## **Qualifications – James Alexander Groux Dip Arch RIBA MAPM, MAE**

I am a Chartered Architect and have obtained professional qualifications in line with the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) requirements

I gained my Diploma in Architecture in July 1977, my professional practice qualification in November 1978 and entry to the RIBA in April 1979.

I became a full member of the Association of Project Managers in September 2014

Further qualifications have been gained as follows;

- Registered with UK Register of Expert Witnesses since 1990
- Founder member of Society of Expert Witnesses
- Founder member of Expert Witness Institute
- Member of Centre for Accessible Environments ( CAE ) since 1983
- Member of APIL 2016
- Member of Association of Project Managers
- Practising member of the Academy of Experts 2017

## **Experience**

Whilst I have a broad skill base as an architect and project manager I have also run my own construction company and have specialised in designing for disabled clients since 1983. Since that time I have been registered with numerous Councils and Specialist Organisations as an expert with regards professional services in this specialised field.

My experience covers a wide field of health care work and has involved me in numerous adaptations to individual houses for physically and mentally disabled clients.

In practice I have been responsible for over two hundred minor and major adaptation projects and further projects comprising; Residential Care, Therapy Care, Nursing Care, Medical Practices and Special Needs schools..

I have been preparing reports for Solicitors and the Courts since 1990 and have experience acting for both claimant and defendant.

I have given lectures and seminars on designing for the disabled and have taught Architects and Occupational Therapists on the subject of adaptation work.

I have carried out a number of Access Audits on public and private buildings in order to address the requirements of part M of the Building Regulations and to assess compliance with the DDA.

I have been appointed by a number of personal injury clients to design, advise and administer works associated with the accommodation needs and improvements to their properties following awards covering costs for these works.