

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of Greater Manchester (GM) Local Authorities, I'm pleased to respond to the above consultation document.

The GM Local Authorities understand, and agree, that carbon saving ECO should be focused on harder to treat households, such as those with Hard to Treat cavities. We understand that additional verification could be needed in some cases to ensure that this happens.

In principle, GM Local Authorities support the proposed approach, but have some concerns that we hope will be considered in the implementation and monitoring of the new approach:

- The additional verification and technical monitoring is likely to require additional visits to homes, over and above the initial EPC / Green Deal Assessment, and any technical household survey. Multiple, and lengthy household visits are already a barrier to take up at both assessment and installation stage. As demand generation is the biggest issue in the market at present, we would want to minimise further disruption to householders.
- Linked to this, the proposed approach is likely to add cost into the supply chain - reducing the amount of ECO that could be available to support the installation of the measures. Again, we would want to see the additional costs in the supply chain being minimised and monitored to ensure that the householders continue to receive best value.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.
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