

Single Survey

survey report on:

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Date of inspection	12th November 2024
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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 Property¹.

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.

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.

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

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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.²

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

² Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

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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;

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- 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*

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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 is a TWO STOREY SEMI-DETACHED LOCAL AUTHORITY BUILT HOUSE.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR:- ENTRANCE VESTIBULE, REAR HALL, LIVING ROOM, AND KITCHEN, FIRST FLOOR:- LANDING, SHOWER ROOM, AND TWO BEDROOMS.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	Approximately 61sqm.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located within an established area of the Inverurie suburb of Port Elphinstone, where there are a mixture of private and Local Authority built properties. A wide range of facilities and amenities are available within the town.
Age	Originally built around 1956.
Weather	Dry and bright, following a period of mixed weather.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. There is a chimney stack of concrete blockwork construction, rendered externally with clay chimney pots and metal flashings.
Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. 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.

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Roofing including roof space	<p>The roof is of a pitched timber framed construction, comprising timber roof trusses overlaid with fibreboard sarking and externally clad with tiles. The ridge is tiled. Access to the roof space was possible via a pull down ladder from a ceiling hatch access point to the first floor landing. Insulation has been laid between the ceiling joists and the area has been partly floored.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The rainwater conductors are of a cast iron round and half-round construction.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The walls are of a traditional cavity blockwork construction, rendered externally. The cavity appears to have been insulated.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows are of a double glazed uPVC type.</p> <p>The front and rear entrance doors are of a uPVC construction, incorporating double glazed inserts.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Low maintenance UPVC. External timbers have been painted or stained as necessary.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>There are no conservatories or porches.</p>
Communal areas	<p>There are no communal areas.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a detached single car garage of rendered blockwork construction, under a monopitch corrugated fibrous cement roof. Vehicular access is possible via a automatic up and over metal door, whilst there is a pedestrian access door to the side.</p>

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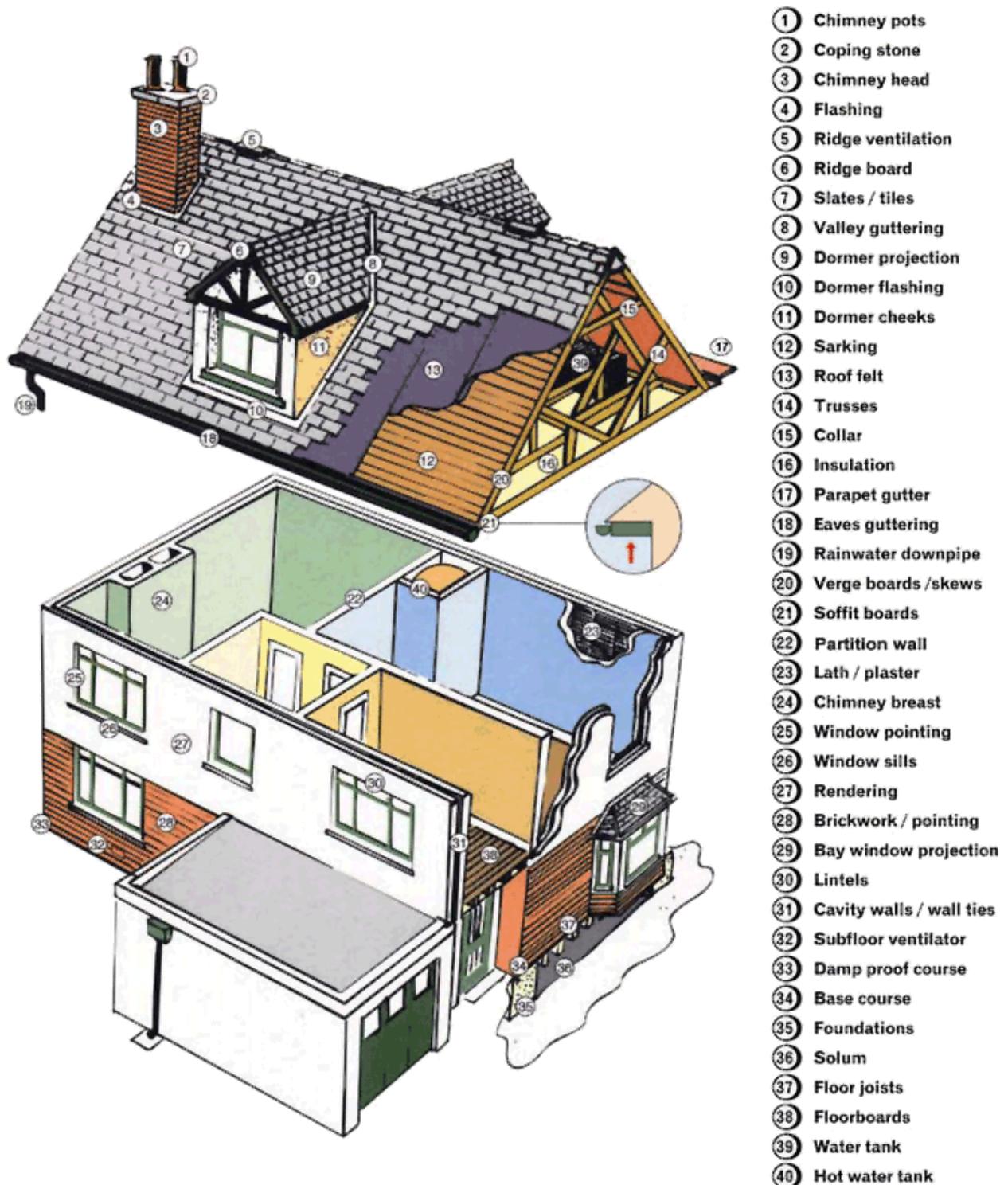
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is garden ground to the front and side, and rear. Boundaries are generally defined by concrete blockwork walls, some of which are retaining in nature. There is a lock block driveway to the front</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings are of suspended plasterboard.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>Internal walls are plastered on the hard.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The floors are of mixed suspended timber construction overlaid with timber floorboards, and solid concrete. Access of the sub floor was possible from a matwell hatch access point behind the front entrance door. The visible solum in this area appears to be of a bare earth type.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>The Kitchen has been fitted with a range of floor and wall mounted units.</p> <p>Internal doors are generally of a timber construction, with some incorporating single glazed inserts.</p> <p>Internal joinery is generally of a timber construction.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There is a chimney breast to the Living Room which has an electric fireplace fitted. All original fireplaces have been removed and boarded over.</p>

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Internal decorations	Visually inspected. Internal walls and ceilings are generally painted or papered. Tiling has been incorporated within the kitchen. Aqua panelling has been incorporated within the shower room.
Cellars	There are no cellars.
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. The property is connected to the mains electricity supply. Visible wiring is of PVC coated cabling incorporating 13amp socket outlets. The fusebox and consumer unit are located within a cupboard adjacent to the front entrance door.
Gas	There is no gas.
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. The property is connected to the mains water supply. Visible plumbing appears to be formed in copper and PVC materials. The Shower Room comprises WC, wash hand basin, and corner shower cabinet with overhead electric shower. The kitchen incorporates a stainless steel sink unit.
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. The property is centrally heated by a series of electric storage panel heaters. Domestic hot water is provided via the insulated hot water cylinder, which has an electric immersion heater fitted.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. The property is connected to the mains drainage system.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The seller has advised that the smoke detection system meets the regulations in place as at the date of inspection.</p> <p>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.</p>
Any additional limits to inspection	<p>At the time of inspection the property was vacant, fully furnished, and all floors were covered. My inspection of the roof space was restricted due to the presence of insulation materials, partial flooring, and numerous stored items. My inspection of the sub floor area was restricted to an inverted head and shoulders inspection only, and to the areas visible from the matwell hatch behind the front entrance door. Inspection of the external roof pitches was restricted due to the presence of a heavy build up of moss.</p>

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.

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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	2
Notes	Woodworm flight holes were noted to the timbers within the roof space. A timber specialist could provide further advice.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	Weathering is affecting the rendering of the chimney stacks, and there is evidence of previous repairs to cracking.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	Please see comments above under 'Dampness, rot and infestation'. Staining was noted to the timbers and fibreboard sarking within the roof space. A build up of moss was noted to the roof pitches. Concrete tiles are typically guaranteed for 30 years but have a reasonable life expectation around 50/60 years according to the BRE. Life expectancy will often depend on weathering and damage from the prevailing weather. A reputable roofing contractor can advise on life expectancy and repair/replacement costs.



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	The cast iron sections of rainwater fittings are displaying various degrees of corrosion with some cracking noted. Cast iron materials by their nature require regular and ongoing maintenance.



Main walls

Repair category	1
Notes	The rendering of the out walls is weathered and damaged in places, with some areas of cracking.



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The windows are of an older vintage, it would not be unreasonable to anticipate upgrading in the future.</p> <p>Random windows and doors are opened but not all and inspections can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fittings are functional.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Regular repainting is required to maintain an attractive appearance and prevent deterioration of external timbers.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	There are no conservatories or porches.



Communal areas

Repair category	-
Notes	There are no communal areas.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The garage is in a condition consistent with its age and type of construction. There is evidence of water ingress to the roof, with staining to the fibreboard sarking and roof timbers. A builder could inspect the garage and provide further advice.</p> <p>The garage roof is of corrugated fibrous cement and may contain asbestos based materials. See information on asbestos in the limitations of inspection section above.</p>



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	1
Notes	There are some sections of retaining blockwork walls, which will by their very nature will require ongoing maintenance and repair.



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Cracking was noted to some sections of ceiling.</p> <p>The textured finishes may contain asbestos based material. See information on asbestos in the limitations of inspection section above.</p>



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are a number of sections of uneven and creaky flooring. Where there are loose and springy floorboards, if these are to be resecured care should be taken not to puncture sub floor services.</p> <p>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.</p>



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings have been subjected to wear and tear commensurate with usage.</p> <p>The kitchen units are of an older style and it would not be unreasonable to anticipate an incoming occupier undertaking upgrades.</p> <p>It cannot be confirmed whether glazing utilised in internal doors is of an approved safety glass type.</p>



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>All original open fireplaces have been removed and boarded over.</p> <p>Unventilated chimney flues remain uncapped and the heightened risk of dampness/condensation. A competent roofing contractor could be able to advise whether disused chimneys have been properly capped and vented.</p>



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	There are no cellars.



Electricity

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The electrical installation appears to be dated with reference to the older style fusebox and some older style fittings. Further advice would be available from an NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician.</p> <p>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.</p>



Gas

Repair category	-
Notes	There is no gas.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	The seal/grouting around sanitary fittings and kitchen fittings should be examined regularly together with adjacent floors and walls, as such areas are prone to damage by hidden leakage.



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>The electrical heating appliances are assumed to function satisfactorily and comply with relevant regulations. It is considered prudent to have heating appliances checked annually to ensure that they function satisfactorily and safely. A qualified NICEIC/SELECT registered contractor will be able to provide further advice.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	Drains have not been inspected or tested and covers have not been lifted. There is no obvious surface evidence of chokage or leakage.

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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	2
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
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	-
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
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
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

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 full extent of the feu could be ascertained with reference to the Title Deeds.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£215,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS).

It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS).

Valuation and market comments

Market value with vacant possession:- £140,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

Against a backdrop of changing economic circumstances and increasing interest rates, it is not possible to predict how the market will perform in the coming months although market conditions continue to be stable at present

Signed

Security Print Code [493199 = 6932]
Electronically signed

Report author

Blair Stephen

Company name

DM Hall LLP

Address

64 Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3XN

Date of report

6th January 2025

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Property Address

Address 8 LADESIDE ROAD, PORT ELPHINSTONE, INVERURIE, AB51 3UT
Seller's Name MR BRIAN ABEL
Date of Inspection 12th November 2024

Property Details

Property Type House Bungalow Chalet Purpose built maisonette
 Coach Studio Converted maisonette Purpose built flat
 Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use Other (specify in General Remarks)

Property Style Detached Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace
 Back to back High rise block Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police? Yes No

Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No
No. of units in block

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

Absolute Ownership Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years

Accommodation

Number of Rooms Living room(s) Bedroom(s) Kitchen(s)
 Bathroom(s) WC(s) Other (Specify in General remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

Single garage Double garage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? Yes No

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

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Construction

Walls Brick Stone Concrete Timber frame
 Solid Cavity Steel frame Concrete block Other (specify in General Remarks)

Roof Tile Slate Asphalt Felt
 Lead Zinc Artificial slate Flat glass fibre Other (specify in General Remarks)

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? Yes No
If Yes, is this recent or progressive? Yes No
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity? Yes No
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

Service Connection

Based on visual inspection only. If any services appear to be non-mains, please comment on the type and location of the supply in General Remarks.

Drainage Mains Private None
Electricity Mains Private None
Central Heating Yes Partial None

Water Mains Private None
Gas Mains Private None

Brief description of Central Heating:

Site

Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.

Rights of way Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site Shared service connections
 Agricultural land included with property Ill-defined boundaries Other (specify in General Remarks)

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Mainly commercial
 Commuter village Remote village Isolated rural property Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered? Yes No

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted Unadopted

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General Remarks

The property is located within an established Local Authority built development within a mixed Local Authority and private residential area in the suburb of Port Elphinstone. A wide range of facilities and amenities are available within the town.

The full extent of the feu could be ascertained with reference to the Title Deeds.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition consistent with its age and type of construction.

Essential Repairs

None apparent within the limitations of our inspection.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £ Retention recommended? Yes No Amount £

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Comment on Mortgageability

Subject to the comments contained within this report, and individual lending requirements, we would confirm the property forms suitable security for normal mortgage loan purposes.

Valuations

Market value in present condition	£	<input type="text" value="140,000"/>
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	<input type="text" value="N/A"/>
Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£	<input type="text" value="215,000"/>
Is a reinspection necessary?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis?	£	<input type="text"/>
Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Declaration

Signed	Security Print Code [493199 = 6932] Electronically signed by:-
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Report date	6th January 2025