**Floor insulation**

**What is it?** Insulating floors at ground floor level is another method to reduce draughts and keep your home warmer. This is generally undertaken at ground floor level but worth considering insulating any floors that are above non-heated spaces.

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| **Cost** ££ |
| **Improvement** ↗↗↗ |
| **Disruption** !!!! |

**Property designations?** Is your home in a Conservation Area? Is it subject to an Article 4 Direction? Is it a Listed Building? These considerations may impact whether development to your property requires planning permission or not. An interactive map showing conservation areas and listed buildings can be [found here](https://ssa.camden.gov.uk/connect/analyst/mobile/#/main?mapcfg=CamdenConservation&lang=en-gb). Details of Article 4 Directions can be [found here](https://www.camden.gov.uk/article-4-directions-heritage-and-conservation). If you are uncertain please contact the planning service [planning@camden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@camden.gov.uk)

Listed Buildings - before embarking on any internal or external works, please discuss the matter with a member of the built heritage Conservation Team (planning@camden.gov.uk) or apply for listed building consent, details [available here](https://www.camden.gov.uk/listed-buildings). Listed building consent is always required for works that have the potential to affect the character or special interest of a listed building.

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| No designation (dwelling-house or flat) | Permitted development (planning permission is not required) |
| Conservation Area (with or without Article 4 Direction) | Permitted development (planning permission is not required) |
| Listed Buildings | **Listed Building consent required**.  This may be acceptable depending on the nature of the floor, i.e. whether it is concrete. Works that alter the level of the floor will not be acceptable. Suspended timber floors depend on air flow beneath them to prevent damp. |
| Building Regulations | Part L (Conservation of fuel and power)  Part P (Electrical safety)  Planning portal, building regulations information on floor insulation, see [this webpage](https://www.planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common_projects/32/insulation/6). |

**Other considerations**

* May need to ensure air can circulate under wooden floors to avoid damp.