



PERFECT REMEDY FOR RISING PROBLEM



With housing associations and local authorities constantly on the look-out for effective refurbishment techniques for their housing stocks, and smaller contractors finding themselves spending more time on refurbishment rather than new-build in the current climate, Dampcoursing Ltd. is taking the opportunity to highlight its services in remedial work with damp proof courses.

With failed DPCs, it is a popular misconception that only a chemical injection method can be employed to overcome the problems caused by rising damp.

However, Dampcoursing offers a nationwide service in the replacement of failed DPCs with new, physical damp courses.

In its Digest 245, the Building Research Establishment states that a physical DPC is the only completely sure method of curing rising damp – and Dampcoursing has in the marketplace a reliable and economic method of installing DPCs into existing buildings.

As a measure of how effective the physical DPC option can be, Dampcoursing gives an insurance-backed 50 year guarantee with every installation. This gives long-term peace of mind to the specifier that the solution chosen is the most cost-effective.

The same installation process is used for both brick and stone walls, and walls of up to 1m thick can be accommodated which should cover most renovation projects. The DPC material taken to site is cut to meet the individual demands of each project.

Specialist cutting equipment is used to cut a 1m long section through the wall. Any large stones are removed, which gives us the added bonus of being able to inspect the integrity of the wall.

The thickness of the cutting blade creates the precise opening for the insertion of the DPC along with the bedding mortar.

This process is repeated – 1m at a time and any large stones removed are now replaced.

Once the mortar has properly dried, repointing work is carried out along the length of the work to bring a neat and tidy finish to the building, while retaining any traditional character it may have.

Physical DPCs from Dampcoursing offer reliability and durability. They outlast chemical alternatives, are barely visible once work has been carried out. The physical approach to damp proofing is correct in new-build, so why should it be any different in refurbishment?

Dampcoursing has the solution, and brings to the construction market an effective solution to an age-old problem.

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