

F.A.O. Will Board.

Sirs,

I am a Chartered Surveyor involved in preparation of Chartered Surveyor Reports for HTTC work under ECO.

a) I note in your consultation that in the case of a property with narrow cavities (40-49mm width) you propose to 1st have an assessor complete the Declaration Form after having personally visited and assessed each property. There is no indication on the form (and I have been unable to find clarification within the ECO Guidance for Suppliers Document) at what percentage of total exterior wall with narrow cavity is the property classified as hard to treat. 100% is obvious but is 10% acceptable. I note from **name removed due to its commercially sensitive nature** information on that company's website that their view is if only one measurement in a wall is found to be less than 50mm the whole property should be treated as Hard to Treat. I would have thought this a little optimistic on their part.

b) Also in your consultation I note that after the assessor has visited the site and reported in the Declaration Form that the property has narrow cavities you are proposing that a Chartered Surveyor also personally visits each property and assesses the cavity widths. This would seem to override the need for the 1st inspection, perhaps it would be better for the Chartered Surveyor to inspect a sample (say 10%) of those declared as narrow rather than having to cover 100% of the same ground as the assessor?

Regards

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