### survey report on:

Property address	SUNNINGDALE, 22 BELTIE ROAD, TORPHINS, BANCHORY, AB31 4JT
Customer	Mrs E Moore
Customer address	C/O Stronachs LLP, 28 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YL
Prepared by	DM Hall LLP
Date of inspection	31st July 2023



### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

#### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report and a generic Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript or retype of the generic Mortgage Valuation Report on to Lender specific pro-forma. Transcript reports are commonly requested by Brokers and Lenders. The transcript report will be in the format required by the Lender but will contain the same information, inspection date and valuation figure as the generic Mortgage Valuation Report and the Single Survey. The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report until the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing.

Once the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing, the Purchaser's lender or conveyancer may request that the Surveyors provide general comment on standard appropriate supplementary documentation. In the event of a significant amount of documentation being provided to the Surveyors, an additional fee may be incurred by the Purchaser. Any additional fee will be agreed in writing.

If information is provided to the Surveyors during the conveyancing process which materially affects the valuation stated in the Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report, the Surveyors reserve the right to reconsider the valuation. Where the Surveyors require to amend the valuation in consequence of such information, they will issue an amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report are transmitted to every prospective Purchaser.

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<sup>1</sup>.

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

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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.

Prior to 1 December 2008, 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 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 a 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct.

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

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

#### 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 the 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 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

### 1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.<sup>2</sup>

#### 1.6 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

### 1.7 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.

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

### 1.1 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 "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- 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 arm's-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

### 2.1 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. In addition, the Surveyor has agreed to supply a generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

### 2.2 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 of 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.

### 2.3 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 other 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 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.
- 2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 3 Category 1: 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 unexposed area and which could have a material effect upon the value, he may recommend further investigation by specialist contractors.

### 2.4 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 cause to suspect significant defects or shortcomings with the installations. No tests are made of any services or appliances.

### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

### 2.6 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.

### 2.7 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" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein

the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the 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 among 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.

### 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.

Services such as TV/cable connection, internet connection, swimming pools and other leisure facilities etc. will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The property comprises a two and a half storey detached house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Entrance vestibule, hallway, living room, dining room, kitchen, sitting room, utility room and WC. The rear annex contains a kitchen, hallway, living room, bedroom and wet room.  HALF LANDING: Landing and family bathroom.  FIRST FLOOR: Landing, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms.
	ATTIC FLOOR: Landing and two attic bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	229 m² approximately.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located within the Village of Torphins which lies around twenty two miles west of Aberdeen City Centre and around seven miles north west of Banchory. The location is convenient for local amenities with a wider range of amenities available within Banchory and Aberdeen.  Some properties in the area have been identified as being affected by Radon Gas emissions. Further advice can be obtained from the Environmental Health Department of the Local Authority prior to purchase.
Age	Built circa 1907.
Weather	Overcast but dry.

### Chimney stacks Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are of pointed stone construction with cement and metal flashings. Roofing including roof space Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. 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. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so. The roof is pitched and clad in slates. Ridges are formed in clay tiles and metal and valleys are formed in metal. There are cement skews where the roof slope meets the upstand walls. A restricted inspection of the main roof space was possible from the access hatch in the attic floor accommodation. The roof space comprises timber trusses, timber sarking, felt and slates. The majority of roof space could not be seen due to the attic accommodation being plasterboard lined. The annex roof space was inspected via a head and shoulders inspection from the access hatch in the hallway. The roof space comprises timber trusses, timber sarking, felt and slates. The roof space above the family bathroom could not be inspected due to dense glass wool insulation covering the access hatch. Rainwater fittings Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Rainwater goods are formed in round, half round and ogee PVC sections. Main walls Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or

inspected.

pointed stone features.

The main walls appear to be of solid stone construction pointed externally. The annex accommodation is of modern cavity timber frame construction incorporating an inner leaf of timber frame and outer leaf of blockwork roughcast externally with timber clad and

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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 are of double glazed PVC design and double glazed timber Velux design.
	The front entrance door is of panelled timber design with single glazed transom window over. The rear entrance door off the utility room is of a panelled PVC design with double glazed inserts. There are two panelled PVC double glazed doors off the annex.
	Soffits and fascias are formed in PVC.
External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Painted and PVC.
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Conservatories / porches	None.
Communal areas	None.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	There is a semi detached car garage of blockwork construction roughcast externally with synthetic stone features. The roof is pitched and tiled. There is an up and over metal vehicular entrance door. In the rear garden there are two timber sheds, two timber summer houses and a metal and polythene sheet store.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.  The property occupies a rectangular shaped site with the front garden comprising a lock block and stone chip driveway and concrete site path surrounded by a stone pointed wall and blockwork pointed wall. The rear garden comprises a grass lawn, concrete site path, stone chippings, shrubs, pond, timber decking, hedge and trees surrounded by pointed stone and block boundary wall and timber fence.
Ceilings	Vigually inequated from floor loyal
Comings	Visually inspected from floor level.  Ceilings are plasterboard and traditional lath and plaster.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are of stud lined in plasterboard and traditional lath and plaster.

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 is 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 appears to be of suspended timber design being timber floorboards laid across suspended timber joists and solid concrete construction
	No sub-floor inspection was possible due to lack of a suitable access hatch.
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 joinery items are of timber.
	Interior doors are of panelled timber design some with single glazed inserts.
	The kitchen is fitted with a range of floor standing and wall mounted panelled timber units, a stainless steel sink unit and Aga style cooker. The utility room is fitted with a range of floor standing panelled timbers units and a stainless steel sink unit. The annex kitchen has a range of floor standing and wall mounted panelled timber units, a stainless steel sink unit and fitted appliances.
	Skirtings and the staircase are of timber.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	There is a solid fuel fireplace in the dining room and LPG gas fireplace in the living room.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Internal decorations comprise painted, papered and tiled finishes.
Cellars	None.
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#### **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 on.

Mains electricity style with PVC coated cabling with 13amp sockets. The circuit breaker board and meter located in the attic landing cupboard. There are circuit breaker boards in the annex bedroom 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 on.

Private LPG tanks to fireplace.

### 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 water supply with visible pipework of copper supply pipes and PVC waste pipes.

The downstairs WC comprises a WC and bracketed wash hand basin. The annex shower room comprises a mixer shower, WC and bracketed wash hand basin. The family bathroom comprises a free standing bath, shower cubicle and mixer shower over, WC and pedestal wash hand basin. The en suite shower room comprises a shower cubicle with mixer shower over, WC and bracketed wash hand basin.

#### 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.

Central heating is provided by an oil fired 'Warmflow Utility 120' boiler floor mounted in the utility room. This serves a series of steel panelled radiators in the main dwelling and under floor heating in the annex. There is electric underfloor heating in the en-suite. There are a preinsulated hot water tanks in the annex bedroom cupboard and the roof space.

There is a PVC oil storage tank in the rear garden.

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

### Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Visually inspected.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Smoke detection is fitted.

Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.

### 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. If no inspection was 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.

Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.

I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Any such materials should not be drilled or disturbed without prior advice from a licensed specialist.

Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.

The property was occupied, fully furnished and all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring.

I was not able to inspect the sub floor area.

### Any additional limits to inspection

Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower trays were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.

The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.

Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.

### 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
- 2) 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
- 6) Window sills
- 27) Rendering
- (28) Brickwork / pointing
- 29) Bay window projection
- 30 Lintels
- (31) Cavity walls / wall ties
- 32) Subfloor ventilator
- 3) Damp proof course
- 34) Base course
- 35) Foundations
- (36) Solum
- 37) Floor joists
- 38) Floorboards
- 39) Water tank
- 40) Hot water tank

### 2. Condition

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following three categories:

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
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.	Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious evidence of significant movement noted within the limitations of my inspection.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious evidence of significant dampness, rot or wood boring insect infestation.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	There are a number of chipped and slipped slates and corroded ridge clips. There are sections of missing cement ridge tile pointing. The seller has advised that the roof was inspected by a roofing contractor in May 2023. Ongoing maintenance can be anticipated.  The cast iron single glazed Velux window in the roof space is corroded and the under slate felt is torn where visible.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is cracked cement pointing to the kitchen gable window sealant.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	1
Notes	The attic floor bedroom Velux window has failed allowing condensation between window panes.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	There is an active birds nest under the rear soffit.
	External decorations will require regular repainting to maintain their appearance.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	-
Notes	None.

Communal areas	
Repair category	-
Notes	None.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	1
Notes	There are sections of open pointing to boundary walls.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.  It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	The glazed inserts to internal doors could not be confirmed to contain safety glass.
	The staircase leading from the first floor landing to the attic floor accommodation is steep.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	All gas fires should be tested for safety prior to use by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes	None.

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.  There are electricity sockets inside skirting boards. This may not comply with current installation regulations.

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	Trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that gas appliances should be tested prior to change in occupancy and thereafter at least once a year by a Gas Safe registered contractor. It is assumed that gas appliances comply with relevant regulations.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category	2
Notes	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.
	The PVC oil storage tank is in close proximity to a timber trellis. This may not comply with current installation regulations.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

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	1
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	1
Outside areas and boundaries	1
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	2
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 on 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?	Ground, First and Attic
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes X No
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes No X
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes No X
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes X No
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes X No
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes No X
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes X No

### 4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

This section highlights information that should be checked with a solicitor or licensed conveyancer. It also gives an opinion of market value and an estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes.

### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The extent of the site, ownership and maintenance liabilities around the periphery of the subjects should be confirmed by the conveyancer with reference to the Title Deeds.

The seller has advised that there is a right of access over the private road to the rear.

The property has been altered and extended in the past to form its current layout. Most recently the en suite has been installed into the bedroom and the annex accommodation was been built in 2011. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

The seller has advised that a Radon Survey has been carried out on the property in the past and documentation exists. Any related documentation should be kept and transferred with the title deeds.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes
£830,000 (Eight Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pounds).

#### Valuation and market comments

The market value as at the date of inspection is £530,000 (Five Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pounds).

At the time of inspection the local property market has been performing adequately. There is demand and sales activity.

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Date of report	7th August 2023



Property Address		
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	SUNNINGDALE, 22 BELTIE ROAD, TORPHINS, BANCHORY, AB31 4JT Mrs E Moore 31st July 2023	
<b>Property Details</b>		
Property Type	X House       Bungalow       Purpose built maisonette       Converted maisonette         Purpose built flat       Converted flat       Tenement flat       Flat over non-residential use         Other (specify in General Remarks)	
Property Style	X Detached       Semi detached       Mid terrace       End terrace         Back to back       High rise block       Low rise block       Other (specify in General Remarks)	
Does the surveyor be e.g. local authority, m	elieve that the property was built for the public sector, Yes X No nilitary, police?	
Flats/Maisonettes onl		
Approximate Year of		
Tenure		
X Absolute Ownership	Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years	
Accommodation		
Number of Rooms	4 Living room(s) 6 Bedroom(s) 2 Kitchen(s) 3 Bathroom(s) 4 WC(s) 1 Other (Specify in General remarks)	
Gross Floor Area (ex	cluding garages and outbuildings) 229 m² (Internal) m² (External)	
Residential Element (	(greater than 40%) X Yes No	
Garage / Parking /	Outbuildings	
Single garage Available on site?	X       Double garage       ☐ Parking space       ☐ No garage / garage space / parking space         X       Yes       ☐ No	
Permanent outbuildings:		
Two timber summer	r houses and two timber sheds.	

Construction								
Walls	Brick	X Stone	Concre	ete Timbe	r frame	Other	r (specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Roof	Tile	X Slate	Aspha	lt Felt		Othe	r (specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Special Risks								
Has the property s	suffered stru	ctural movem	ent?				Yes	X No
If Yes, is this rece							Yes	□ No
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity?								X No
If Yes to any of the	e above, pro	vide details in	General Rem	narks.				
Service Connec	tion							
Based on visual in of the supply in Ge	spection onl	y. If any servi	ces appear to	be non-mains	s, please o	comment o	on the type ar	nd location
Drainage	X Mains	Private	None	V	Vater D	X Mains	Private	None
Electricity	X Mains	Private	None	(	Gas [	 ☐ Mains	X Private	None
Central Heating	X Yes	Partial	None		_	_		
Brief description o	f Central He	ating:						
Oil fired boiler to	radiator hea	ating system a	nd underfloor	heating.				
Site								
Apparent legal iss		•	onveyancer. F	Please provide	a brief de	escription i	in General Ro	emarks.
X Rights of way		ives / access		ther amenities on	separate sit		red service conn	
Ill-defined boundar	ies	Agricul	tural land include	d with property		Othe	er (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Location								
Residential suburb	Re	esidential within t	own / city	Mixed residential	/ commercia	al Mair	nly commercial	
X Commuter village	Re	emote village		Isolated rural prop	perty	Othe	er (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Planning Issues	5							
Has the property b	peen extende	ed / converted	/ altered?	X Yes No				
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.								
Roads								
X Made up road	Unmade ro	ad Partly	completed new	road Ped	destrian acce	ess only	Adopted	Unadopted

#### **General Remarks**

The property is located within the Village of Torphins which lies around twenty two miles west of Aberdeen City Centre and around seven miles north west of Banchory. The location is convenient for local amenities with a wider range of amenities available within Banchory and Aberdeen.

Some properties in the area have been identified as being affected by Radon Gas emissions. Further advice can be obtained from the Environmental Health Department of the Local Authority prior to purchase.

The seller has advised that a Radon Survey has been carried out on the property in the past and documentation exists. Any related documentation should be kept and transferred with the title deeds.

The property is in a condition generally commensurate with age and type although some items of routine maintenance are now required.

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ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION: Utility room.

Essential Repairs			
None noted.			
Estimated cost of essential repairs £	Retention recommended? Yes	X No	Amount £

Comment on Mortgagea	bility			
The property provides suirequirements.	table security for mortgage lending purposes, subject to individual lending			
Valuations				
Market value in present condition  Market value on completion of essential repairs  Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT) Is a reinspection necessary?				
Buy To Let Cases				
month Short Assured Tenai	ge of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 ncy basis? There there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?	£		
Declaration				
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