thursday 21 December and these should be booked in by **Tuesday 19 December**. Please don't leave it until the last minute!

Inspections can be booked again from Monday the 8th of January (2024) and the earliest inspections undertaken on 10th January.

LIM Applications

To ensure a LIM is completed before Christmas, the application needs to be submitted on or before **Sunday 5th December**.

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Utilities Connection Consents

We thought it was time for a refresher on Utilities Connection Consents.

A Utilities Connection Consent is required for any new connection to the Council owned wastewater, storm-water and water supply systems.



This enables the Council Infrastructure team to ensure connections are connected to the correct laterals among other things. But it is not a Building Consent!

The Building Team is required to assess building consent applications for compliance with the Building Code, which says:

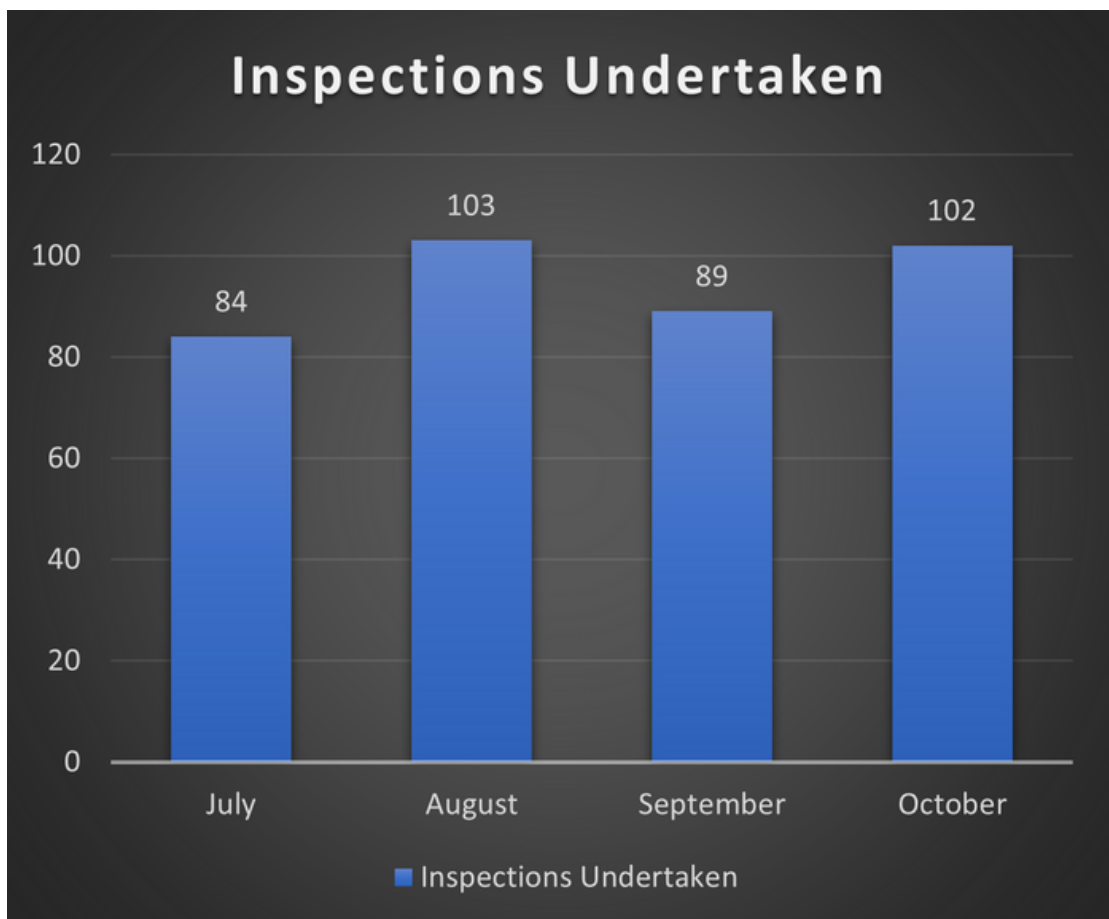
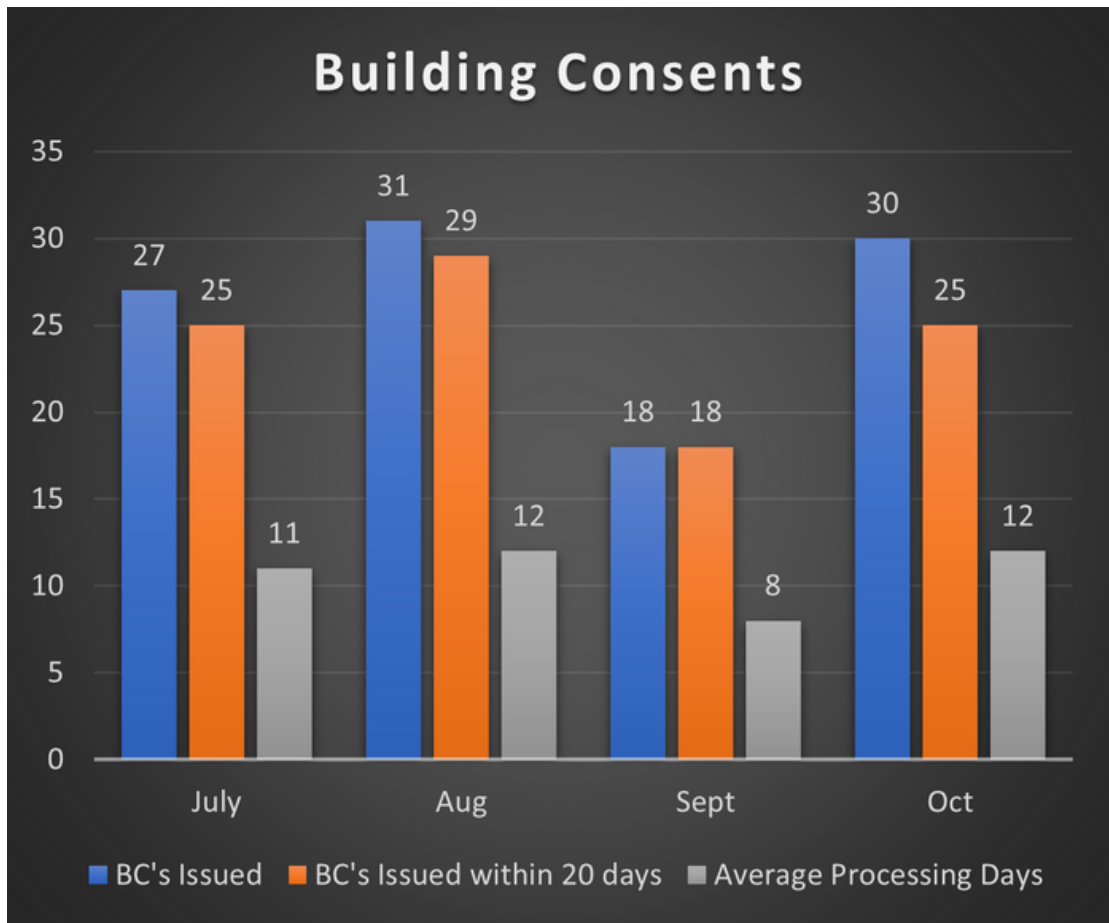
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Where a sewer connection is available, the drainage system shall be connected to the sewer, and the connection shall be made in a manner that avoids damage to the sewer and is to the approval of the network utility operator.

Essentially this means that the Building Team needs the completed and approved Utilities Connect Consent to be provided with building consent applications that involve connects to the Utilities, including Separation of Services Consents. You can save time on your building consent applications if this is done first.

You can find information about applying for a Utilities Connection Consent on the Grey District Council website, www.greydc.govt.nz.

Consents & Inspections in the last Quarter



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It's great to have you here!

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