# ALIGN BUILDING CONTROL LTD

**Barnbrook Software**

# APPROVED INSPECTOR PROFESSIONAL

## CUSTOMER OVERVIEW

> ℹ️ *For more information on Align Building Control Ltd please visit their website at http://www.aligngroup.co.uk/*

Align Building Control Ltd is an independent corporate approved inspector.

Align Building Control are licensed and approved by the Construction Industry Council to deliver full building regulation approval services throughout England and Wales.

They have the experience and expertise in applying intelligently the Building Regulations from domestic extensions to a wide range of specialised and complex buildings, ensuring regulatory performance requirements are satisfied and delivering safe living and working environments.

Services include:

- A comprehensive service from design development right through to completion and handover with dedicated team members.
- Advice to minimise preliminary design risks and to support design innovation.
- Statutory consultations with Fire Authority to ensure timely outcomes.
- Other consultations as required with the Water Authority.
- Assist project team in the design process to demonstrate compliance with value engineering.
- Design development reporting confirming deliverables, identify project risks and mitigations where relevant to Building Regulations compliance. Issuing of Plans Certificate where requested.
- Attendance at design and site meetings.
- Issuing of Final Certificate to the Local Authority, Fire Authority and Client.

## The Requirements

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After three and a half years of rapid growth in the company it was obvious that the existing database system needed to be upgraded in order to handle the increased number of projects and staff. This also coincided with the CICAIR audit that identified that Align Building Control should review its IT provision to ensure the company could access and restore a backup of electronic information on request and provide building control processes that could be audited.

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## Outcome

> *"Align Building Control decided to invest in Approved Inspector Professional as it provides a user friendly information management system that saves time, produces reports, has processes that can be audited, and meets CICAIR requirements. It represents the best value for money, and the initial set up and continuing support provided is exemplary."*

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It represents the best value for money and the initial set up and continuing support provided is exemplary. There is also the assurance and peace of mind that help and support will always be available for any queries and issues will be promptly resolved.

Approved Inspector Professional is set up to be very user friendly. It can use Word and Excel to produce letters and any changes to letter templates can be easily made by Align Building Control.

As part of the initial system setup Barnbrook Software was able to customise outputs of selected standard reports on the system to meet Align Building Control requirements. This was done promptly on request and without extra charge.

The system is easily personalised for individual businesses and standard letters can be amended to suit business requirements. The system also allows flexibility in how users can be managed.

Approved Inspector Professional allows numerous reports to be run at the click of a button. The reports give all the information needed to manage the business, saving time and providing a useful auditing tool. Standard reports are also available for housing statistics and building control performance standards.

A key benefit that Approved Inspector Professional will provide for Align Building Control is easy access to project information.

Approved Inspector Professional is a centralised repository which can be accessed from anywhere at any time. This joins up the entire business, keeping remote workers 'connected' and ensuring projects are managed and monitored efficiently.

The financial functions allow a fully accountable audit trail with numerous reports that can be used to summarise financial matters.

## BENEFITS

### Financial Benefits

- Highly competitive in terms of cost.
- No additional charges for standard updates to the system.
- No additional hardware expenses.
- License fees are capped once a customer reaches more than 10 users.
- Support is included in the license fee.

### Other Benefits

- Reduces the administration burden.
- Assurance and peace of mind that help and support will always be available for any queries and issues will be promptly resolved .
- User Friendly and any changes to letter templates can be easily made by the customer.
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- Easy access to project information. Approved Inspector Professional is a centralised repository which can be accessed from anywhere at any time.
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## About us

Barnbrook Software Ltd was incorporated in March 2013 and is a supplier of software solutions and services to the UK Private and Public sector.

We have extensive experience with Microsoft technologies and many of our solutions are developed using .Net and SQL Server.

Our staff have worked for a number of years providing enterprise level software solutions for Building Control and not only have an understanding of the features Building Control software requires but also have a good knowledge of the Building Control legislation and processes.

During the course of providing the solutions and services above, we have acquired experience in integration with external systems including but not limited to, Document Management Systems, XML Web Services, GIS and Accounting Systems.

Our approach is to provide a robust core solution for our customers in to which we periodically incorporate improvements and additional functionality based upon our customer feedback and changing legislative requirements.