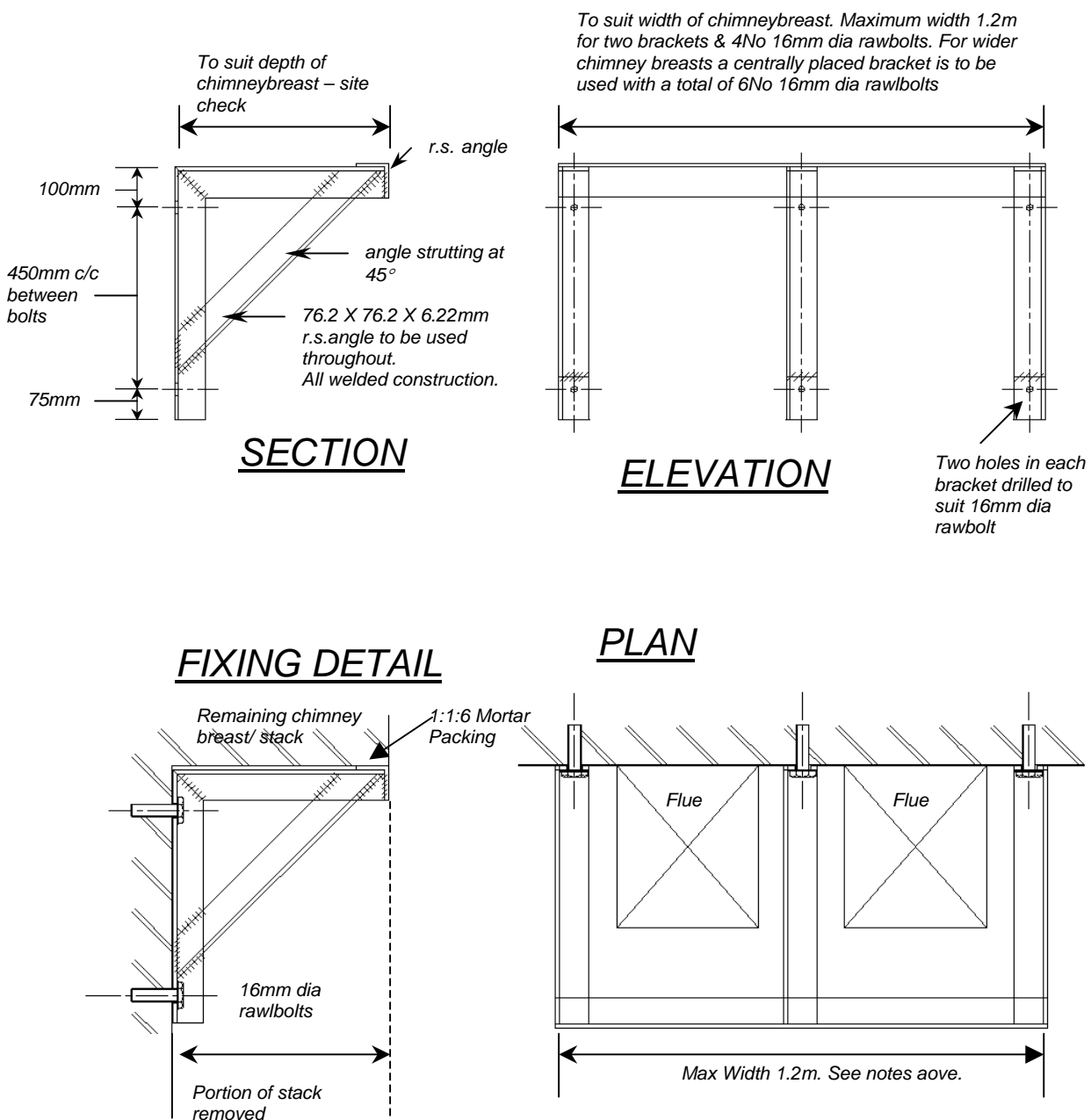


Removal Of Chimneybreasts

The removal of a chimneybreast is a structural alteration to which the Building Regulations apply.



The removal of a chimneybreast without introducing adequate support for the remaining chimneystack may lead to instability in the walls and partially collapse of the unsupported brickwork.

The gallows bracket detail shown on the preceeding page may be used to support the remaining stack. However the following points must be adhered to:

1. The guidance in this information sheet applies only where the remaining stack is vertically above the chimneybreast that it is intended to remove.
2. Where chimney stacks are constructed adjacent to or above an entry between two properties care should be exercised that the chimney breast which it is intended to remove does not provide lateral support to the roof or vaulting over the entry.
3. The builder must or whoever is carrying out the work must check all dimensions on site.
4. These brackets are only suitable for residential chimneybreasts.
5. Where a chimneystack contains more than one flue even if the total width is less than 1.2m a third bracket should be introduced to support the mid-feather.
6. The outer brackets should be positioned centrally below the outer brickwork of the chimneystack.

Where it is not possible to use the preceeding gallows bracket detail, the advice of a structural engineer should be sought regarding the support of the reaining chimneystack.