

Visual Structural Appraisals: Strengthening Safety Cases Through Expert Insight

Non-intrusive structural appraisals conducted by Chartered Building Surveyors to provide a comprehensive overview of a property's condition and structure, enabling landlords to demonstrate the structural integrity of their assets as part of a Building Safety Case submission to meet the requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022.



Visual Structural Appraisals (VSA) provide clarity and a detailed understanding of the structural condition of the building at any point in time.

How SRVO adds value

Our surveyors combine extensive practical experience with their current knowledge of materials, construction techniques, and fire safety to:

- Validate documentation, e.g. structural drawings or schematic plans, highlighting inconsistencies that could point to unrecorded structural alterations
- (+) Identify signs of fatigue or corrosion in fixings that may pose safety risks
- Examine passive fire protection, e.g. verifying how the structure is protected to meet current fireresistance standards
- Review different types of structural frames, from reinforced concrete to steel-and-timber hybrids, ensuring each system is evaluated for long-term stability and durability
- Provide a general building safety structural engineering risk assessment

This level of professional insight transforms a survey from a simple checklist into a sophisticated building risk assessment to meet the requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022.

We support our findings with clear, actionable recommendations for further investigation, remedial work, or ongoing monitoring—helping clients to prioritise resources effectively.



A professional report will provide an overview of:

- A building's structural layout and assessment of its main stability systems
- The column grid, wall, core position, structural typology of the building, etc
- Key elements transfer structures, primary connections and their locations
- The structural fire protection systems to allow for a meaningful assessment of its structural fire resistance (i.e. concrete cover or passive steelwork protection etc)
- Balcony structural systems, their condition, connections, and restraints
- Modifications made to the structure and evidence to support the design of any changes
- Different types of structural materials used and where they are located



Your property service specialist

We're an independent property advisory and surveying business offering a wide range of specialist services with extensive UK-wide geographic reach.

Our team operates across the length and breadth of the UK, including London, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham, Birmingham, Cardiff, Bristol and Brighton.



Why are Visual Structural Appraisals important?

- VSAs are an essential tool for gaining a complete and thorough understanding of the condition of a building to inform decision-making and asset plans and to meet the regulatory requirements of the Building Safety Act 2022.
- The expert lens of a Building
 Surveyor provides a comprehensive
 overview of the building's condition,
 as well as a robust understanding
 of risk or potential issues relating
 to the structure of the building,
 with recommendations for further
 investigation.
- In a shifting regulatory environment, a VSA ensures compliance as part of a suite of complete, professional safety assessments that give confidence for property managers, owners and landlords.
- By integrating structural intelligence into broader asset management strategies, property professionals can demonstrate compliance, optimise maintenance budgets and extend the life of their buildings.



Get in touch

To arrange a quote, please raise a request through Dwellant and our team will respond within 3 working days.



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