

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We read with interest your document and feel we have a viable interest in responding due to the following.

We are an approved City @ Guilds centre and train DEA,s and GDA,s, we have had over 300 candidates through our centre.

We therefore feel we are not only responding from our own perspective but on behalf of numerous DEA,s and GDA,s.

We have met quite a few Chartered Surveyors and discussed at length their role in Hard to Treats, they are qualified professional people who understand the general fabric of buildings etc, but by their own admission are not expert in the definition and survey of Hard to Treat cavities.

Our observations are as follows.

If Chartered Surveyors are going to continue to sign off properties but now with a site visit to the property, who is going to cover the considerable additional expense associated with this?

We fear it will be DEA,s who end up suffering financially, there are numerous horror stories out there where DEA,s have generated assessments, done EPC,s and not been paid by Installers/ Funders/Providers. Some owed thousands of pounds.

Our view is that experienced DEA,s who have had additional training on Hard to Treat Cavities(which we can provide) could be the best qualified to assess a property, also costs would be kept to a minimum because they will already be at the property doing an EPC.

Maybe with hindsight the content of a DEA/GDA course could have been upgraded to include more technical aspects of building fabrics, indeed could still be.

Regards

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