

MASTERCLASS HOST



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Geoff is a highly respected and experienced with over 40 years of experience in the Building Regulations field within the construction industry. Geoff is a class 3 H Inspector and regularly advises on some of the industry's most complex projects. He is also a regular contributor to *AJ Specification* through his monthly [Building Regulations column](#).

MASTERCLASS ONE

Event Details

Date: 8 October 2025

Time: 10:00-12:00

Venue: Online

Title

2025 Building Safety Regulations & the Golden Thread: What Architects Must Now Deliver

Brief

With critical changes now in force—including second staircase requirements, revised Regulation 38, and full enforcement of Gateways 2 and 3—the building safety landscape is shifting fast. For architects, this means new expectations around documentation, design accountability, and collaboration across the project team.

In this session, we'll unpack what these changes mean in practice, with a focus on:

- What must be submitted at Gateway 2 and handed over at Gateway 3
- How roles and responsibilities are evolving for HRBs and non-HRBs alike
- Key risk points in later-stage handovers and how to avoid claims
- The architect's role in maintaining the golden thread throughout

Programme

Time	Title	Speaker
10:00-10:05 <i>5 mins</i>	Welcome and Introduction	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants
10:05-10:25 <i>20 mins</i>	Navigating the 2025 Building Control Regime	Owen Edwards , principal building inspector, Stroma Building Control

10:25-10:45 <i>20 mins</i>	Designing for Compliance and Specification	Andrew Mellor , partner, PRP
10:45-11:05 <i>20 mins</i>	Contracts, Liabilities, and Information Gaps	Nia Stewart , partner, Burges Salmon
11:05-11:55 <i>50 mins</i>	Panel Discussion and Q&A	All speakers
11:55-12:00 <i>5 mins</i>	Conclusion and Key Takeaways	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants

MASTERCLASS TWO

Event Details

Date: 22 October 2025

Time: 10:00-12:00

Venue: Online

Title

Designing for Fire Safety in Non-HRB Housing

Brief

While HRBs remain in the spotlight, fire safety risks in non-HRB buildings are no less real. Care homes, HMOs, and low-rise flats involve vulnerable residents and sleeping risk—but often lack the rigorous oversight applied to taller buildings.

This session explores:

- How to design for fire safety in non-HRB schemes
- Application of BS 9991 and BS EN 13501 under 2025 regulations
- Real-world coordination issues between architects, clients, and fire engineers

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10:00-10:05 <i>5 mins</i>	Welcome and Introduction	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants
10:05-10:25 <i>20 mins</i>	Architectural Practice and Fire Safety in Non-HRB Housing	Luke Tozer , director, Pitman Tozer Architects
10:25-10:45 <i>20 mins</i>	Technical Foundation and Risk Assessment in Non-HRBs	Andrea White , fire Engineer & director, AW Fire Ltd

10:45-11:05 <i>20 mins</i>	Client Perspective: Handover and Compliance Gaps	Jon Zokay , safety case manager, Clarion Housing Group
11:05-11:55 <i>50 mins</i>	Panel Discussion and Q&A	All speakers
11:55-12:00 <i>5 mins</i>	Conclusion and Key Takeaways	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants

MASTERCLASS THREE

Event Details

Date: 19 November 2025

Time: 10:00-12:00

Venue: Online

Title

Lessons from Failure — Avoiding Risk in Fire and Building Safety

Brief

When buildings fail, it's rarely due to a single oversight—it's a chain of missed details, poor communication, and assumptions that safety is someone else's job. This session draws from real incidents to identify recurring failure points and show what architects must do to break the cycle.

Topics include:

- Most common fire safety and building safety failures in UK buildings
- Case-based analysis: what went wrong and where design, specification, or documentation fell short
- How to prevent gaps in detailing, fire stopping, coordination, and handover
- How architects can safeguard projects with clearer risk ownership, documentation, and quality control

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Time	Title	Speaker
10:00-10:05 <i>5 mins</i>	Welcome and Introduction	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants
10:05-10:25 <i>20 mins</i>	Patterns in Building and Fire Safety Failures	Ted Ruffell , structural consultant, CROSS Peter Wilkinson , designated person, CROSS-UK

10:25-10:45 <i>20 mins</i>	What Good Detailing Looks Like	Darryl Holloway , architectural sales manager, Q-railing
10:45-11:05 <i>20 mins</i>	What's Happening on the Ground	Lindsey Platt , property safety manager, Orbit Group
11:05-11:55 <i>50 mins</i>	Panel Discussion and Q&A	All speakers
11:55-12:00 <i>5 mins</i>	Conclusion and Key Takeaways	Geoff Wilkinson , managing director, Wilkinson Construction Consultants