

Re: Death by Communism

Robin

Get in an "Appropriate Person" to upgrade the tails to your existing consumer unit, but remember to leave plenty of slack for later modifications.

What are "tails"? The incoming power leads to the house maybe?

The UK regulations are so ridiculous these days. Even though I am a Chartered Engineer with over 30 years experience in electrical machinery, I cannot legally change a wall socket in my own house as I don't have a portfolio of inspected installations and am not willing to pay the requisite 400UKP to get one.

Here, in a big over-regulated US city, new construction and major repairs involve permits and inspections. After that, a lot of people just make interior mods themselves, or have an electrician or "handyman" do it, without benefit of legal oversight. Not *me* of course! What's practice over there?

I know one guy who put up plywood and painted it to look like the existing peaked roof, added an entire floor to his house, then removed the art when all the construction was over.

We can buy anything we need at a hardware store or Home Depot, so it's no secret that there's a lot of do-it-yourself going on. The stuff is incredibly cheap... you can get a switch or a duplex outlet (dual wall socket) for about 75 cents. Our wiring's not as safe as yours, but it sure is cheap and easy.

John

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