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# ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE

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## **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

# Scotland

Dwellings

#### 105 UNION ROAD, FALKIRK, FK1 4PF

Dwelling type:	Mid-floor maisonette
Date of assessment:	03 May 2022
Date of certificate:	04 May 2022
Total floor area:	69 m <sup>2</sup>
Primary Energy Indicator:	410 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year

Reference number: Type of assessment: Approved Organisation: Main heating and fuel: 0072-1020-5205-9502-0200 RdSAP, existing dwelling Elmhurst Boiler and radiators, mains gas

#### You can use this document to:

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Not environmentally friendly - higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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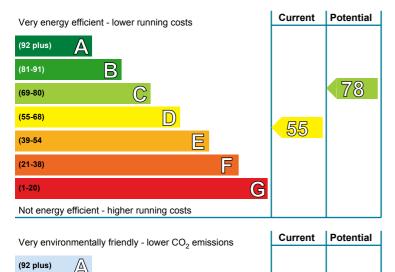
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- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£3,006	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,548	report for more information

<sup>\*</sup> based upon the cost of energy for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation, calculated using standard assumptions



#### **Energy Efficiency Rating**

This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band D (55)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.

#### Environmental Impact (CO<sub>2</sub>) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide  $(CO_2)$  emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band E (48)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

The potential rating shows the effect of undertaking all of the improvement measures listed within your recommendations report.

#### Top actions you can take to save money and make your home more efficient

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Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£291.00
2 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£828.00
3 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£345.00

A full list of recommended improvement measures for your home, together with more information on potential cost and savings and advice to help you carry out improvements can be found in your recommendations report.

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to stop wasting energy and money, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282. THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE

#### Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

This table sets out the results of the survey which lists the current energy-related features of this home. Each element is assessed by the national calculation methodology; 1 star = very poor (least efficient), 2 stars = poor, 3 stars = average, 4 stars = good and 5 stars = very good (most efficient). The assessment does not take into consideration the condition of an element and how well it is working. 'Assumed' means that the insulation could not be inspected and an assumption has been made in the methodology, based on age and type of construction.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	*****	<b>★★</b> ☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, no insulation (assumed) Roof room(s), no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆ ★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆ ★☆☆☆☆
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	_
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	<b>★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	<b>★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Secondary heating	None	_	_
Hot water	From main system	<b>★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 50% of fixed outlets	<b>★★★</b> ☆	<b>★★★</b> ☆

#### The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

#### The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 72 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 5.0 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 3.0 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

#### Estimated energy costs for this home

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		Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating		£2,475 over 3 years	£1,017 over 3 years	
Hot water		£252 over 3 years	£255 over 3 years	You could
Lighting		£279 over 3 years	£186 over 3 years	save £1,548
	Totals	£3,006	£1,458	over 3 years

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The potential savings in energy costs show the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below.

#### **Recommendations for improvement**

The measures below will improve the energy and environmental performance of this dwelling. The performance ratings after improvements listed below are cumulative; that is, they assume the improvements have been installed in the order that they appear in the table. Further information about the recommended measures and other simple actions to take today to save money is available from the Home Energy Scotland hotline which can be contacted on 0808 808 2282. Before carrying out work, make sure that the appropriate permissions are obtained, where necessary. This may include permission from a landlord (if you are a tenant) or the need to get a Building Warrant for certain types of work.

Recommended measures		Indicative cost	Typical saving	Rating after improvement	
Re	commended measures	per year		Energy	Environment
1	Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£97	D 59	E 53
2	Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£276	C 71	C 71
3	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£115	C 77	C 78
4	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£15	£28	C 78	C 79

### Choosing the right improvement package

For free and impartial advice on choosing suitable measures for your property, contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 or go to www.greenerscotland.org.

#### About the recommended measures to improve your home's performance rating

This section offers additional information and advice on the recommended improvement measures for your home

#### 1 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation

Insulating a flat roof or sloping ceiling will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation can be placed on top of the roof under the waterproof membrane and should particularly be considered when the waterproofing needs to be replaced. Further information about roof insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

#### 2 Room-in-roof insulation

Insulating roof rooms will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. If it has a flat ceiling insulation can usually be added above the ceiling, and sloping ceilings and walls of roof rooms can be insulated using an internal lining board. Roof voids must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about roof room insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check this with your local authority building standards department.

#### 3 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide longlasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). It should be noted that a building warrant is required for the installation of external wall insulation. Planning permission may also be required and that building regulations apply to external insulation so it is best to check with your local authority on both issues.

#### 4 Low energy lighting

Replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy saving bulbs will reduce lighting costs over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last many times longer than ordinary light bulbs. Low energy lamps and fittings are now commonplace and readily available. Information on energy efficiency lighting can be found from a wide range of organisations, including the Energy Saving Trust (http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/lighting).

#### Low and zero carbon energy sources

Low and zero carbon (LZC) energy sources are sources of energy that release either very little or no carbon dioxide into the atmosphere when they are used. Installing these sources may help reduce energy bills as well as cutting carbon.

LZC energy sources present: There are none provided for this home

#### Your home's heat demand

In this section, you can see how much energy you might need to heat your home and provide hot water. These are estimates showing how an average household uses energy. These estimates may not reflect your actual energy use, which could be higher or lower. You might spend more money on heating and hot water if your house is less energy efficient. The table below shows the potential benefit of having your loft and walls insulated. Visit https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home for more information.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	17,210	N/A	N/A	(2,297)
Water heating (kWh per year)	1,989			

#### Addendum

This dwelling has stone walls and so requires further investigation to establish whether these walls are of cavity construction and to determine which type of wall insulation is best suited.

#### About this document

This Recommendations Report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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If you have any concerns regarding the content of this report or the service provided by your assessor you should in the first instance raise these matters with your assessor and with the Approved Organisation to which they belong. All Approved Organisations are required to publish their complaints and disciplinary procedures and details can be found online at the web address given above.

#### Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

#### Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

Home Energy Scotland's independent and expert advisors can offer free and impartial advice on all aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy and more.







# SINGLE SURVEY

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Prepared by	HOME REPORT COMPANY	
Date of Inspection	3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 2022	



### 1. Information and scope of inspection

This section tells you about the type, accommodation, neighbourhood, age and construction of the property. It also tells you about the extent of the inspection and highlights anything that the surveyor could not inspect.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

The inspection is carried out without causing damage to the building or its contents and without endangering the occupiers or the surveyor. Heavy furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved. Unless identified in the report the surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

Description	The subjects comprise a first floor double upper flat contained within a two storey and attic semi-detached block containing four residential flats.
Accommodation	First Floor: Hallway, living room, kitchen/dining room and three-piece bathroom suite. Attic Floor: Landing, bedroom with dressing room off.
Gross internal floor area (m₂)	69 m2 or thereby.

Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are located within the established mixed residential/commercial district of Camelon, Falkirk where surrounding properties vary with regards to age, type and character. All normal local amenities and facilities are available within the locality.
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100 years old.

Weather	Wet / Overcast, following a period of mixed weather.

Chimney Stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	From our restricted external ground floor inspection, the communal chimney stacks were noted to be of masonry rendered/roughcast construction. Restricted visual inspection carried out.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs where visually inspected. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.
	Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.
	The main roof structure as from our restricted external ground floor inspection was noted to be pitched clad externally with slates.
	We confirm that no access was gained onto the external roof structure and inadequate vantage available from ground floor level, therefore the external roof structure was not fully inspected.
	No access gained to any internal roof space at the time of our inspection.
	The Vendor has informed that the section of roof spanning the subjects in the report was replaced c four years ago and as such we would recommend that all documentation including any guarantees etc be obtained.

Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Rainwater fittings were noted to be of cast-iron and PVC construction.

Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed
	or inspected. Main walls were noted to be of stone and brick roughcast construction.

Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.
	Random windows were opened and closed where possible.
	Doors and windows were not forced open.
	Windows were noted to be of UPVC and timber double glazed design, whilst the access door to the flat was noted to be of UPVC double glazed design.

External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Painted.

Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
	None.

Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.
	Communal external access paths and steps and communal garden ground area.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	None.

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	The subjects have access to a section of communal garden ground area to the rear elevation along with a shared outbuilding (not accessed and therefore not inspected).

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Ceilings appear to be of lath and plaster and plasterboard construction with papered and/or painted finishes.

Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls were noted to be of solid and stud plasterboard construction with papered and/or painted finishes.

Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted, Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.
	Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.
	Flooring was noted to be of suspended timber and solid construction with fitted floor coverings throughout. No access gained to any sub-floor area at the time of our inspection and our overall inspection of the flooring was restricted due to fitted floor coverings.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Internal doors are of timber design. Facings and skirtings are of painted moulded design, and the kitchen is equipped with a range of wall and base units.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Removed.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Walls papered and/or painted, and woodwork generally painted. Bathroom walls are partly lined with splashback boarding.

Cellars	Visually inspected.
	None.

Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them off.
	Mains supply with fuse box located within living room cupboard.

Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them off. Mains supply.
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Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains supply. Internal distribution pipes where seen appear to be of copper and PVC design.
	Sanitary arrangements comprise a three-piece bathroom suite.

Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Gas fired Potterton Promax Combi 28HE A boiler to radiators. Hot water is assumed to be supplied on demand from the aforementioned gas fired boiler.

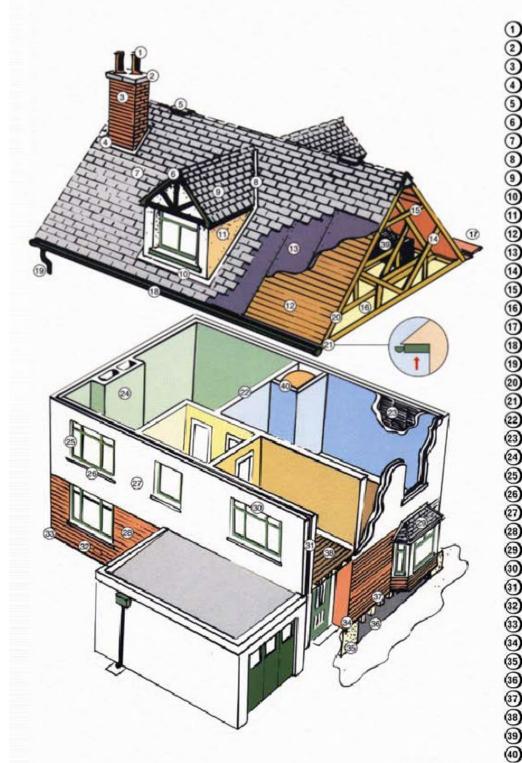
Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Smoke alarms noted. Not tested.
	Scottish government regulations came into effect on 1st February 2022 which requires each property to have linked smoke and heat detectors and if gas/carbon burning appliances are present then a carbon monoxide alarm fitted. Upgrading may be required to comply with these regulations. Purchasers should satisfy themselves with regards to compliance. We confirm it falls out with our remit to confirm in the provision of smoke alarm(s) meets current requirements.

Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes. Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected. If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation. The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.
	The property was inspected within the limits imposed. At the time of inspection, the property was furnished with floor coverings fitted throughout, which restricted our overall inspection. Items were not removed from cupboards. Services were not tested.
	No access was gained to any sub-floor areas. Where walls are lined internally, for example with plasterboard, tiling or timber, the structure behind the lining could not be tested with an electronic moisture meter.
	Our inspection of the external fabric in general restricted as inspected from external ground floor level.
	We confirm that no access was gained onto the external roof structure and inadequate vantage available from ground floor level, therefore the external roof structure was not fully inspected.
	No access gained to any internal roof space at the time of our inspection.
	Although considerable care was taken during the course of our inspection to detect defects serious in nature, we were unable to inspect those parts of the property which were covered, concealed or inaccessible and cannot, therefore guarantee that any such parts of the property are entirely free from defect.
	It will be appreciated that parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.
	This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.
	No removal of internal linings has been carried out in order to ascertain the condition of hidden parts and no warranty can be given regarding the areas not specifically referred to in this report.
	The external building fabric has been inspected from ground level only from the subject's grounds and where possible from adjoining public property. Exposure work has not been carried out.

neighbouring properties.
It is out with the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns, you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.
The construction materials described in this report should not be considered as an exact specification. They are described for general guide only and based on a non- disruptive, visual inspection as defined in the main Terms & Conditions. Some descriptions may be partial and/or assumed. No detailed analysis, sampling or testing of materials has been undertaken.
It is sometimes difficult or impossible to conclusively determine the exact nature of the construction from a simple visual inspection because the decorative finish can conceal the construction. The description of the construction is the surveyor's opinion provided on the basis of a visual inspection.
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### Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



Reference may be made in this report to some or all of the above component parts of the property. This diagram may assist you in locating and understanding these items.

(1) Chimney pots **Coping stone** (3) Chimney head (4) Flashing (5) Ridge ventilation 6 Ridge board 7 Slates / tiles 8 Valley guttering (9) Dormer projection (10) Dormer flashing (11) Dormer cheeks (12) Sarking (13) Roof felt (14) Trusses (15) Collar (16) Insulation (17) Parapet gutter (18) Eaves guttering (19) Rainwater downpipe 20) Verge boards /skews (21) Soffit boards (22) Partition wall (23) Lath / plaster (24) Chimney breast (25) Window pointing (26) Window sills (27) Rendering (28) Brickwork / pointing (29) Bay window projection (30) Lintels (31) Cavity walls / wall ties Subfloor ventilator (32) (33) Damp proof course (34) Base course (35) Foundations (36) Solum (37) Floor joists (38) Floorboards Water tank (39) Hot water tank

Structural Movement		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	All buildings move daily and seasonally as a result of external factors such as gravity, temperature, moisture content and vibrations. Consequently, most buildings will have minor non-structural cracks related to these factors. Minor cracks can be filled during normal redecoration but often recur seasonally due to normal movement in a building. Non-structural cracks of this nature will not be recorded or reported. There is evidence of a settlement in the building noted both internally and externally but this is not inconsistent with a property of this age and type and on the basis of a single inspection appears to be longstanding.	
Dampness, rot and infestation	n	
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	Random testing, where accessible, was carried out with an electronic moisture meter throughout the property. There was no evidence found of significant dampness, rot or infestation within those areas of the property available for inspection.	
Chimney Stacks		
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	Due to the age of the property regular and ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated and carried out in accordance with good maintenance practice. The chimney stack directly above the subjects in the report has recently had repairs carried out and as such we would recommend that all documentation be obtained.	
Roofing including roof space		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	RoofThe roof was noted to be in fair order commensurate with the age and type of property although some ongoing maintenance and repairs are likely to be required.VoidNo access gained to any internal roof space at the time of our inspection.	
Rainwater Fittings		
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	There is evidence of corrosion which may result in leakage.	

Main Walls	
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	There is weathering and erosion of stonework.
	The external render is defective in places with cracked and boss sections being evident.
Windows, external doors	and joinery
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	A precautionary check of all windows and doors is advised.
	Window seals should be regularly monitored and upgraded to ensure water tightness.
External decorations	
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	The external decorations are generally in fair order. Regular repainting will be required if these areas are to be maintained in satisfactory condition.
Conservatories/porches	
Repair Category	-
Notes	Not applicable.
Communal areas	
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	Overhaul required of external access steps and pathways.
Garages and permanent	outbuildings
Repair Category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Outside areas and boundaries		
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	The boundaries appear reasonably well defined and fences etc., are in adequate condition. Regular maintenance will be required.	
	You should verify with your conveyancer the extent of the boundaries attaching to the property.	
	Outside areas will require ongoing repairs and maintenance.	
	At the time of our inspection it was evident that a boundary wall within the communal rear garden ground area has been removed. The Vendor has informed that works are scheduled to insert a new boundary with the cost being split with the occupants in the block. Any potential purchaser should carry out their own required due diligence before the conclusion of any sale.	
Ceilings		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	Within the limits of our inspection these generally appeared in fair condition consistent with age. During redecoration some plaster filling/repair may be required.	
Internal Walls		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	The internal walls are largely covered with decorative finishes. During routine redecoration some plaster filling may be necessary.	
Floors including sub-flo	ors	
Floors including sub-flo Repair Category	oors Category 1	
Repair Category	Category 1         No access to the sub-floor chamber was possible at the time of our visit to the property. Within the limitations of our surface inspection there was no indication to suggest significant defects in this area. It will, however be appreciated that the area was not inspected and therefore no guarantees can be provided in this regard.	
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Chimney breasts and fireplaces		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	All original fireplaces have been removed/blocked and assume adequately vented.	
Internal decorations		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	Internal decorations are in acceptable condition. Internal decorations are a matter of personal taste and you may wish to redecorate regardless.	
Cellars		
Repair Category	-	
Notes	Not applicable.	
Electricity		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	It is recommended good practice that all electrical installations should be checked periodically, approximately every ten years or when a property changes hands. This should be regarded as a routine safety and maintenance check. The electrical system within the property appeared of modern design, there being a circuit breaker type distribution board adjacent to the electricity meter. In addition visible cabling is of pvc type. It should be emphasised that the system was not tested at the time of our inspection.	
Gas		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	It is out with our remit to carry out tests and as a precautionary measure it is appropriate to have the gas fittings tested by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.	

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	The property appears connected to mains supplies of water.
	The plumbing and fittings appear of copper/pvc piping where seen and appeared in serviceable condition but was not tested.
	The sanitary fittings are of modern style and type.
	Flooring beneath the bath was not inspected, however it should be appreciated that over time the build-up of condensation together with small amounts of leakage from joints between tiling or mastic and bath fittings can lead to deterioration of flooring or wall linings and repairs in this regard should be anticipated and budgeted for as part of a normal and ongoing maintenance regime.
Heating and hot water	
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	There is a gas fired central heating system and gas fittings and these should all be checked and serviced in the normal manner. In the interests of safety it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered tradesman.
	It is not uncommon for incoming purchasers to test / service the central heating boiler when taking occupancy. Regular servicing of the boilers will help maintain them in a workable and efficient condition.
Drainage	
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	The property is thought to be connected to a main sewer. There was no surface evidence to suggest the system is choked or leaking.

Set out below is a summary of the condition of the property which is provided for reference only. You should refer to the previous comments for detailed information.

Structural Movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	1
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	1
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories / porches	-
Communal areas	2
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	-
Electricity	1
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	2
Drainage	1

#### Category 3

Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

#### Category 2

Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

#### Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

#### Remember

The cost of repairs may influence the amount someone is prepared to pay for the property. We recommend that relevant estimates and reports are obtained in your own name.

#### Warning

If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions where the effect can be considerable.

### 3. Accessibility information

#### Guidance notes for accessibility information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property: In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift. *Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:* For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	First floor
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	No
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	No
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	No
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	No
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	No
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes

Absolute Ownership assumed.

We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

We assume that the carriageways etc., ex adverso the subjects are the responsibility of the local authority.

If the legal advisers find that there are significant variations from the standard assumptions, then this should be referred back to the surveyor. In line with our normal practice, it is specifically assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a competent Completing Solicitor by a local search and replies to the usual enquiries, or by any statutory notice and planning proposal.

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building and external grounds will be shared on an equitable basis with the adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the costs of repairs detailed within this report which relate to these areas should be apportioned accordingly, although exact liability should be confirmed.

It should be confirmed if a Factor has been appointed to the building. A Factor can advise on any annual maintenance charges and if there is a block insurance policy in place.

The property benefits from assumed common external grounds. There are a number of boundary fence structures. It is always sensible when purchasing any property to find out who owns all outside areas/boundaries and who is responsible for their maintenance. Your legal advisors will obtain this information.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialists or contractor's advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

It is necessary for applicants to satisfy themselves that suitable lending for mortgage is available for the subject property prior to purchase, as no checks have been made by us in this regard.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified, particularly categorised as a 2 or 3, interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs and the extent of the works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and have full certification where appropriate.

#### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

We are of the opinion that the subjects should be insured for buildings reinstatement purposes for a sum of not less than £185,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction, on a reinstatement basis, assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Finishing's and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during reconstruction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised. The figure should be reviewed annually and in light of any future alterations or additions.

Building costs are currently increasing significantly above inflation due to material and labour shortages, it is recommended that you update this figure regularly to ensure that you have adequate cover or alternatively seek specialist advice from your insurer.

#### Valuation and market comments

We are of the opinion that the market value of the subjects all as previously described and on a vacant possession basis as at the 3rd May 2022 would be fairly stated in the region of £70,000 (SEVENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

We have endeavoured to reflect the general condition of the property, location and current market conditions when arriving at our opinion of valuation. We would assume that current trends will prevail at the ultimate date of disposal with no adverse or onerous matters being introduced into the market during the intervening period which would have a detrimental effect on price.

This report is not the product of a building survey and all defects and other matters should be fully considered and, where appropriate, be the subject of specialist and tradesmen's reports prior to the conclusion of Missives.

Signed Auron.	
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Date of report	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022

## PART 1 – GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report and Energy Performance Certificate in t format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property. (1)

If the Surveyors have had a previous business relationship within the past two years with the Seller or Sellers Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box.

The Surveyors have a written complaints handling procedure. This is available from the offices of the Surveyors at the address stated.

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

The Report will identify the nature and source of information relied upon in its preparation.

The Surveyor shall provide a Market Value of the Property, unless the condition of the Property is such that it would be inappropriate to do so. A final decision on whether a loan will be granted rests with the Lender who may impose retentions in line with their lending criteria. The date of condition and value of the property will be the date of inspection.

To date, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in the expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions. The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

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(1) Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct.

#### 1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to:

- The Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular; the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

#### 1.4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless they assign the same to any other party in writing.

#### 1.5 PAYMENT

The Surveyors are entitled to refrain from delivering the Report to anyone until the fee and other charges for it notified to the Seller have been paid. Additional fees will be charged for subsequent inspections and Reports.

#### 1.6 CANCELLATION

The Seller will be entitled to cancel the inspection by notifying the Surveyor's office at any time before the day of inspection.

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction which the surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. The Surveyor will also be entitled not to proceed if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that the property is exempt under Part 3 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as detailed in the (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008. If there is a potential threat to their health or personal safety, the inspection may be postponed or cancelled, at the Surveyor's discretion.

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

In the case of cancellation by the Seller, for whatever reason, after the inspection has taken place but before a written report is issued, the Surveyor will be entitled to raise an invoice equivalent to 80% of the agreed fee.

#### **1.7 PRECEDENCE**

If there is any incompatibility between these Terms and Conditions and the Report, these Terms and Conditions take precedence.

#### **1.8 DEFINITIONS**

- The "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report;
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

## **PART 2 – DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT**

#### 1.9 THE SERVICE

The Single Survey is a Report by an independent Surveyor, prepared in an objective way regarding the condition and value of the Property on the day of the inspection, and who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It includes an Energy Report as required by Statute and this is in the format of the accredited Energy Company.

#### **1.10 THE INSPECTION**

The Inspection is a general surface examination of those parts of the Property which are accessible – in other words, visible and readily available for examination from ground and floor levels, without risk of causing damage to the Property or injury to the Surveyor.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property at floor level and from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas, without the need to move any obstructions. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

The Inspection is carried out with the Seller's permission, without causing damage to the building or contents. Furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved.

Unless identified in the Report the Surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

The Surveyor will not carry out an asbestos inspection, and will not be acting as an asbestos inspector in completing a Single Survey or properties that may fall within the Control of Asbestos in the Workplace Regulations. In the case of flats it will be assumed that there is a duty holder, as defined in the Regulations and that a Register of Asbestos and effective Management Plan is in place, which does not require any expenditure, or pose a significant risk to health. No enquiry of the duty holder will be made.

#### 2.1 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any minor defects.

Throughout the report, the following repair categories will be used to give an overall opinion of the state of repair and condition of the property.

1. <u>Category 3:</u> Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are neede now.

2. <u>Category 2:</u> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

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3. <u>Category 1:</u> No immediate action or repair is needed.

#### WARNING:

If left unattended, even for a relatively short period, Category 2 repairs can rapidly develop into more serious Category 3 repairs. The existence of Category 2 or Category 3 repairs may have an adverse effect on marketability, value and the sale price ultimately achieved for the property. This is particularly true during slow market conditions when the effect can be considerable.

Parts of the property, which cannot be seen or accessed, will not be reported upon and this will be stated. If the Surveyor suspects that a defect may exist within an exposed area and which could have a material effect upon the value, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

#### 2.2 SERVICES

Surveyors are not equipped or qualified to test the services and therefore no comment can be interpreted as implying that the design, installation and function of the services are in accordance/compliance with regulations, safety and efficiency expectations. However, comment is made where there is a cause to suspect significant defects or shortcomings with the installations. No tests are made of any services or appliances

#### 2.3 ACCESSIBILITY

A section is included to help identify the basic information interested parties need to know to decide whether to view a property.

#### 2.4 ENERGY REPORT

A section is included that makes provision for an Energy Report, relative to the property. The Surveyor will collect physical data from the property and provide such data in a format required by an accredited Energy Company. The Surveyor cannot of course accept liability for any advice given by the Energy Company.

#### 2.5 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

The last section of the Report contains matters considered relevant to the Conveyancer (Solicitor). It also contains the Surveyor's opinion both of the market value of the property and of the re-instatement cost, as defined below.

"Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of Market Value, the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc and to use communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities.

There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions.

There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses and the costs of repairs to the building are shared amongst the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

Any additional assumption, or any found not to apply, is reported.

"Re-instatement cost" is an estimate for insurance purposes of the current cost of rebuilding the Property in its present form unless otherwise stated. This includes the cost of rebuilding the garage and permanent outbuildings, site clearance and professional fees but excludes VAT (except on the fees).

Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a reinspection and revaluation after a period of 12 weeks (or sooner if appropriate) to reflect changing circumstances in the market and/or in the physical condition of the Property.



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