

Response from Jim Nicholson, Health & Safety advisor for Ellis Whittam, regarding the requirement to undertake new Asbestos Management Surveys June 30th 2017

"The way I see it is the Law requires you to have at least a management survey done on each of your premises and if there is to be significant work done then the survey has to be a Demolition and Refurbishment Survey.

The Management Survey is normally sufficient because it considers all the Asbestos containing material, which could be damaged by the day-to-day operation of the business. The deeper survey will drill into walls and roof voids to check everything in anticipation of major disturbance.

Now the way I understand it the management survey undertaken did not pick up easily accessible Asbestos containing material. In view of that I would be asking whether the remaining surveys carried out by the same assessor can be relied upon to be accurate and whether any other Asbestos containing material has been missed. I would suggest there is reasonable doubt and as such my advice to the Council is that a new survey should be obtained.

I'm not sure I can say anything further on that.

Kind regards

Jim"