

# **Accredited Construction Details (Scotland) 2010**

**For the limitation of thermal bridging  
and air infiltration in low and medium  
rise domestic buildings**



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## **PART 3 - Timber Frame Junction Details**

**To be read in conjunction with 'Introduction & Principles'**

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Purpose: The Accredited Construction Details document, which comprises of this section and five other parts, is produced to assist designers, verifiers and site operatives in the delivery of buildings which limit heat loss from linear thermal bridging and uncontrolled infiltration. This section gives examples of typical junctions and calculated psi values for timber frame construction.

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1.0	October 2010	Initial issue of comprehensively updated document, in support of the 2010 revision to building regulations.

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## Construction details

The examples are shown with U-values which meet or improve upon those used for target setting within clause 6.2.1 of the Domestic Technical Handbook

**Each detail section must be read in conjunction with the [introductory section](#) of the ACD document.**

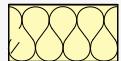
**The example details are not intended as, and should not be used as, standard details for construction.**

Instead, the principles and key element specification within an example should be applied by the designer where detailing of similar junction or construction situations. Illustration of these issues will assist the designer, verifier and builder to each assess whether both design proposals and work on site will deliver the intended levels of performance.

## Use of cited psi values

The psi values cited for each example detail may be used in calculation of building heat loss where proposals by the designer address both the principles of construction set out in this part of the document and incorporate the key element specification issues identified in the relevant example within Parts 1 to 5.

## Legend



Insulation zone

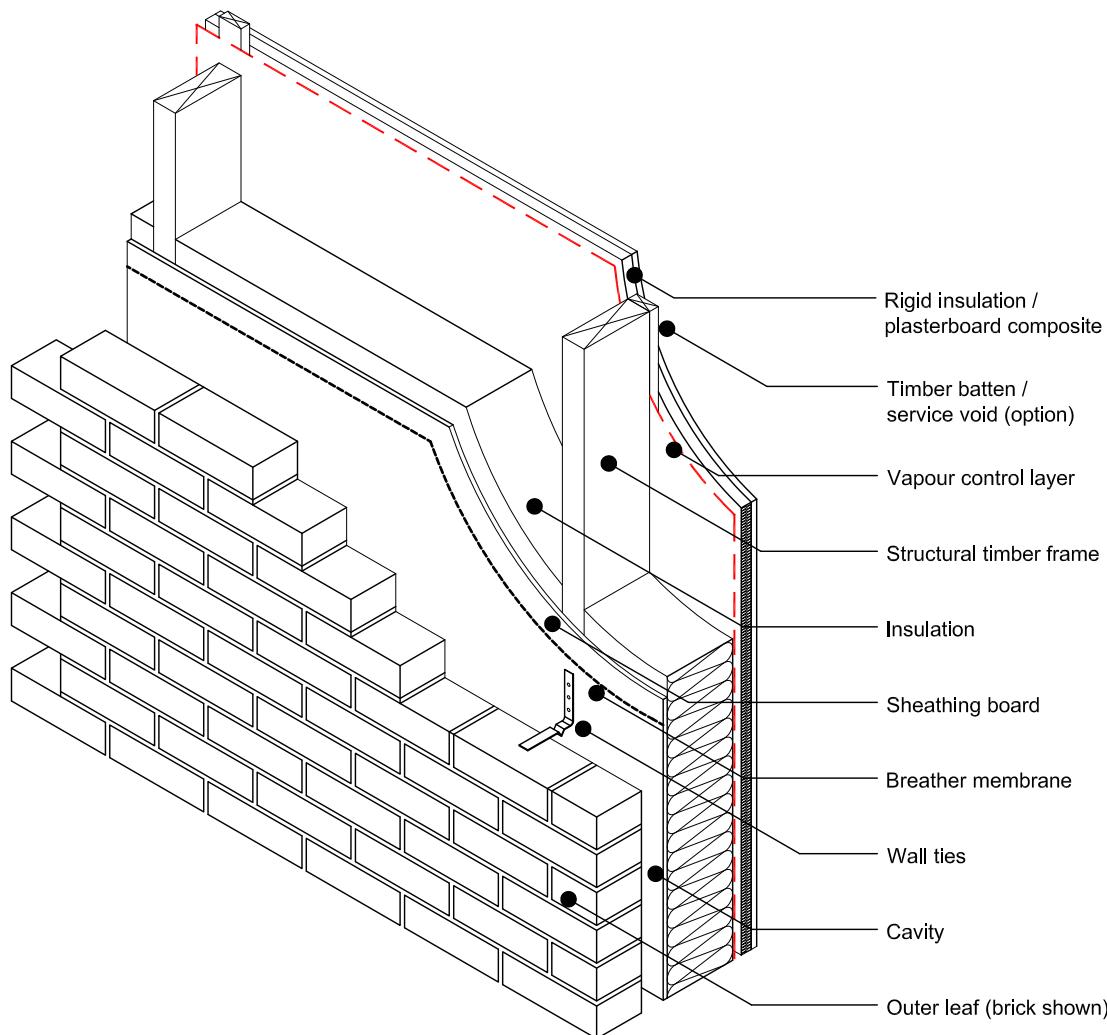
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Air tightness barrier  
(note: this can also act as a vapour control layer)

**Blue text**  
Guidance on thermal continuity

**Red text**  
Guidance on air tightness

## Values used in psi calculations

Material	$\lambda$ -values used in calculations (W/mK)
Plasterboard	0.21
Insulation (generic)	0.04
Plywood sheathing	0.13
Brick outer leaf	0.77
Mineral wool insulation	0.044
Concrete block (dense) protected	1.13
Concrete block (lightweight, high strength)	0.19
Timber frame	0.13
Concrete floor beam	2.3
Concrete screed	1.15
Render (cement/sand)	1.0
Gypsum plaster (1000kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	0.4
Concrete roof tiles	1.5
EPDM membrane	0.25
Timber battens	0.13
Timber flooring	0.13
Chipboard	0.13
Floor joists	0.13
Aluminium	160
Steel	50
Stainless steel	17
Glass	1
Sarking felt	0.23
Insulation board	0.022



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## Timber Frame Isometric cut-away view

## General guidance notes

### Alternative constructions

1. The rigid insulation / plasterboard construction can be replaced other finishes but this will require that thicker insulation is used in the wall. Ensure that the thermal conductivity of this insulation is equal or less than that used in the cavity of the timber frame, to prevent interstitial condensation problems.
2. Different constructions can be used to provide an outer leaf but check that there is sufficient ventilation provision to prevent moisture from being trapped within the wall.

### Sealing membrane junctions

3. All membranes should be taped, stapled or bedded in adhesive as identified by manufacturer. Repair all tears in membranes before commencing next stage of work.

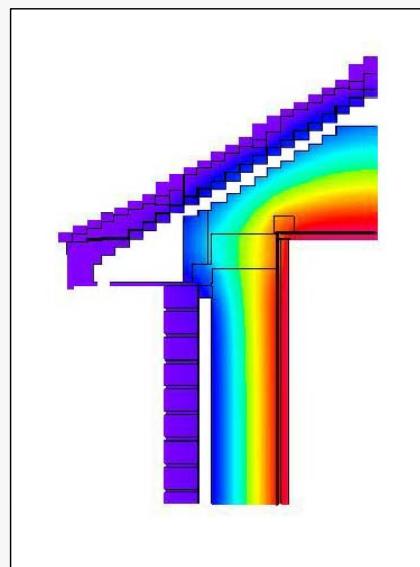
### Psi-value calculations

4. For details of all thermal conductivity values of materials used in the psi-value calculations, see Appendix B of the Introduction.

## Detail 3.00

## Thermal continuity checklist

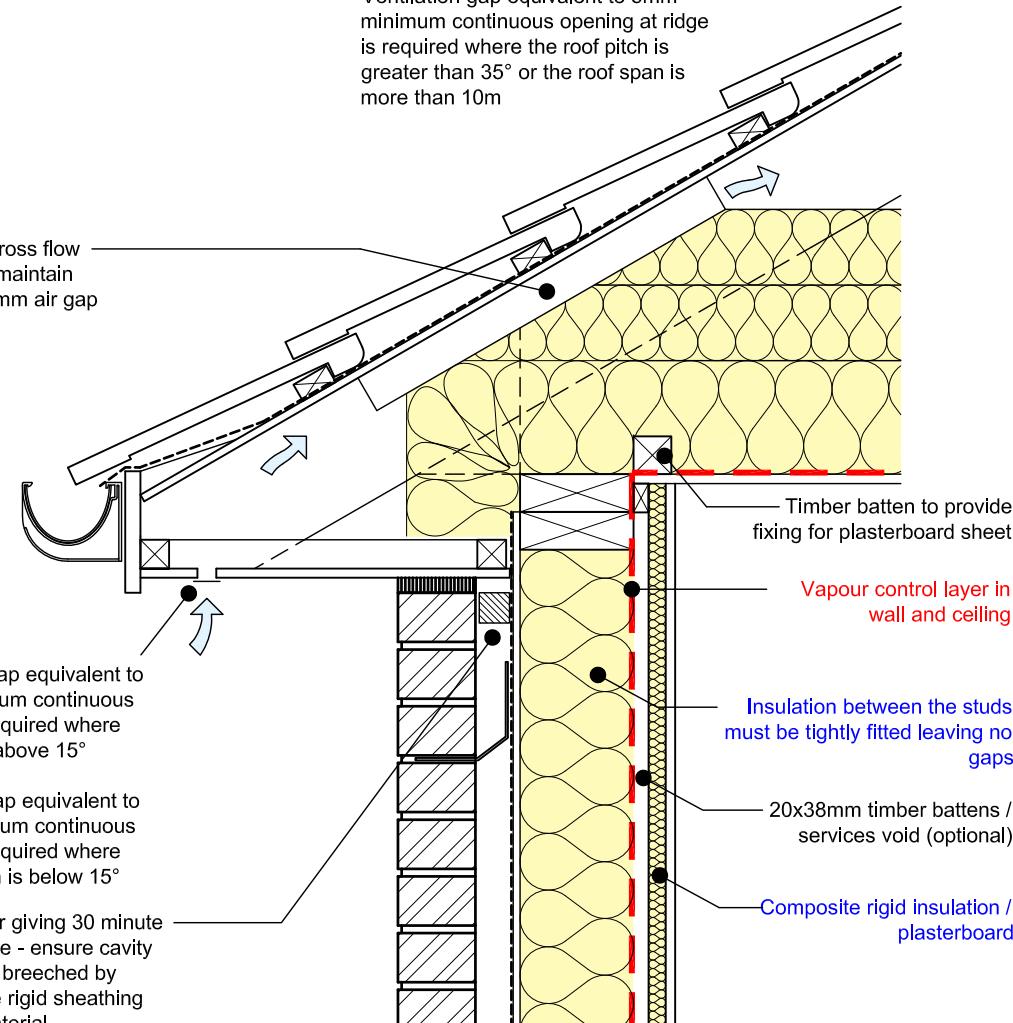
1. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation fully laps timber frame insulation
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall.



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Ventilation gap equivalent to 5mm minimum continuous opening at ridge is required where the roof pitch is greater than 35° or the roof span is more than 10m

Proprietary cross flow ventilator to maintain minimum 25mm air gap



Ventilation gap equivalent to 10mm minimum continuous opening is required where roof pitch is above 15° or ventilation gap equivalent to 25mm minimum continuous opening is required where the roof pitch is below 15°

Cavity barrier giving 30 minute fire resistance - ensure cavity barrier is not breached by inappropriate rigid sheathing insulation material

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Psi value = 0.0464W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Pitched Roof: Ventilated Roofspace - Eaves**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps and is robustly joined to the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

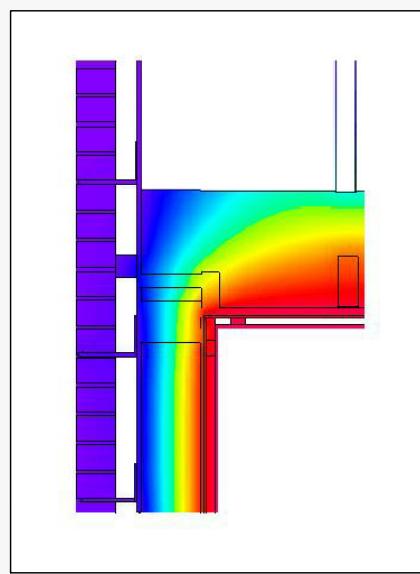
Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.02 and 3.21 for other junctions using this roof construction

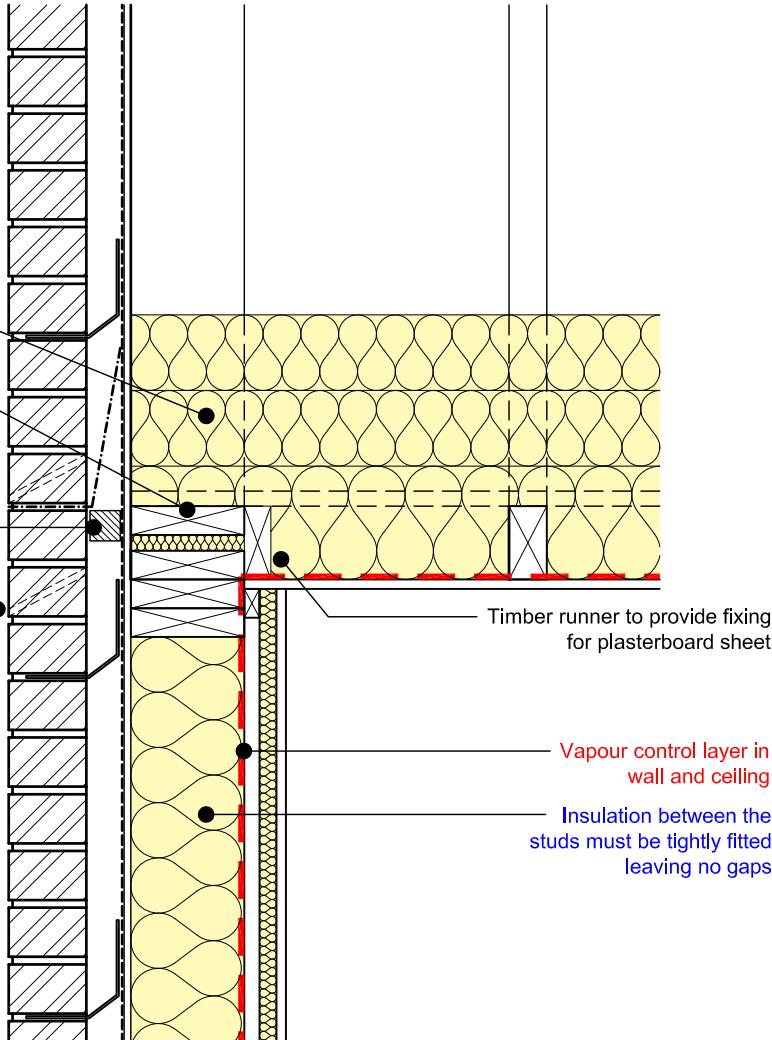
Detail 3.01

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation butts against the timber sheathing in the wall
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall.



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## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps and is robustly joined to the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.01 and 3.21 for other junctions using this roof construction

Psi value = 0.1006W/mK

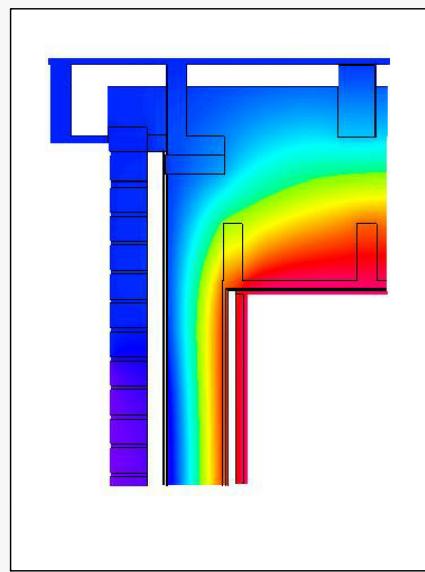
**Timber Frame**

**Pitched Roof: Ventilated Roofspace - Gable**

**Detail 3.02**

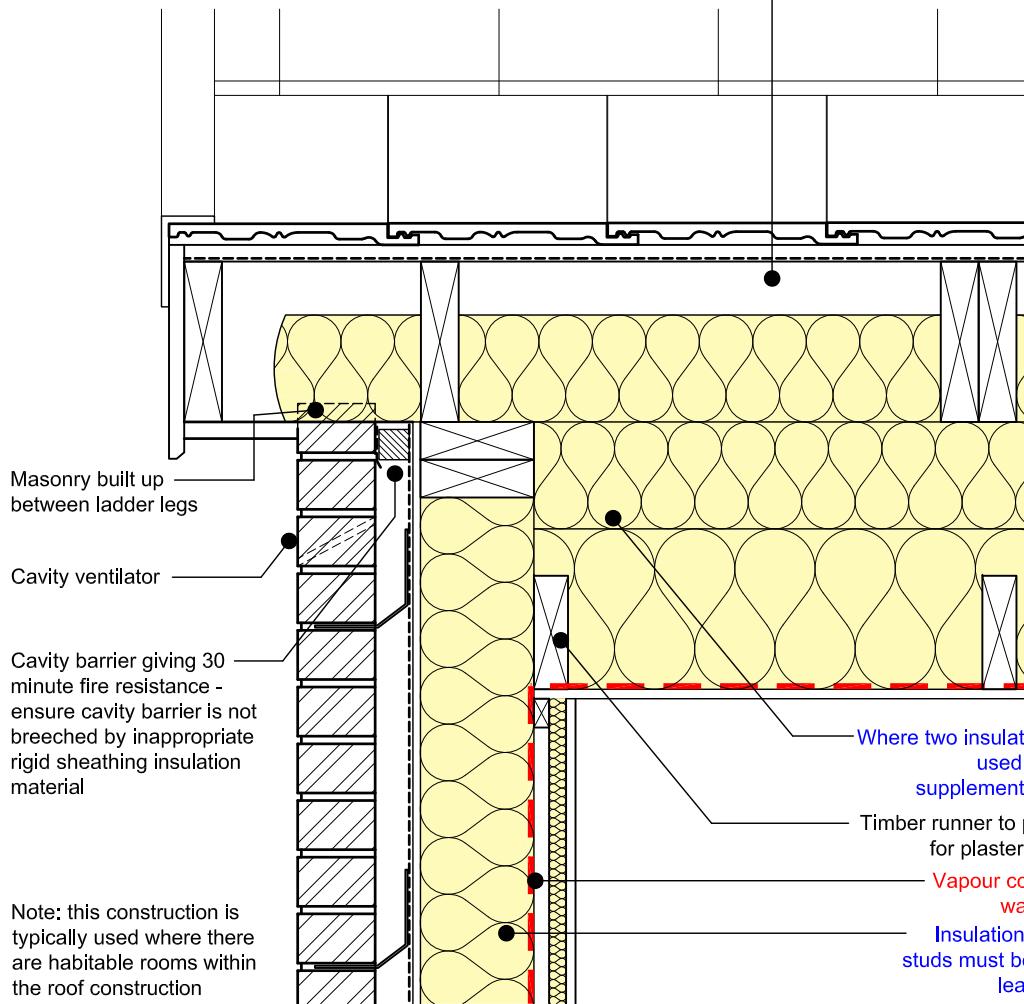
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is fitted tightly within the timber frame
2. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly to cover junctions
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall.



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Minimum 50mm ventilation path over insulation



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## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.04, 3.05 and 3.22 for other junctions using this roof construction

Psi value = 0.0472W/mK

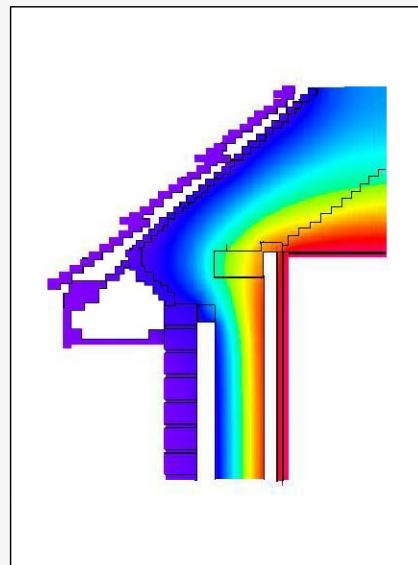
**Timber Frame**

**Pitched Roof: Ventilated Rafter Void - Gable**

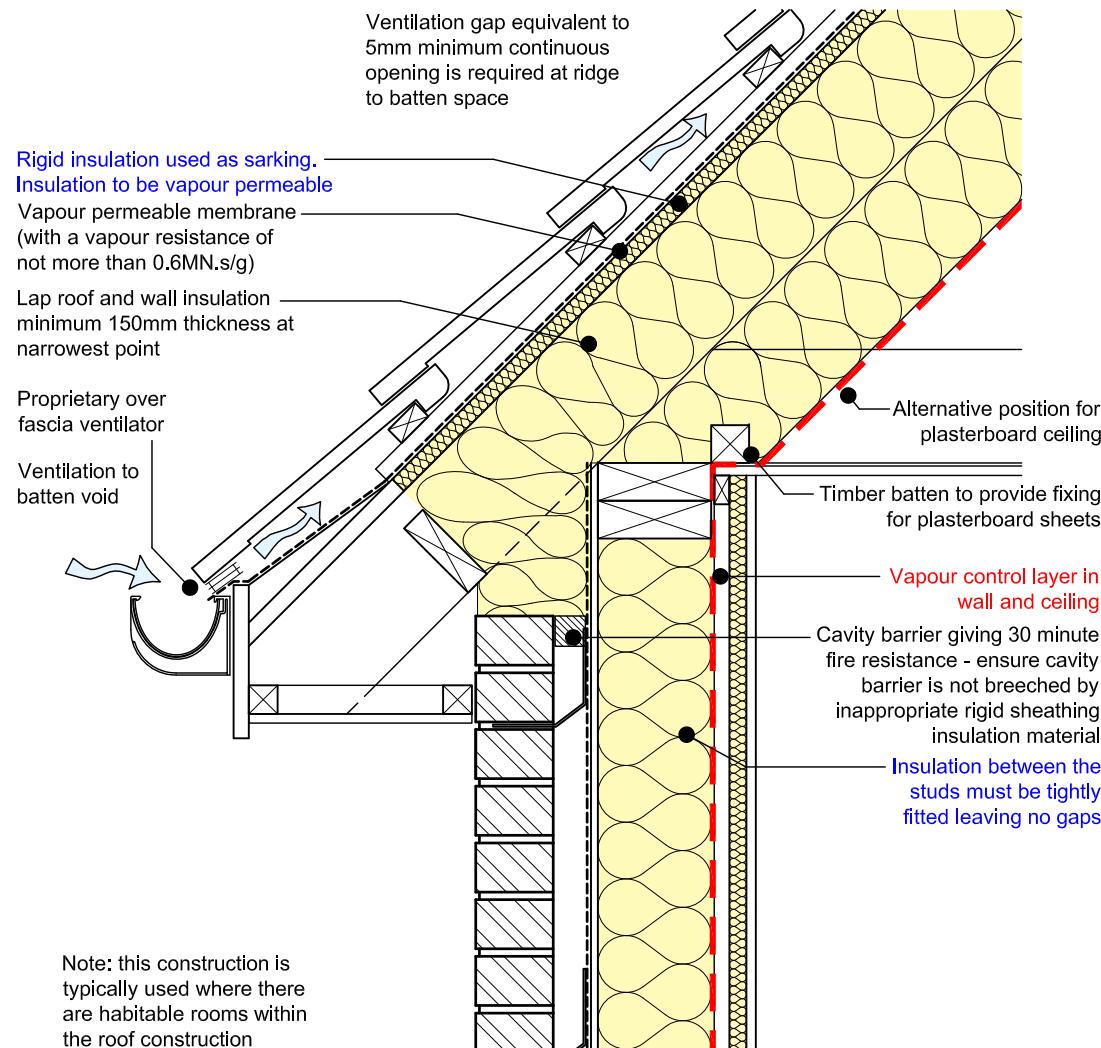
**Detail 3.03**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation overlaps with the top of the timber frame wall, with minimum 50mm overlap at the narrowest point
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall



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## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.03, 3.05 and 3.22 for other junctions using this roof construction

Psi value = 0.0284W/mK

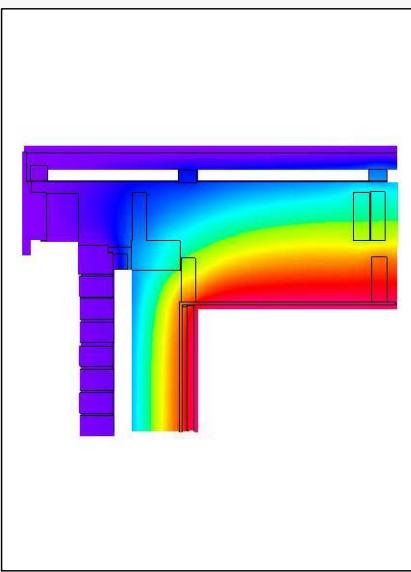
**Timber Frame**

**Pitched Roof: Ventilated Batten Void (warm roof) - Eaves**

**Detail 3.04**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation layers are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation fully laps timber frame insulation
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall.



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Note: this construction is typically used where there are habitable rooms within the roof construction

Vapour permeable membrane (with a vapour resistance of not more than 0.25 MN.s/g)

Compressible filler  
Cavity ventilator

Cavity barrier giving 30 minute fire resistance - ensure cavity barrier is not breached by inappropriate rigid sheathing insulation material

Minimum 50mm ventilation path over insulation

Where two insulation types are used together see supplementary guidance

Timber runner to provide fixing for plasterboard sheets

Vapour control layer in wall and ceiling

Insulation between the studs must be tightly fitted leaving no gaps

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Psi value = 0.0431W/mK

## Timber Frame

Pitched Roof: Ventilated Batten Void (warm roof) - Gable

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

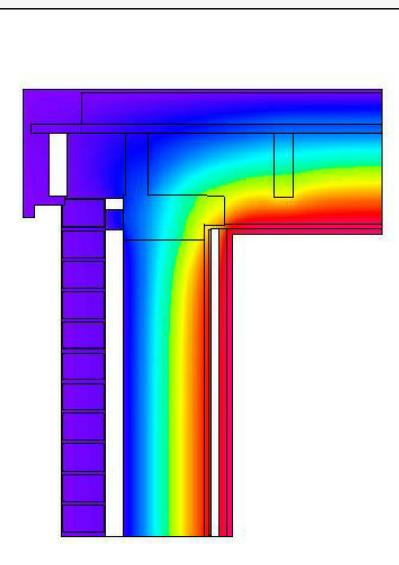
Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.03, 3.04 and 3.22 for other junctions using this roof construction

Detail 3.05

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation fully laps timber frame insulation
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall.

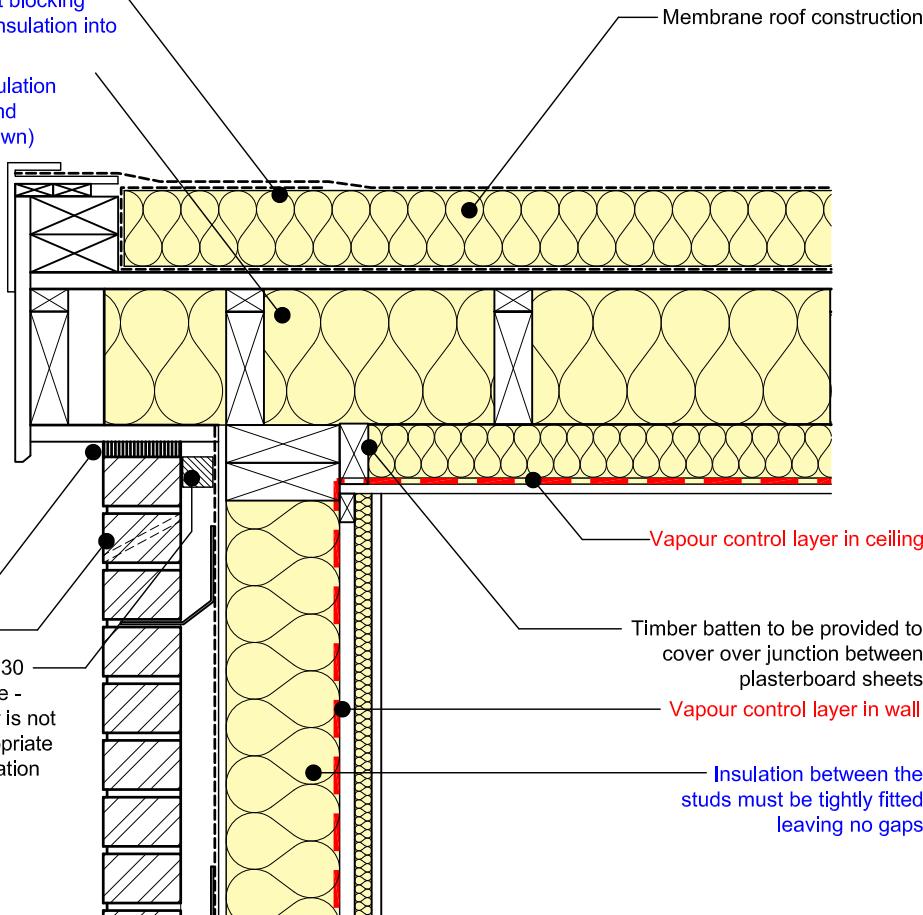


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Vapour control layer turned up edge of roof insulation, lapped with roof waterproofing layer and sealed

Eaves - fix full height blocking piece and tightly fit insulation into void and under deck

Verge - tightly fit insulation into void over wall and under deck (not shown)



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Psi value = 0.0536W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Timber Flat Roof**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling
2. A vapour barrier is required at ceiling level, to prevent moisture from entering into the roof construction
3. The option shown here includes a vapour control layer and insulation as part of a membrane roof construction. Similar details could be used for a profiled metal decking roof but consult with manufacturer regarding ventilation requirements.

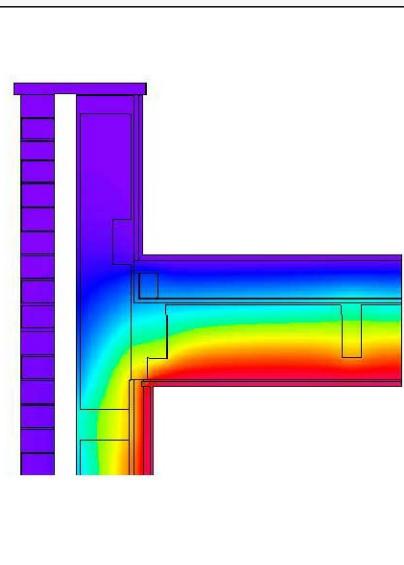
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

**Detail 3.06**

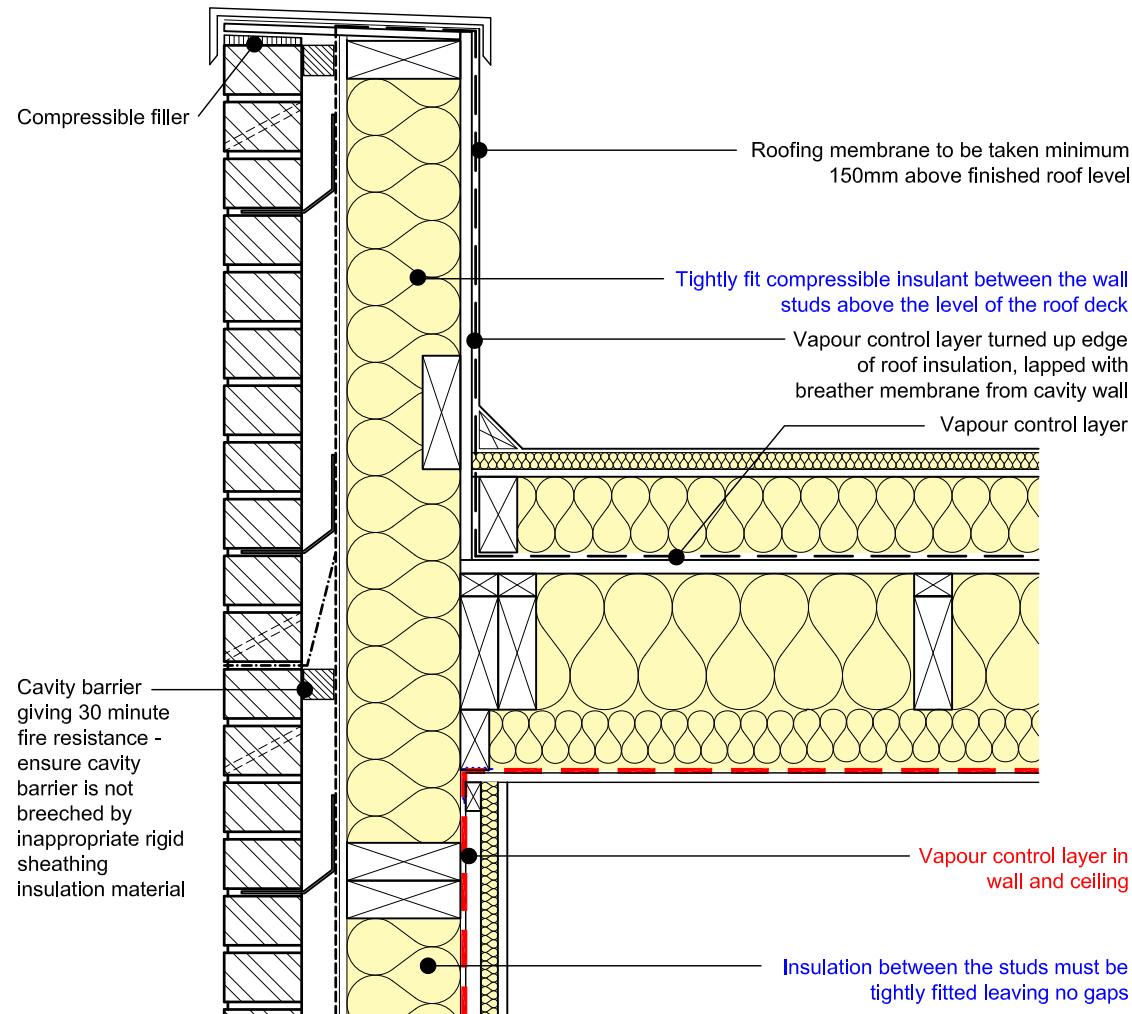
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation layers in roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions
2. Ensure that roof insulation butts against the timber wall sheathing with a minimum of 50mm overlap at narrowest point
3. Install cavity barrier at the top of the wall



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Psi value = 0.0299W/mK



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**Timber Frame  
Timber Flat Roof with Parapet**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling
2. A vapour barrier is required at ceiling level, to prevent moisture from entering into the roof construction
3. The option shown here includes a vapour control layer and insulation as part of a membrane roof construction. Similar details could be used for a profiled metal decking roof but consult with manufacturer regarding ventilation requirements.

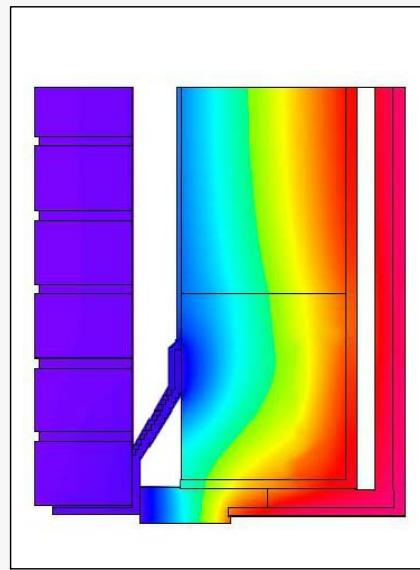
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Detail 3.07

## Thermal continuity checklist

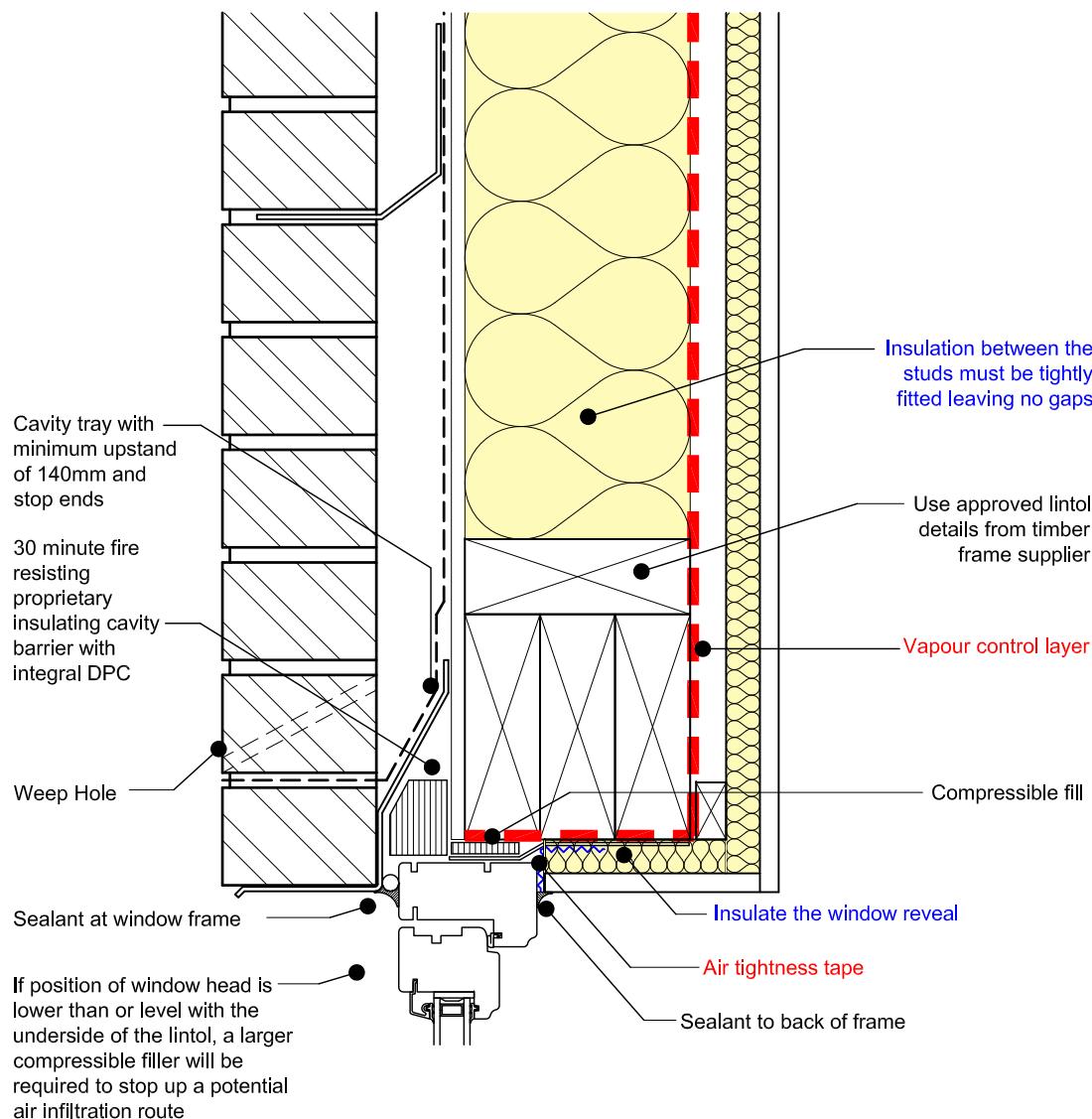
1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier around opening



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Psi value = 0.121W/mK

## Timber Frame Lintel at Window Head



This example should be read in conjunction with the guidance in the introduction to this document. It illustrates the reduction of unwanted infiltration in buildings and provides a Psi value for this junction situation which can be used in calculation provided the principles outlined and any identified component specification are followed.

## Air tightness checklist

1. Install window to overlap with outer leaf of wall finish.
- Alternative:
- If window lines through with the bottom of the opening in the external finish, some means of preventing a direct line of air infiltration will be required
2. Install air tightness seal between the inside face of the window and the structural finish of the window opening

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Alternative internal finish at window reveal - use insulation backed plasterboard

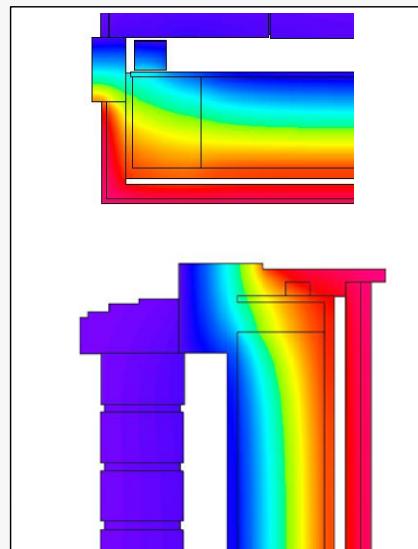
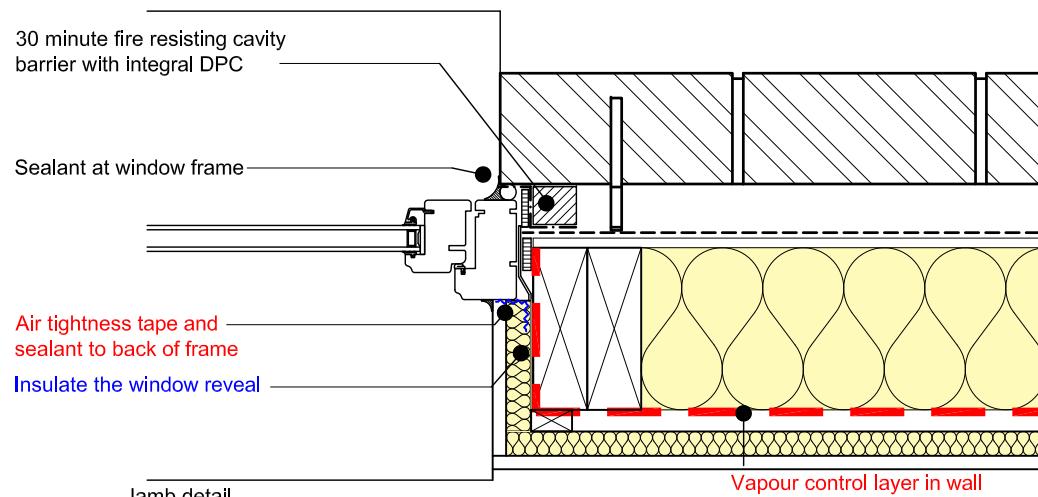
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 ( $m^2K/W$ )  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591( $m^2K/W$ )

Detail 3.08

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier around opening



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Psi value (jamb)=0.0328W/mK  
Psi value (cill) = 0.0934W/mK

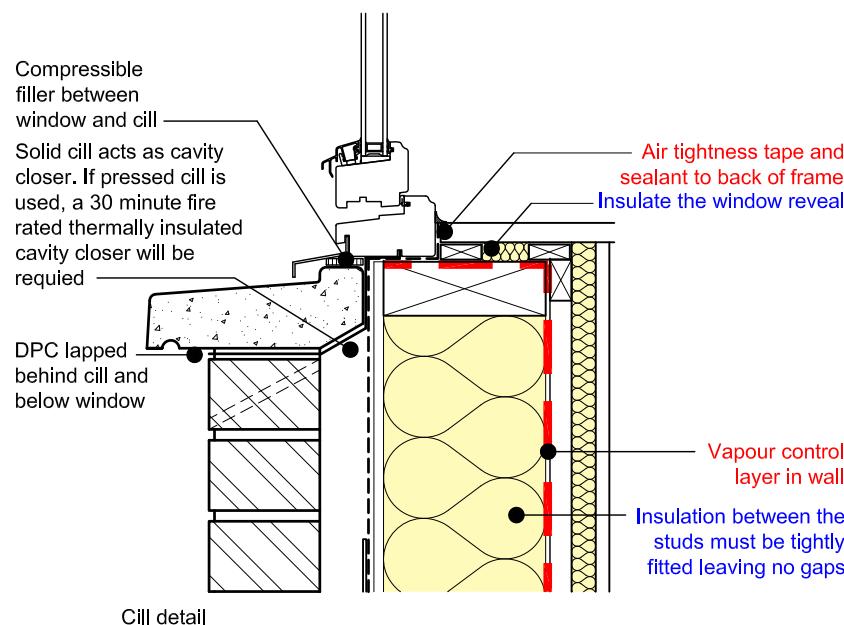
## Air tightness checklist

1. Install window to overlap with outer leaf of wall finish.

Alternative:

If window lines through with the bottom of the opening in the external finish, some means of preventing a direct line of air infiltration will be required

2. Install air tightness seal between the inside face of the window and the structural finish of the window opening



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## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

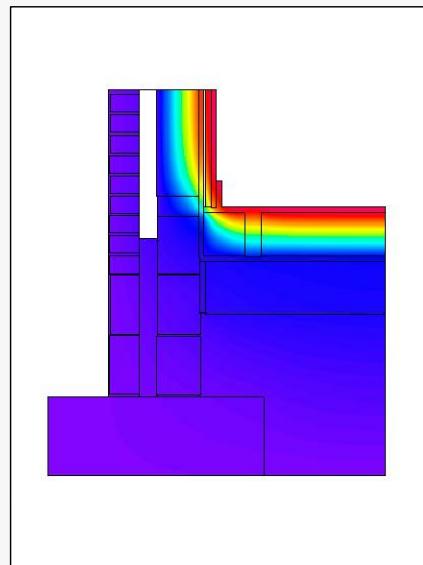
1. Alternative internal finish at window reveal - use insulation backed plasterboard

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

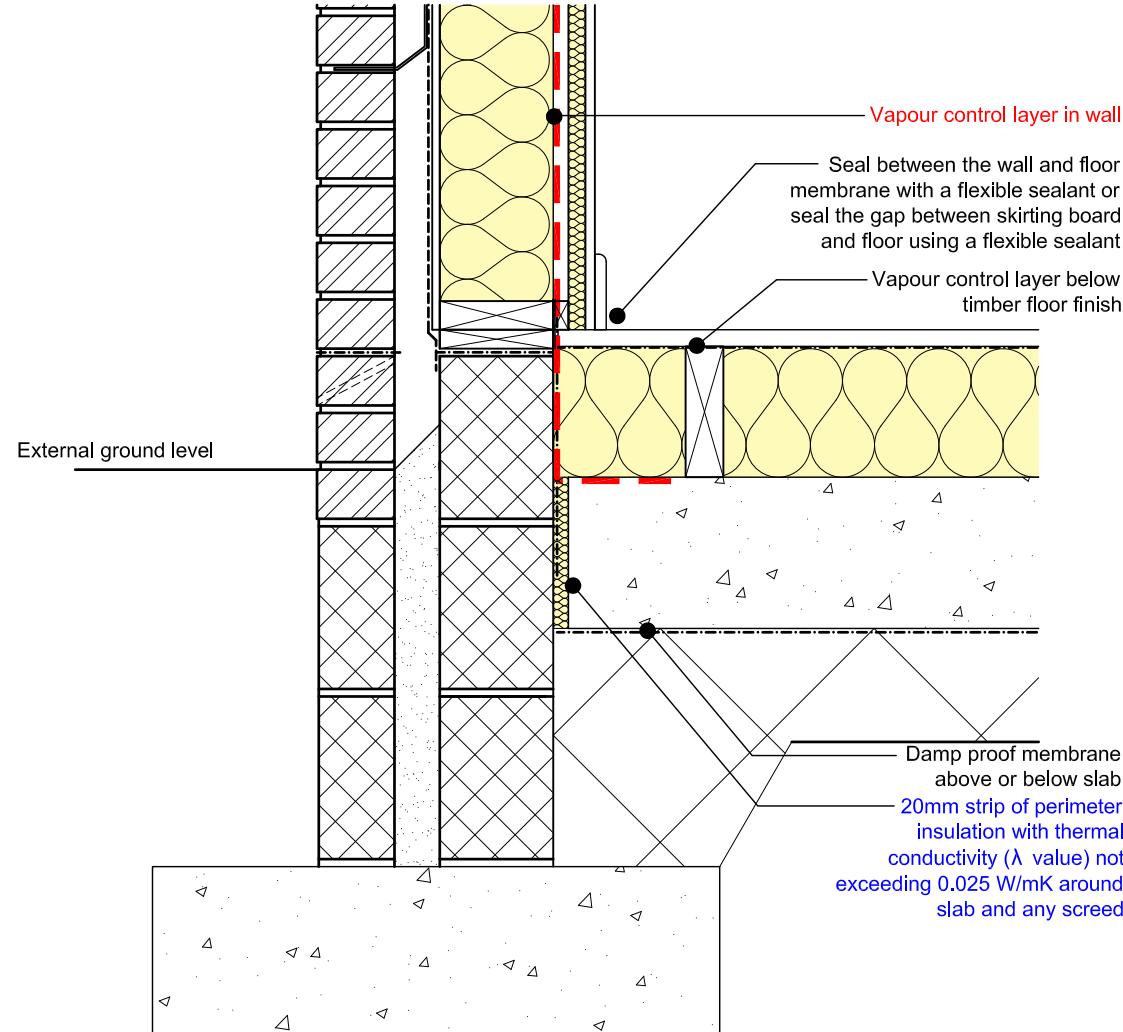
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Use a lightweight loadbearing concrete block where the wall abuts the concrete slab to minimise thermal bridging
2. Use a perimeter strip of insulation where the concrete slab abuts the concrete blockwork wall



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Psi value = 0.1145W/mK



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**Timber Frame**  
**Ground Bearing Floor: Insulation Above Slab**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Ensure that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps onto the floor slab

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check that concrete slab is level and clear of debris before fitting the insulation at floor level
2. If a screed finish is used instead of a timber floor, use a strip of perimeter insulation with a minimum R value of 0.75 m<sup>2</sup>/Kw for the depth of the screed

### Alternative detail

3. Using lightweight blockwork (e.g. with λ value of 0.19W/mK) to improve the thermal performance at the junction where the external wall and ground floor constructions meet will change the psi value

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 3.864(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Detail 3.10

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Use a lightweight loadbearing concrete block where the wall abuts the concrete slab to minimise thermal bridging
2. Use a perimeter strip of insulation where the concrete slab abuts the concrete blockwork wall



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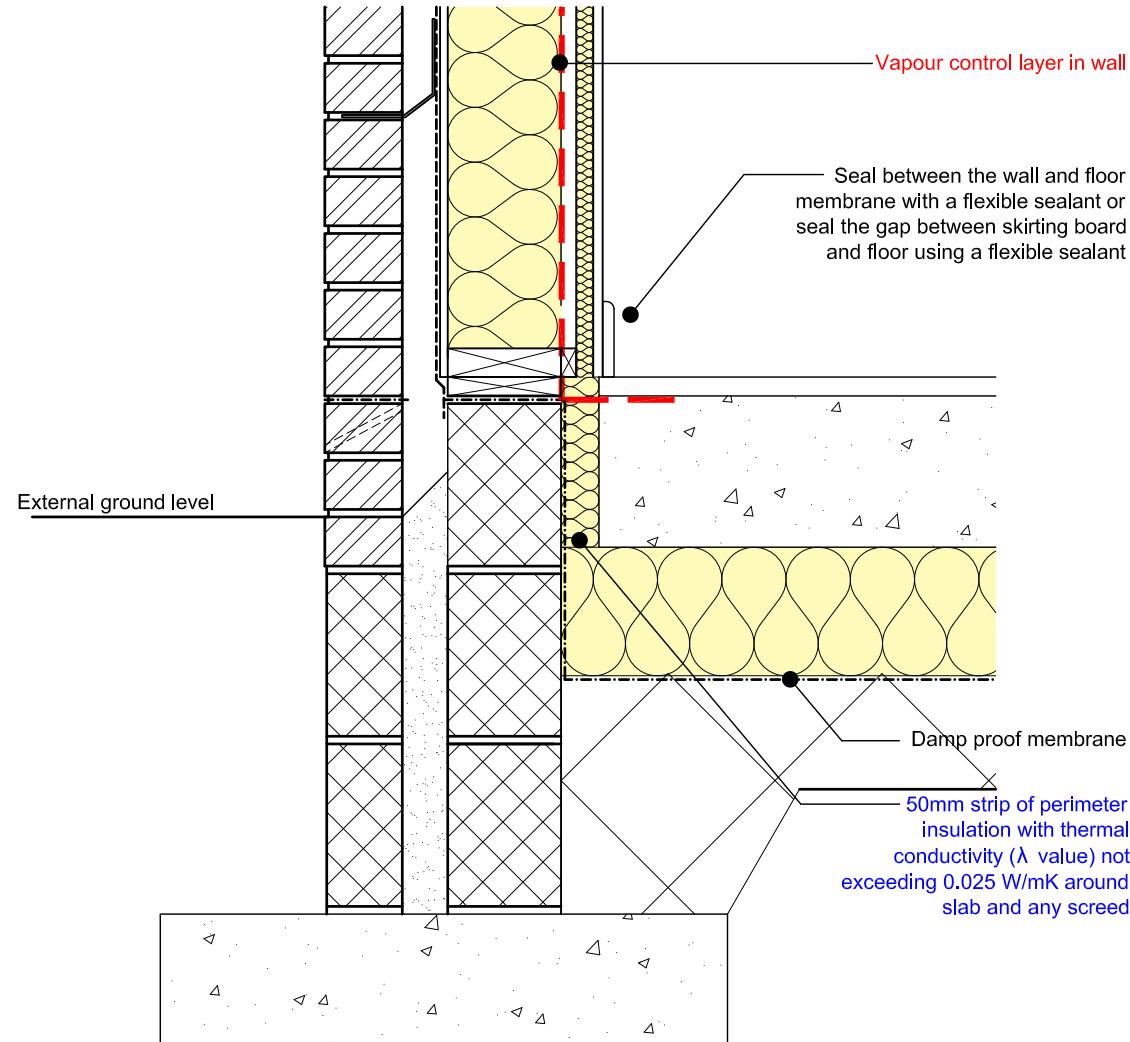
Psi value = 0.1733W/mK

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## Timber Frame Ground Bearing Floor: Insulation Below Slab

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps onto the floor slab



## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. If a screed finish is used instead of a timber floor, use a strip of perimeter insulation with a minimum R value of 0.75 m<sup>2</sup>/KW for the depth of the screed

### Alternative detail

2. Using lightweight blockwork (e.g. with <math>\lambda</math> value of 0.19W/mK) to improve the thermal performance at the junction where the external wall and ground floor constructions meet will change the psi value

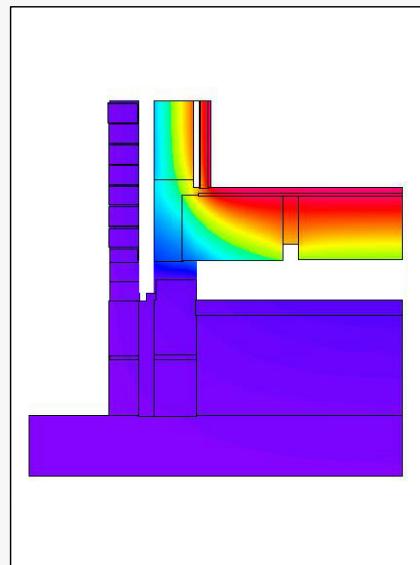
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 3.864(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Detail 3.11

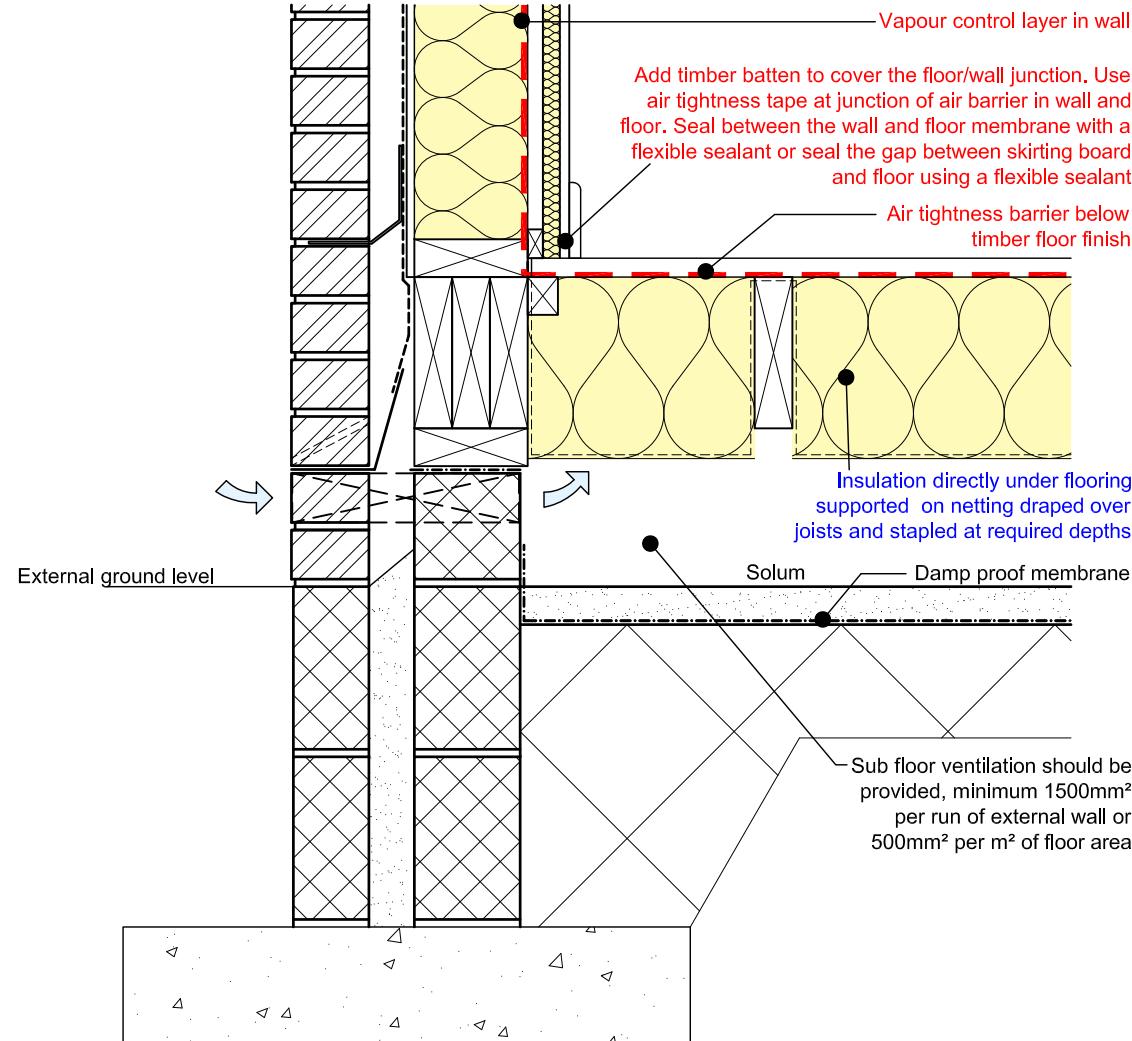
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that floor insulation butts against the insulation in the external wall



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Psi value = 0.0423W/mK



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**Timber Frame**  
**Timber Suspended Ground Floor**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check that all ventilation paths are clear before installing the floor insulation

### Alternative detail

2. Using lightweight blockwork (e.g. with  $\lambda$  value of 0.19W/mK) to improve thermal performance at the junction where the external wall and ground floor constructions meet will change the psi value
3. If there are concerns about damaging the air tightness membrane in the floor finish during construction, an additional services void can be created using timber battens on top of the floor joists

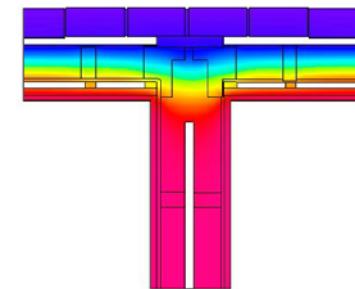
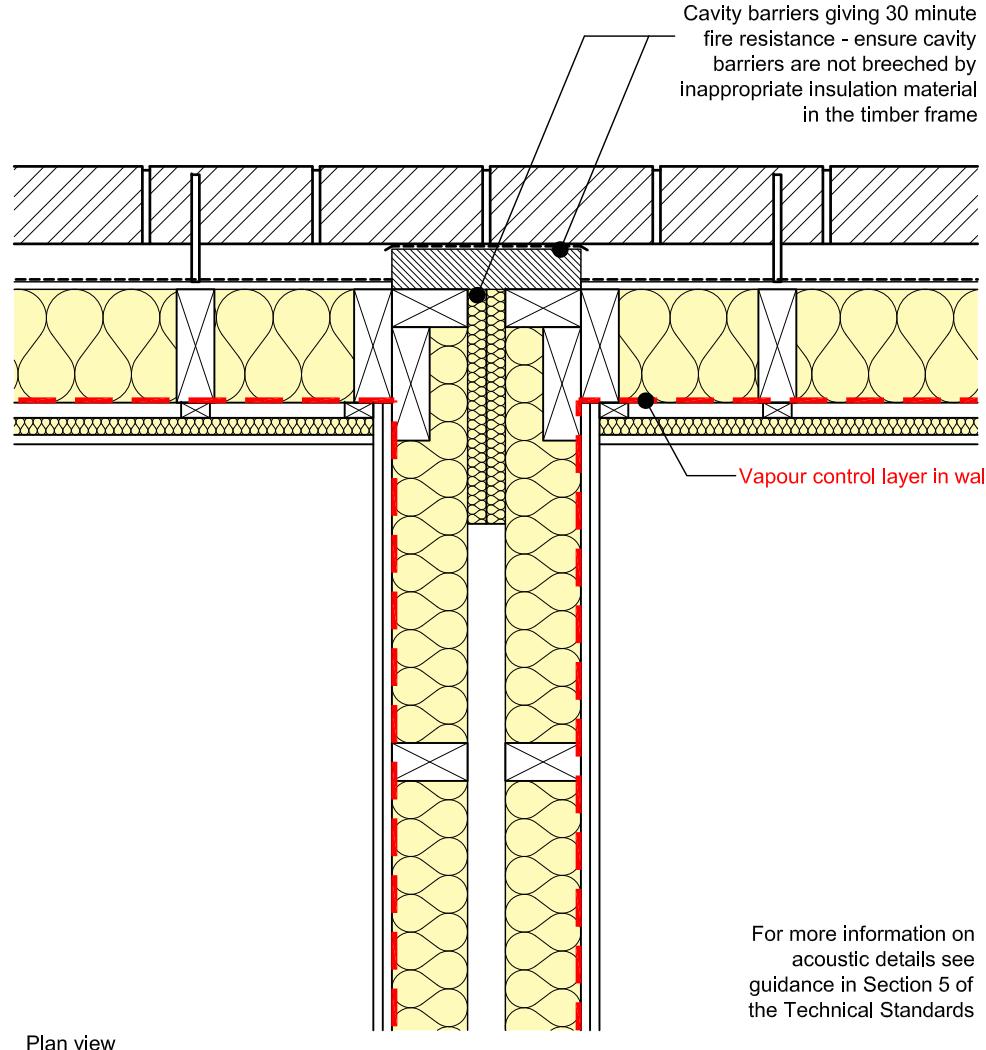
### Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 5.455(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Detail 3.12

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier at junction of wall



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Psi value = 0.0725W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Separating Wall**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps with the barrier in the external wall

## Design advice

### **Minimising condensation risk**

1. Check that insulation is fitted between timber studs at corner junctions

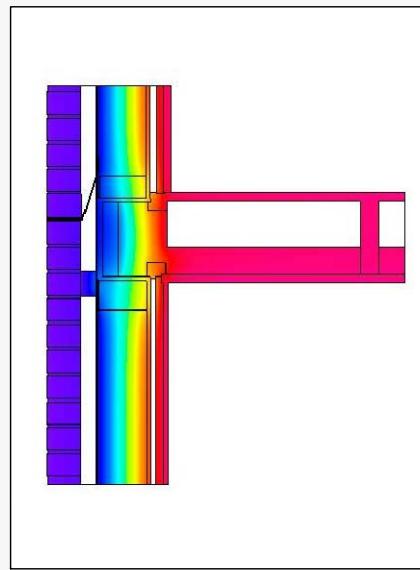
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
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Internal wall - 2.045(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

**Detail 3.13**

## Thermal continuity checklist

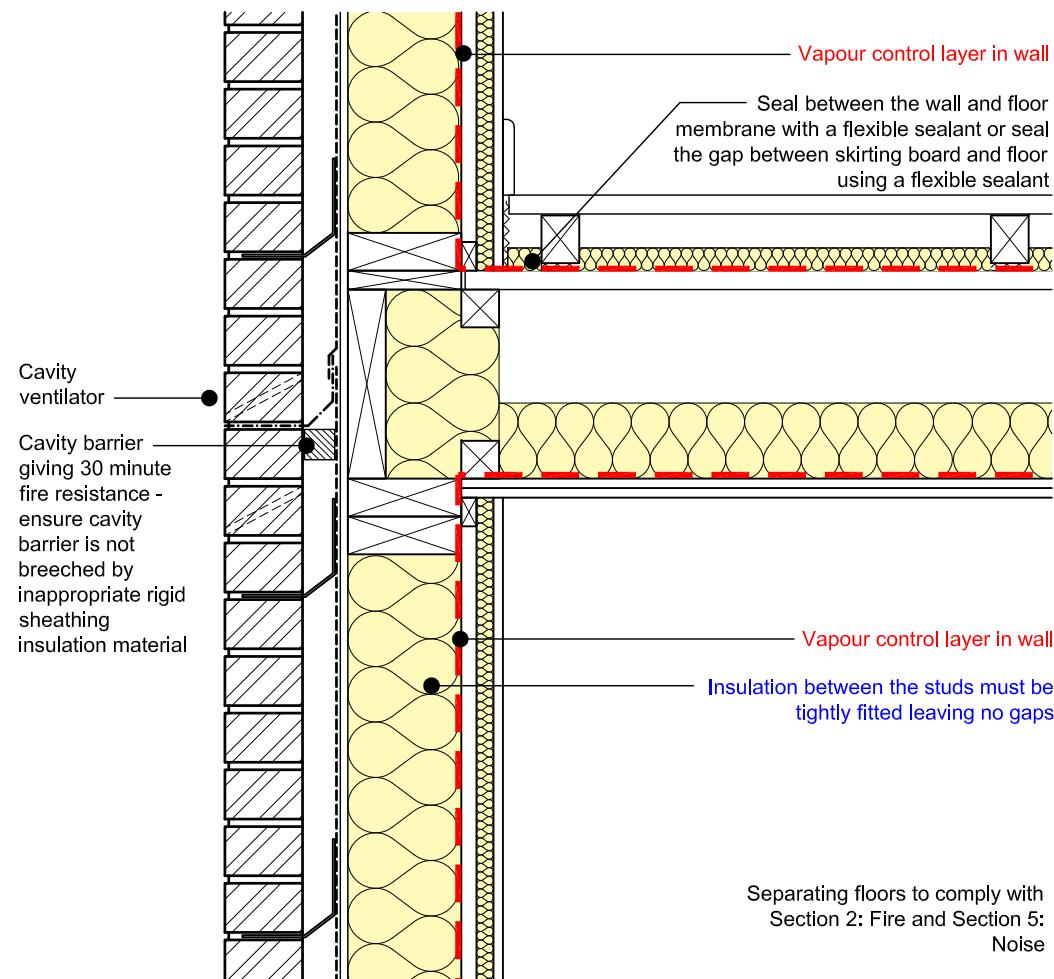
1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier in line with floor construction



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Psi value = 0.0353W/mK

**Timber Frame**  
**Timber Separating Floor**



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## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the external wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

## Design advice

### **Minimising condensation risk**

1. Check that insulation is tightly fixed to the timber studs adjacent to the floor junction, leaving no gaps

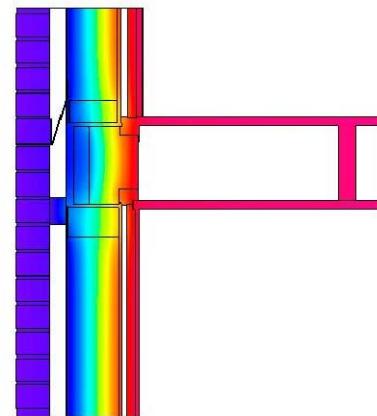
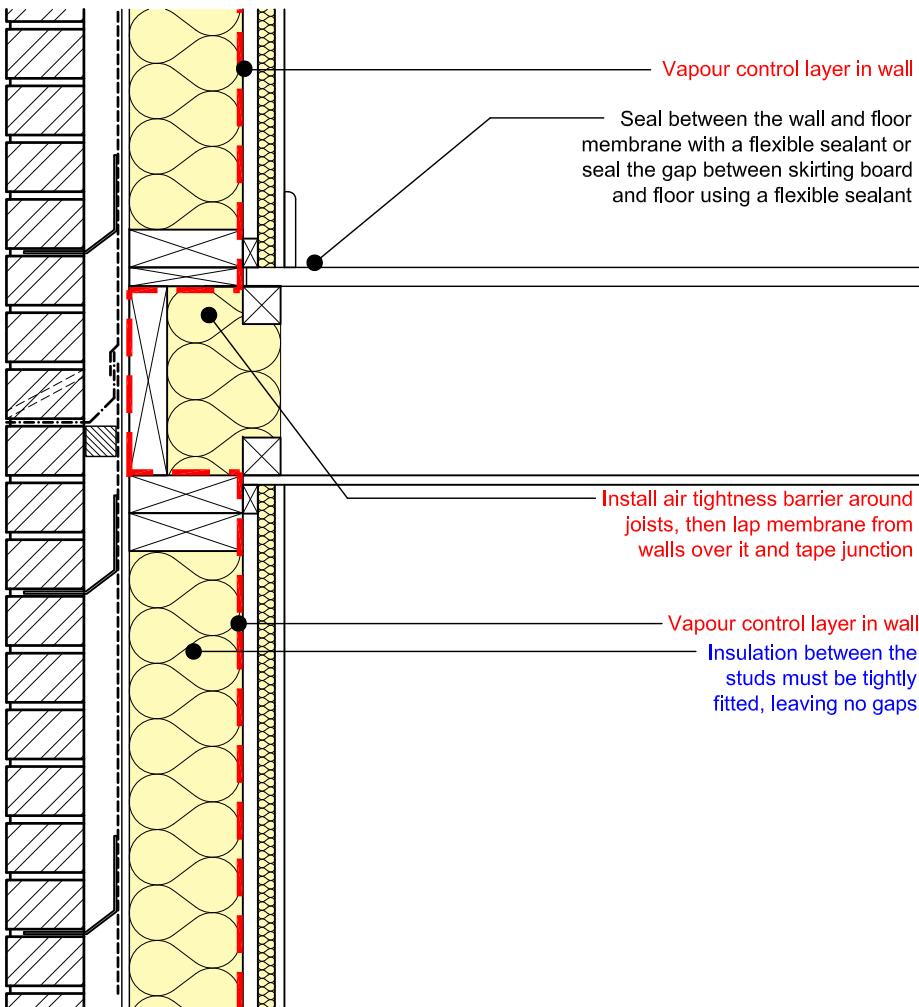
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 2.045(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

**Detail 3.14**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier as necessary



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Psi value = 0.0574W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Intermediate Floor / External Wall**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the external wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

## Design advice

### **Minimising condensation risk**

1. Check that insulation is tightly fixed to the timber studs adjacent to the floor junction, leaving no gaps

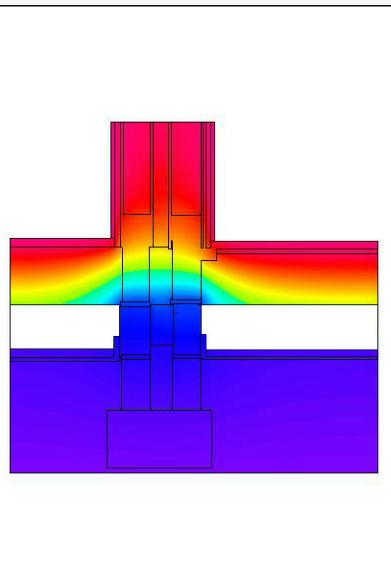
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

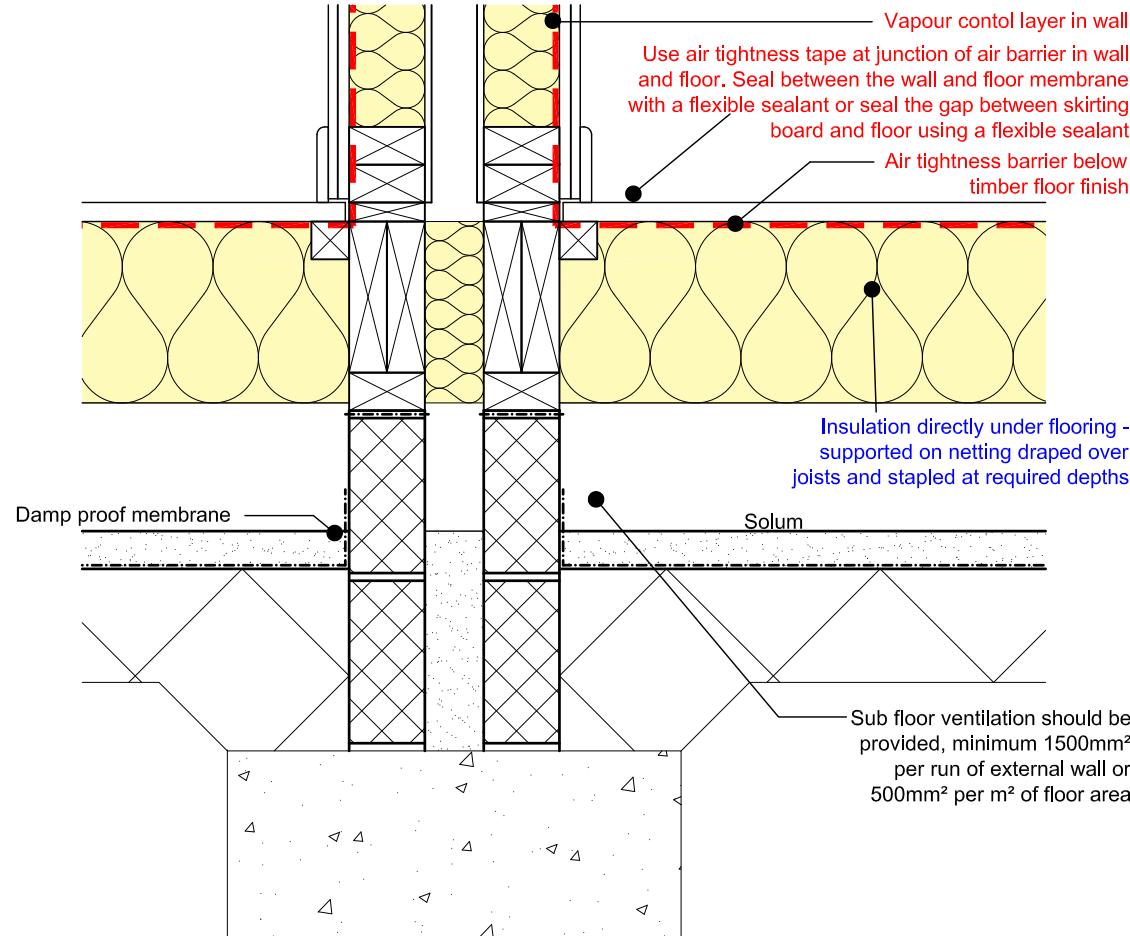
**Detail 3.15**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is tightly fitted between the timber floor joists
2. Install cavity barrier as necessary



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## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check that all ventilation paths are clear before installing the floor insulation

### Alternative Detail

2. Lightweight thermal blockwork can be used in the separating wall to improve the thermal performance but this will also reduce the acoustic performance of the wall. If this alternative is used then additional elements will be required to meet Section 5 of the Technical Standards.

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 5.455(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Psi value = 0.0713W/mK

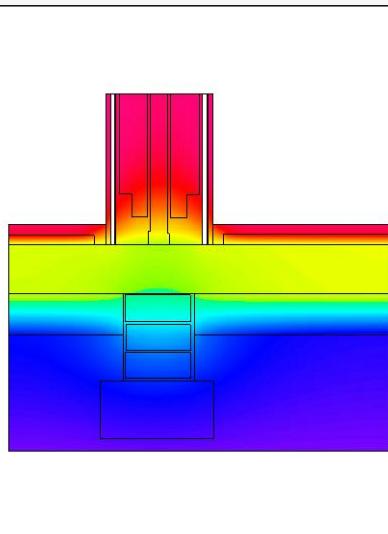
**Timber Frame**

**Ground Floor/Separating Wall Junction- timber suspended floor**

**Detail 3.16**

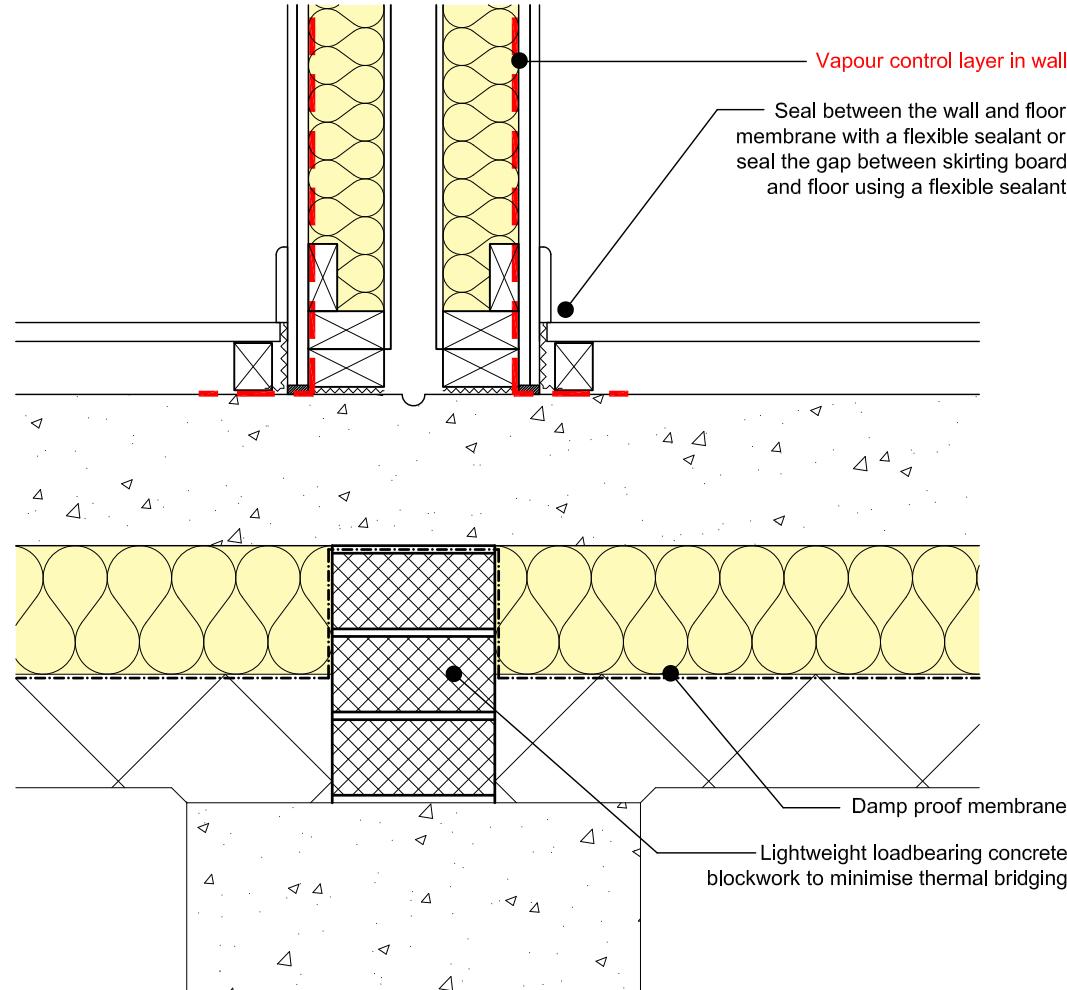
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is tightly fitted against the separating floor



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Psi value = 0.2765W/mK



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## Timber Frame

## Concrete Ground Floor/ Separating Wall: Insulation Below Slab

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps onto the floor slab

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. If a screed finish is used instead of a timber floor, use a strip of perimeter insulation with a minimum R value of 0.75 m<sup>2</sup>/KW for the depth of the screed

### Alternative Detail

2. Heavyweight thermal blockwork can be used in the separating wall below slab level but this will reduce the thermal performance of this junction. Additional construction elements may be required along with lightweight blockwork in order to meet the acoustic requirements of Section 5 of the the Technical Standards

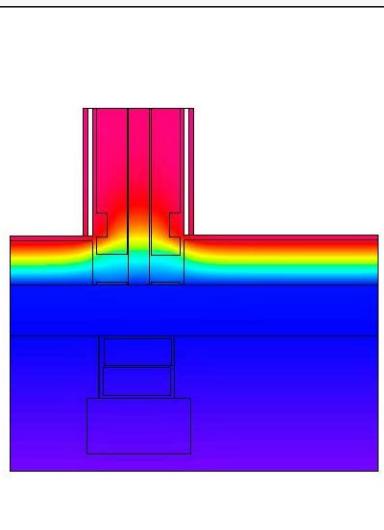
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Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 3.864(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

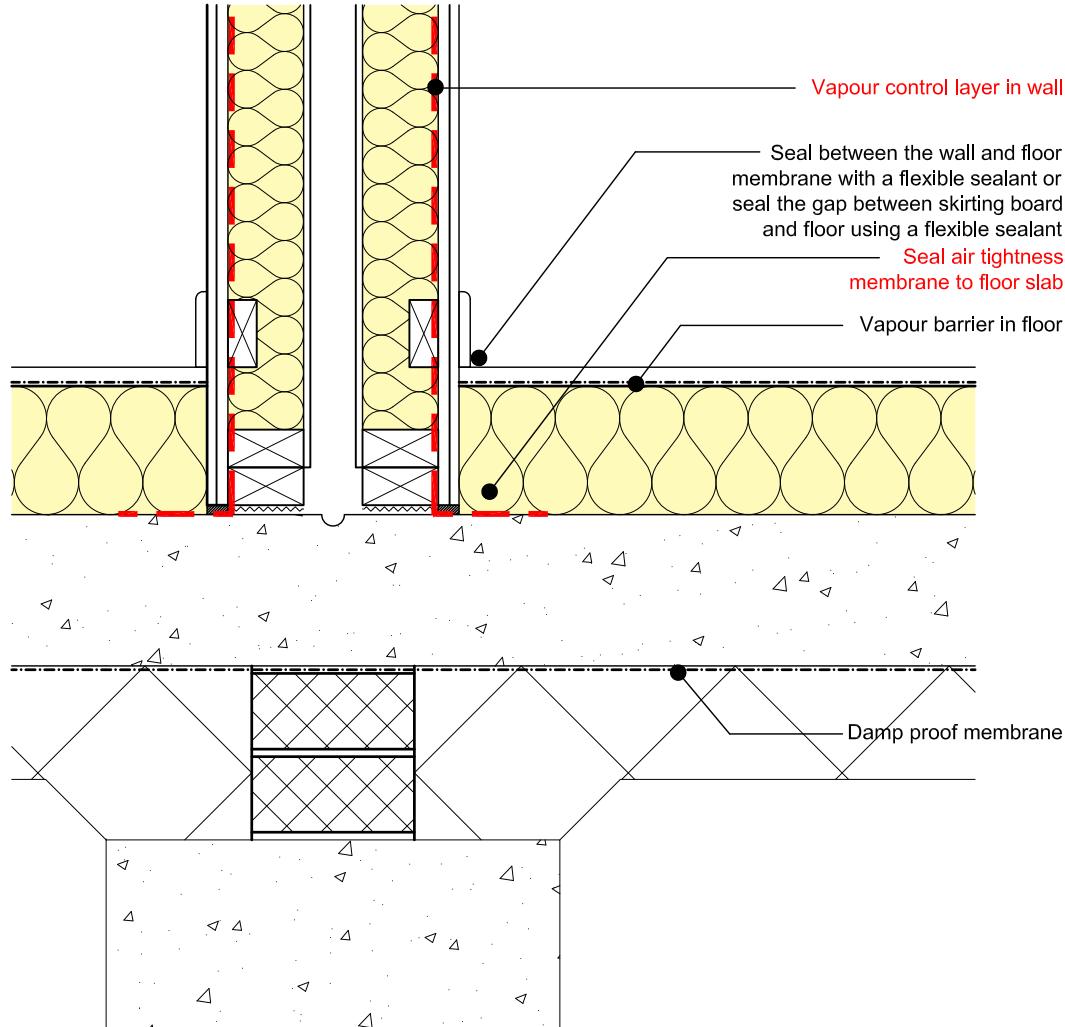
Detail 3.17

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is tightly fitted against the separating floor



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Psi value = 0.0146W/mK

## Timber Frame

## Concrete Ground Floor/ Separating Wall: Insulation Above Slab

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps onto the floor slab

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check that concrete slab is level and clear of debris before fitting the insulation at floor level
2. If a screed finish is used instead of a timber floor, use a strip of perimeter insulation with a minimum R value of 0.75 m<sup>2</sup>/K/W for the depth of the screed

### Alternative Detail

3. Lightweight thermal blockwork can be used in the separating wall to improve the thermal performance but this will also reduce the acoustic performance of the wall. If this alternative is used then additional elements will be required to meet Section 5 of the Technical Standards.

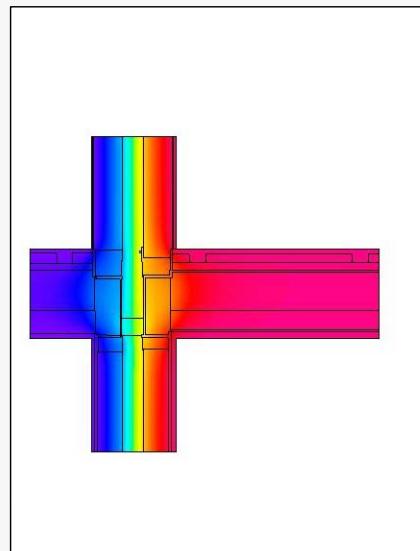
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 3.864(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

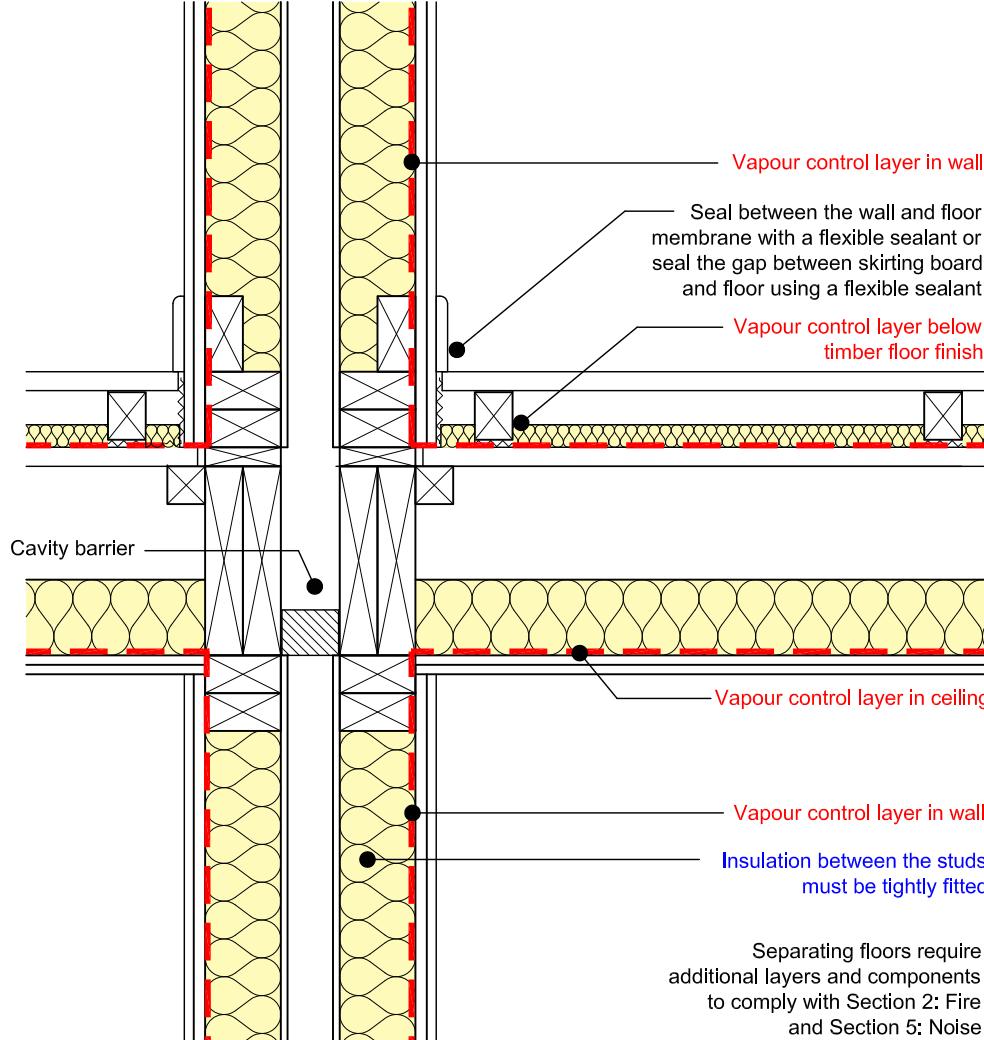
Detail 3.18

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is tightly fitted



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Psi value = 0.0241W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Separating Floor / Wall Junction**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

Alternative:

Ensure that a continuous air tightness barrier from the wall wraps around the end of the floor construction, leaving no gaps

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

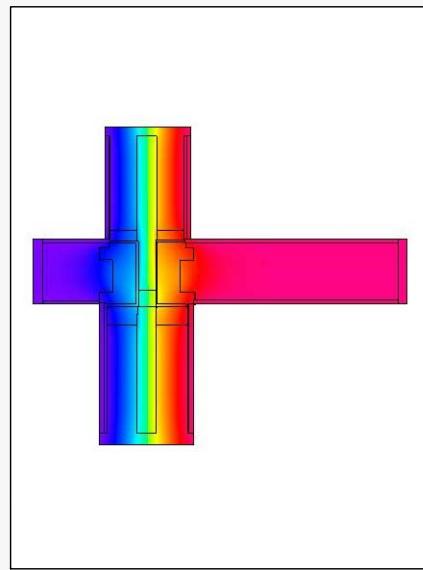
See general guidance notes

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:  
Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Floor - 2.045(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Detail 3.19

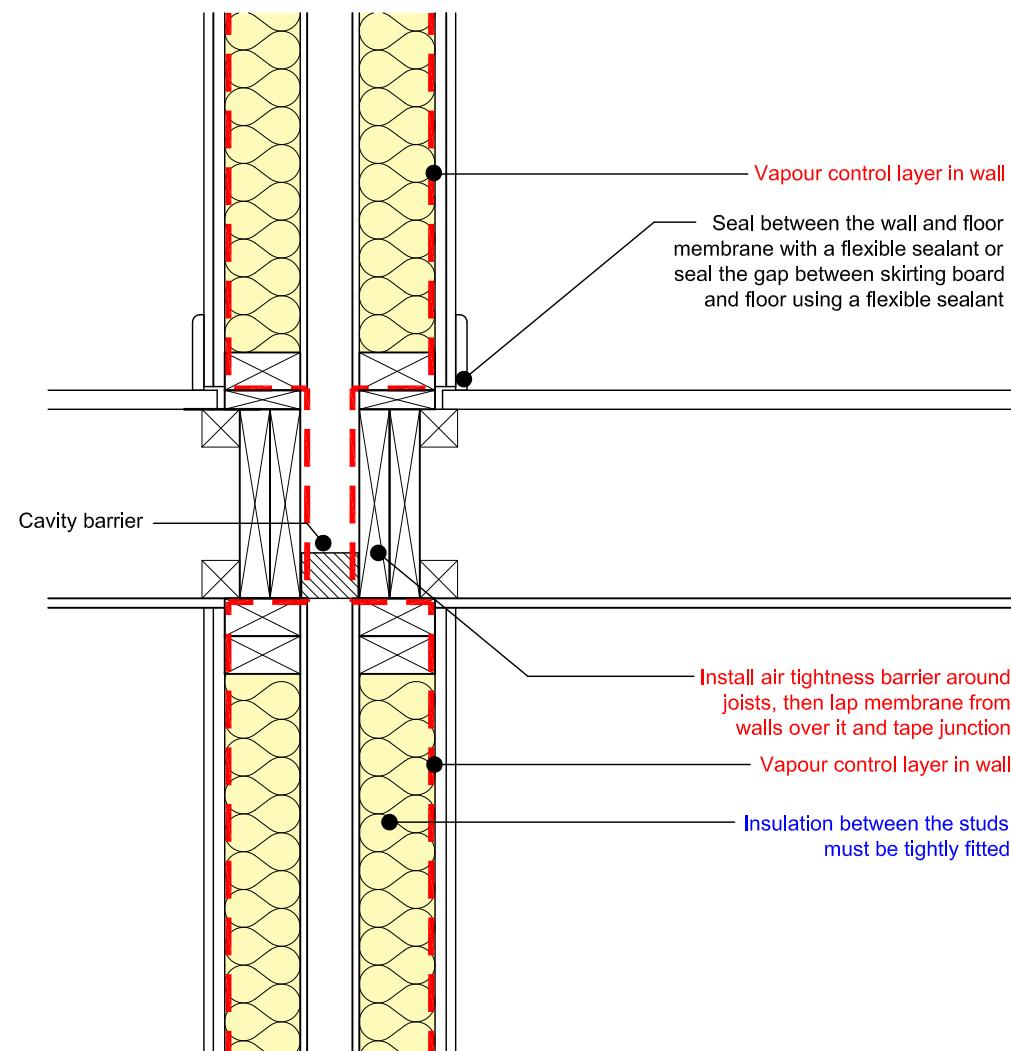
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Ensure that insulation is tightly fitted



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Psi value = 0.0333W/mK



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**Timber Frame  
Intermediate Floor**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that any air tightness barrier used in the internal wall overlaps with the barrier in the floor

Alternative:

Ensure that a continuous air tightness barrier from the wall wraps around the end of the floor construction, leaving no gaps

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risks

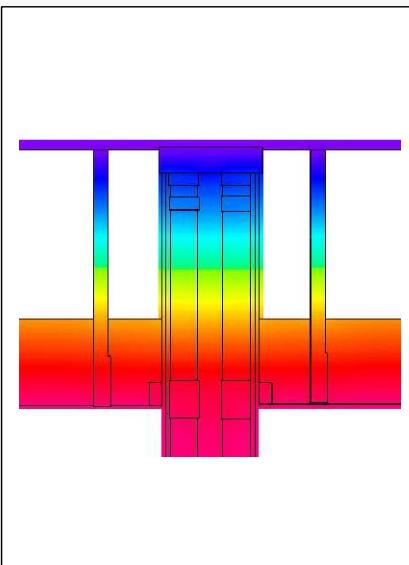
See general guidance notes

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:  
Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

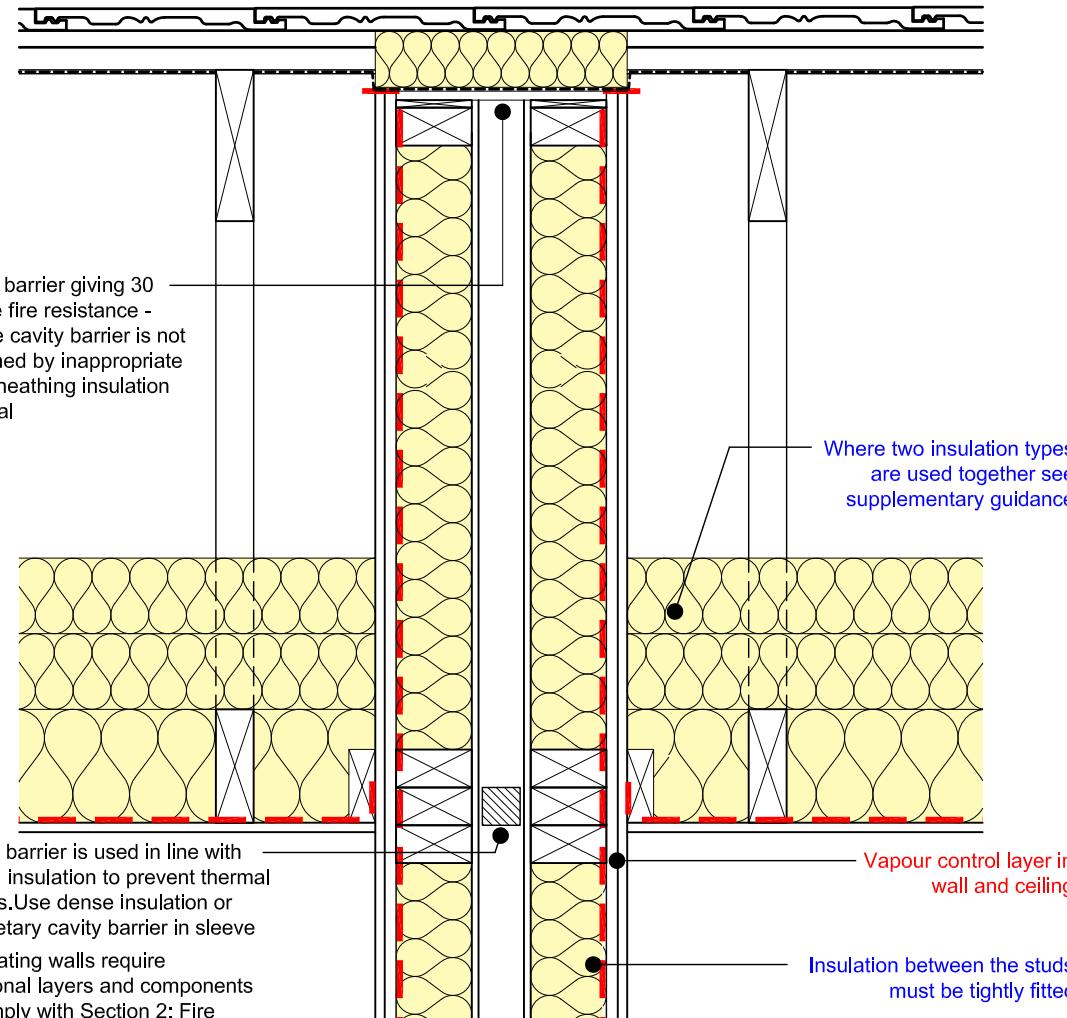
Detail 3.20

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Install a cavity barrier at the top of the wall
2. Ensure that insulation layers in the roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions



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Psi value = 0.0132W/mK

## Timber Frame

### Pitched Roof: Cold Roof / Separating Wall junction

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that there are no gaps between the top of the masonry and the underside of the roof
2. Check that the air tightness barrier in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

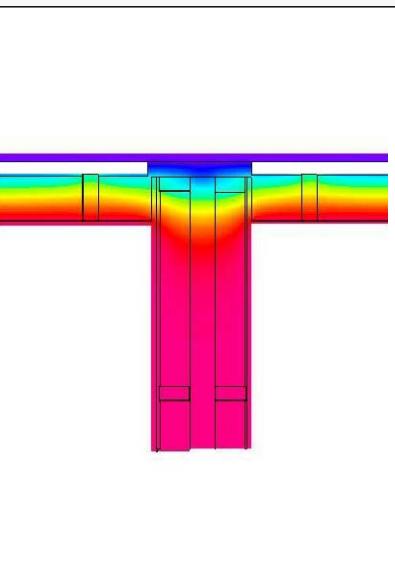
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:  
Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.01 and 3.02 for other junctions using this roof construction

Detail 3.21

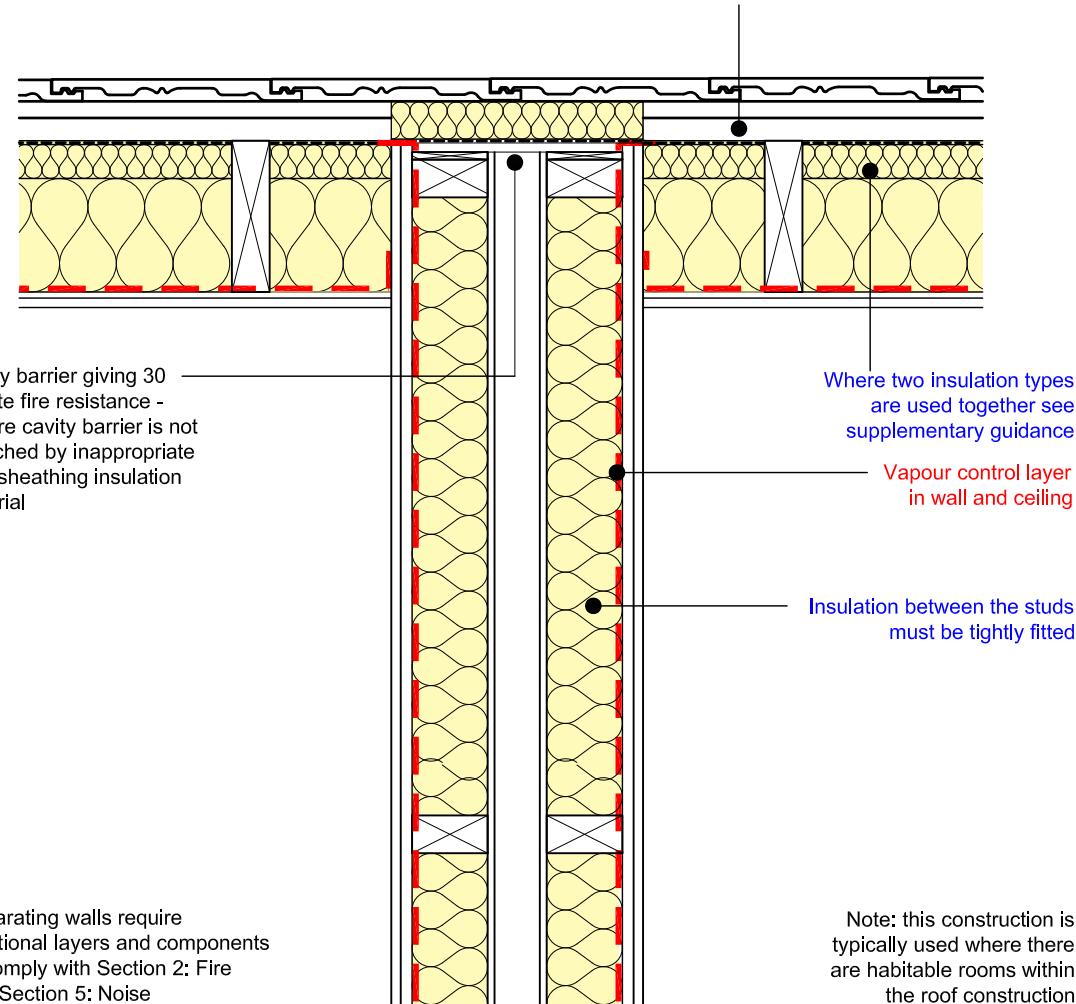
## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Install a cavity barrier at the top of the wall
2. Ensure that insulation layers in the roof are fitted perpendicularly, to cover junctions



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Minimum 50mm ventilation path over insulation



This example should be read in conjunction with the guidance in the introduction to this document. It illustrates the reduction of unwanted infiltration in buildings and provides a Psi value for this junction situation which can be used in calculation provided the principles outlined and any identified component specification are followed.

## Air tightness checklist

1. Check that there are no gaps between the top of the masonry and the underside of the roof
2. Check that the air tightness barrier in the wall overlaps with the barrier in the ceiling

## Design advice

### Minimising condensation risk

1. Check ventilation paths are clear before installing insulation above the ceiling

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Internal Wall - 2.045 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Roof - 9.500(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

Note: See detail numbers 3.03, 3.04 and 3.05 for other junctions using this roof construction

Psi value = 0.0481W/mK

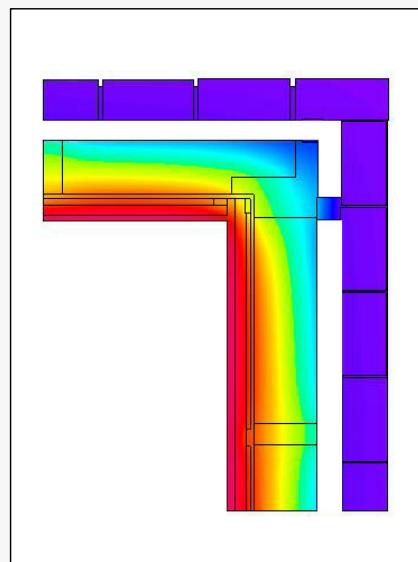
**Timber Frame**

**Pitched Roof: Ventilated Batten Void / Separating Wall Junction**

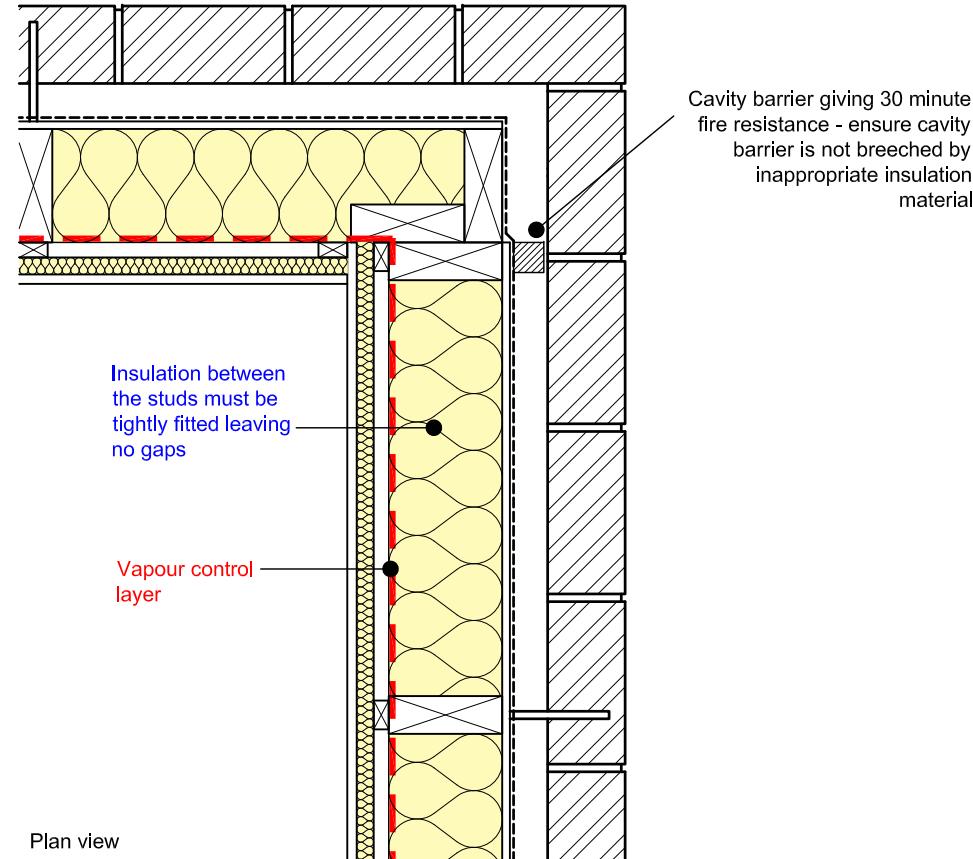
**Detail 3.22**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier



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Psi value = 0.0179W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Wall Junction**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Ensure that any air tightness barrier used in the external wall overlaps at the corner

## Design advice

### **Minimising condensation risk**

1. Check that insulation is tightly fixed to the timber studs at the corner junction, leaving no gaps

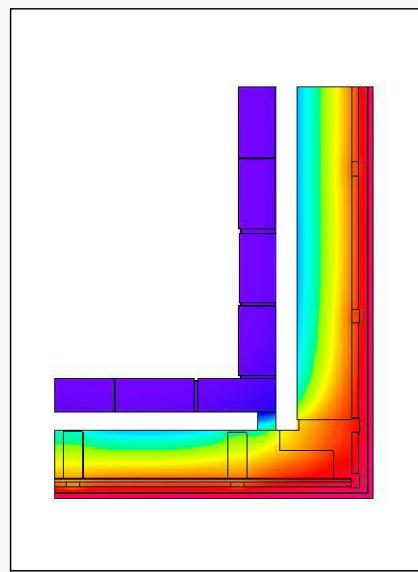
Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

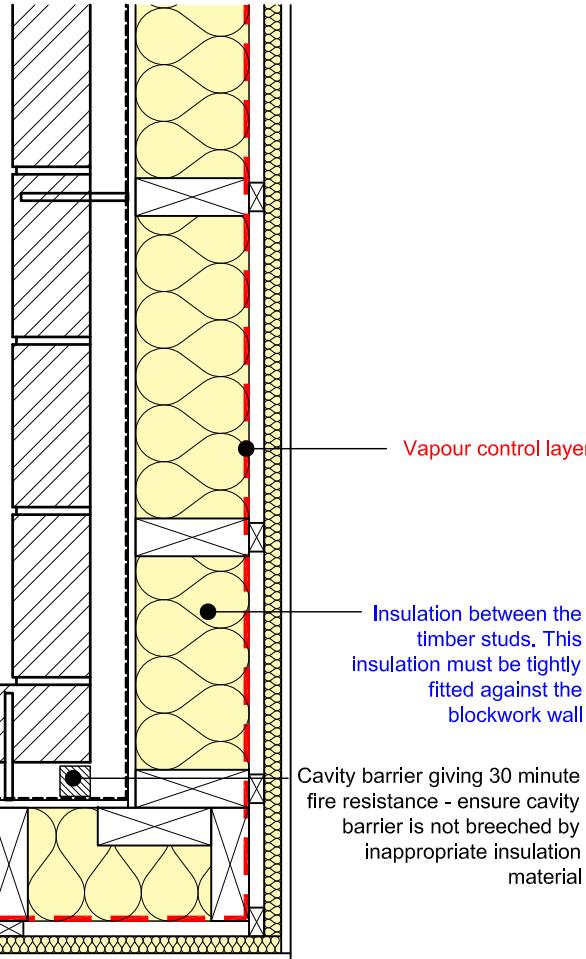
**Detail 3.23**

## Thermal continuity checklist

1. Check that there is no debris in the cavity
2. Install cavity barrier



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Plan view

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Psi value = 0.0329W/mK

**Timber Frame  
Wall Junction - Inner**

## Air tightness checklist

1. Ensure that any air tightness barrier used in the external wall overlaps at the corner

## Design advice

### **Minimising condensation risk**

1. Check that insulation is tightly fixed to the timber studs at the corner junction, leaving no gaps

Thermal Resistance of insulation used in details:

Wall - 3.182 (m<sup>2</sup>K)/W  
Insulated plasterboard - 1.591(m<sup>2</sup>K)/W

**Detail 3.24**