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HOME REPORT

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Portsoy, Banff
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PREPARED FOR

Gerard McLaren

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PART 1.

SINGLE SURVEY

A report on the condition of the property, with categories being rated from 1 to 3.

Single Survey

Survey report on:

Customer	Mr & Mrs. Gerard McLaren

Customer address	15 Durn Road Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QD

Date of Inspection	02/07/2018

Prepared by	David A Cruickshank, Bsc MRICS D M Hall - Elgin

SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)

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. [1]

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

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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.

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

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

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

To date, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in 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.

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 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.

1.10 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

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

- 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.

2.3.1 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.

2.3.2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

2.3.3 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 will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	A detached house
Accommodation	Ground floor: porch, hall, two public rooms, kitchen/dining room, bedroom with en-suite shower room/WC, one further bedroom and utility room. First floor: bedroom with en-suite bathroom/WC, two further bedrooms, bathroom/WC and shower compartment.
Gross internal floor area (m2)	214 approximately
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated within an established residential street comprising part of Portsoy village. Local amenities and facilities are available in close proximity.
Age	220 years approximately
Weather	It was warm and sunny after a period of similar weather.
Chimney stacks	***Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.*** Chimneys are constructed from pointed stone. Flashings are of sand/cement and lead.
Roofing including roof space	***Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.*** ***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 main roof sections are pitched and slated with clay tiles along the central ridge lines. The dormer valley flashings are of lead or similar durable material. Access was gained to the main roof space via a hatch on the landing. It is evident that the roof is timber framed with timber sarkings beneath the slates. It is floored in the centre and glass wool insulation has been laid between the joists. Access was gained to a second upper floor roof space via a hatch in the en-suite bathroom. The roof space is as described above. Access was gained to the roof space forming part of the single storey section of the house, via a hatch in the bedroom cupboard. Again the roof is timber framed with timber sarkings beneath the slates. Glass wool insulation has been laid between the joists.
Rainwater fittings	***Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required.*** Rainwater fittings comprise half round gutters and round downpipes in a mixture of cast iron and PVC.
Main walls	***Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where required. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.*** The main outer walls are of solid stone with pointed and rendered finishes. The bedroom en-suite rear wall would appear to be of cavity concrete block construction with a rendered external finish.
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: the majority of the windows comprise aluminium framed double glazed casements with wooden external surrounds and sills. The single storey part of the house has timber framed double glazed casement windows. In addition, there are two Velux style rooflights at the upper floor level.

	External doors: there is a uPVC external door and cosmetic (non-functional) wooden external door.
External decorations	***Visually inspected.*** Cast iron and some sections of render are painted.
Conservatories / porches	***Visually inspected.*** There is an attached porch which is of stone construction under a pitched and slated roof. It is a solid tiled floor. There is a uPVC framed double glazed window and uPVC external door.
Communal areas	***Circulation areas visually inspected.*** There is a shared made up vehicular access to the property.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	There is no garage or permanent outbuildings.
Outside areas and boundaries	***Visually inspected.*** There is an area of private garden ground to the rear of the house which is laid out to lawn and borders. There is a chipped car parking space. There is a paved patio adjacent to the house. Boundaries are defined by the shared access, a rendered block wall to the rear and rubble stone wall at the north side of the plot.
Ceilings	***Visually inspected from floor level.*** Ceilings are lined with a mixture of lath and plaster and plasterboard. The majority of the lath and plaster ceilings have plaster cornice work.
Internal walls	***Visually inspected from floor level.*** ***Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.*** Internal walls are lined with a mixture of lath and plaster and plasterwork.
Floors including sub floors	***Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.***

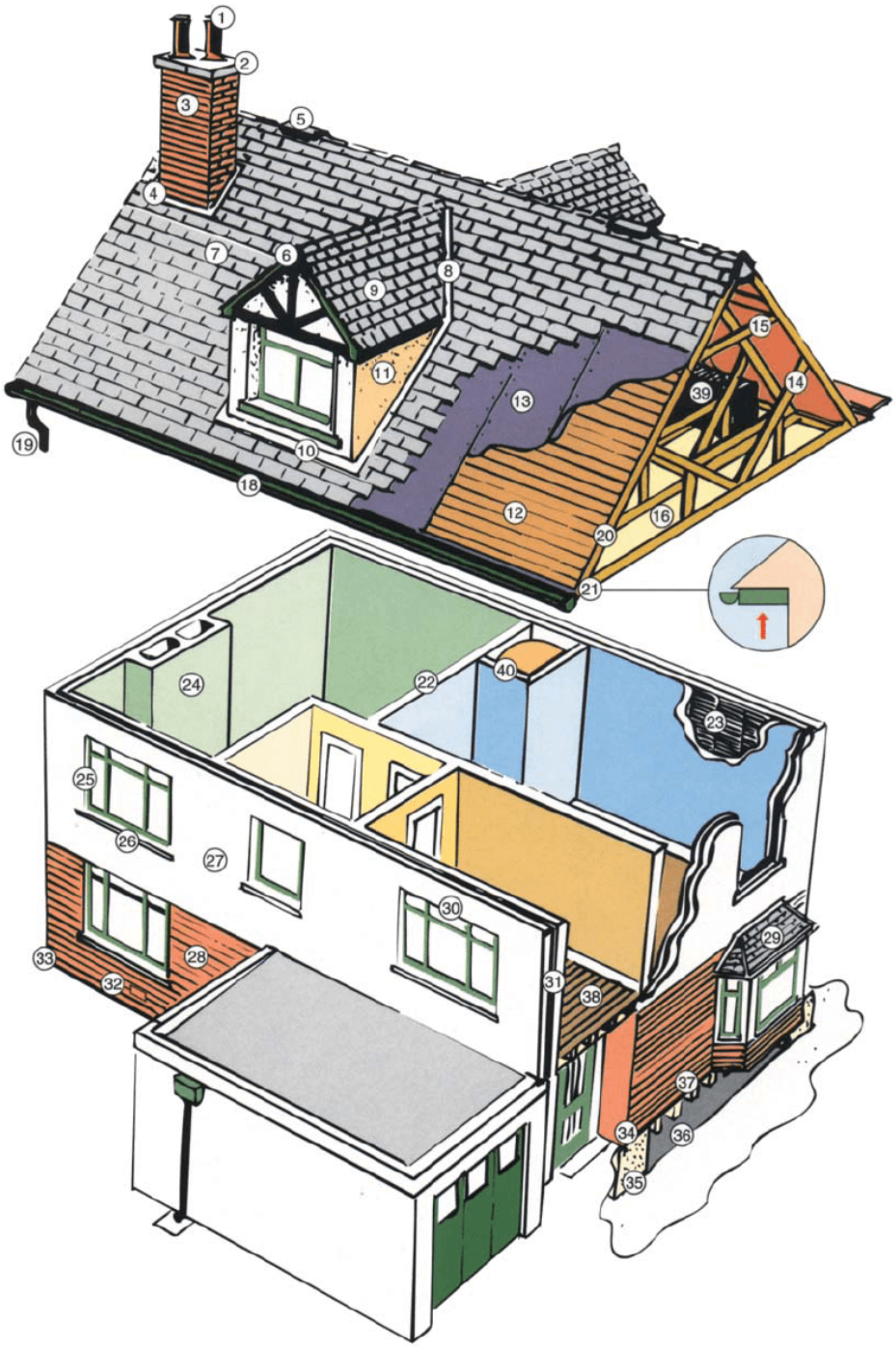
	Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point. Physical access to the sub-floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch. The majority of the floors are of suspended timber which are overlaid with tongue and groove boarding. The majority of the wooden floors have a sanded and varnished/stained finish. Part of the single storey section of the house has a solid concrete floor.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	***Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.*** ***Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.*** Kitchen and utility room: The kitchen and utility room are fitted with a range of laminated cabinets and worktops. Doors: the majority of the internal doors are of a pine panelled style. The two doors which provide access to the hall from the porch incorporate leaded and stained glass windows. In addition there are several wooden glazed doors and others of a modern white panelled style. Staircase: there is a pine staircase with banister/handrail. Other: other joinery finishes are in pine.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	***Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.*** There is an open fireplace within one living room which has a raised tiled hearth. There is a multi-fuel stove within the second living room which has a slate hearth.
Internal decorations	***Visually inspected.*** Walls and ceilings are mainly painted and papered.

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.*** There is a mains electricity supply. The meter is concealed within an external box on the south gable end. The consumer units are located within a living room press cupboard. Wiring, where visible is PVC sheathed and 13 amp sockets have been installed throughout the property.
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.*** There is a mains gas supply, the meter is concealed within an external box on the north gable end.
Water, plumbing and 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.*** There is a mains water supply. There are stainless steel sinks within the kitchen and utility room. Plumbing where visible is in copper and plastic. The en-suite shower room at the ground floor level comprises three white fittings with a wall mounted mixer shower within the shower compartment. The bathroom at the first floor level comprises a corner bath, a toilet and wash hand basin in white. The shower compartment at the upper floor level comprises an aqua-panelled shower with wall mounted electric shower. The en-suite bathroom at the first floor level comprises three white fittings, with a wall mounted mixer shower over the bath.
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. There is gas central heating working from a Vaillant Eco tec wall mounted system boiler, which is located within a cupboard in the single storey part of the house. The boiler provides the main source of hot water as well as central heating via steel panelled radiators which are distributed throughout the property. There is a large insulated hot water tank which is fitted with dual electric immersion heaters as an alternative source of hot water. This is located within a cupboard, accessed from the middle living room. There is a multi-fuel stove and open fireplace as alternative sources of heat.
Drainage	***Drainage covers etc were not lifted.*** ***Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.*** Drainage is to the public sewer.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	***Visually inspected.*** ***No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.*** There are smoke detectors mounted on ceilings throughout the property.
Any additional limits to inspection	At the time of inspection the property was occupied, fully furnished with some floors covered. My inspection of the roof spaces was restricted by the presence of insulation material, flooring and the storage of personal effects. Sub-floor areas were not accessed. When visually inspecting the property, I have not disturbed insulation in accordance with health and safety guidelines, while furnishings, personal effects (particularly in cupboards) and floor coverings have not been moved. An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is

	therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor. If it exists removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by specialist contractors. This can prove to be expensive.

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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. Partiton wall
23. Lath / plaster
24. Chimney breast
25. Window pointing
26. Window sills
27. Rendering
28. Brickwork / pointing
29. Bay window projection
30. Lintels
31. Cavity walls / wall ties
32. Subfloor ventilator
33. Damp proof course
34. Base course
35. Foundations
36. Solum
37. Floor joists
38. Floorboards
39. Water tank
40. Hot water tank

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.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 3 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 evidence of recent or continuing movement was noted.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No dampness, rot or infestation noted. The owner has advised that a transferable guarantee is available in relation to the treatment of woodworm.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Chimneys are affected by slight weathering. There is some eroded pointing.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	1
	There is some slight cracking affecting the sand/cement flashings.

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
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Notes:	Slate roofs of this age and style will require careful and ongoing maintenance to ensure they remain adequately serviceable.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No evidence of leakage was noted from the rainwater fittings.

Main walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	There is slight weathering and eroded pointing in places.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The windows are relatively old and consequently are assumed to have a limited remaining lifespan. Some of the mastic seals are old and shrunken.

External decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

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Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Communal areas	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	
Notes:	n/a

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
	No reportable defects noted.

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
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Notes:	

Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted. There are some glazed internal doors which do not appear to be fitted with safety glass.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No visible defects identified. Open fireplaces and flues should be regularly checked and swept to ensure they burn safely and efficiently.

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.

Internal decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

Cellars	
Repair category:	
Notes:	n/a

Electricity	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No visible defects identified.

Gas	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No visible defects identified.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	1
	No evidence of leakage was noted from the plumbing.

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.

Notes:	

Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No visible defects identified. Annual central heating checks should ensure safe and efficient usage.

Drainage	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No reportable defects noted.

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.

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

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	1
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	1
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories / porches	1
Communal areas	1
Garages and permanent outbuildings	
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	1
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

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 coinoperated 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?	[x]YES [ ]NO
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	[ ]YES [x]NO
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?	[x]YES [ ]NO
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	[ ]YES [x]NO
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	[x]YES [ ]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 re-instatement cost for insurance purposes.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer	
Alterations have been carried out to create the en-suite bathroom/WC at the upper floor level and en-suite shower room at the ground floor level. A shower compartment has been formed within a cupboard at the upper floor level. We have assumed all Local Authority and other consents were obtained for the alterations and that the appropriate documentation, including building warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it has been assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.	
Estimated re-instatement cost (£) for insurance purposes	
£600,000 Six hundred thousand pounds.	
Valuation (£) and market comments	
£260,000 Two hundred and sixty thousand pounds. There has been some revival in the residential market during the last few years with houses selling more readily.	
Report author:	David A Cruickshank, Bsc MRICS
Company name:	D M Hall - Elgin
Address:	27 High Street Elgin IV30 1EE
Signed:	Electronically Signed: 119966-0D985DDD-DF93
Date of report:	04/07/2018

PART 2.

MORTGAGE VALUATION **REPORT**

Includes a market valuation of the property.

Mortgage Valuation Report

Property:	15 Durn Road Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QD	Client: Mr & Mrs. Gerard McLaren Tenure: Absolute ownership	
Date of Inspection:	02/07/2018	Reference:	LG180793

This report has been prepared as part of your instructions to carry out a Single Survey on the property referred to above. The purpose of this report is to summarise the Single Survey for the purpose of advising your lender on the suitability of the property for mortgage purposes. The decision as to whether mortgage finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the lender. You should not rely on this report in making your decision to purchase but consider all the documents provided in the Home Report. Your attention is drawn to the additional comments elsewhere within the report which set out the extent and limitations of the service provided. This report should be read in conjunction with the Single Survey Terms and Conditions (with MVR). In accordance with RICS Valuation – Global Standards 2017 this report is for the use of the party to whom it is addressed or their named client or their nominated lender. No responsibility is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of the reports contents. Neither the whole or any part of this report may be included in any document, circular or statement without prior approval in writing from the surveyor.

1.0	**LOCATION**			
The property is situated within an established residential street comprising part of Portsoy village. Local amenities and facilities are available in close proximity.				
2.0	**DESCRIPTION**	**2.1 Age:**	220 years approximately	
A detached house				
3.0	**CONSTRUCTION**			
The main external walls are constructed from stone. The roof sections are pitched and slated.				
4.0	**ACCOMMODATION**			
Ground floor: porch, hall, two public rooms, kitchen/dining room, bedroom with en-suite shower room/WC, one further bedroom and utility room. First floor: bedroom with en-suite bathroom/WC, two further bedrooms, bathroom/WC and shower compartment.				

5.0	**SERVICES (No tests have been applied to any of the services)**						
Water:	Mains	**Electricity:**	Mains	**Gas:**	MainsMains	**Drainage:**	Mains
Central Heating:	Yes						

6.0	**OUTBUILDINGS**
Garage:	None.

Others:	None.

7.0	**GENERAL CONDITION -** *A building survey has not been carried out, nor has any inspection been made of any woodwork, services or other parts of the property which were covered, unexposed or inaccessible. The report cannot therefore confirm that such parts of the property are free from defect. Failure to rectify defects, particularly involving water penetration may result in further and more serious defects arising. Where defects exist and where remedial work is necessary, prospective purchasers are advised to seek accurate estimates and costings from appropriate Contractors or Specialists before proceeding with the purchase. Generally we will not test or report on boundary walls, fences, outbuildings, radon gas or site contamination.*

The house has been maintained in a good state of repair for a property of its age, style and construction both internally and externally. Any items that require attention should be capable of remedy by routine maintenance work.

8.0	**ESSENTIAL REPAIR WORK** *(as a condition of any mortgage or, to preserve the condition of the property)*

None.

8.1 Retention recommended:	

9.0	**ROADS &FOOTPATHS**

Road is adopted.

10.0	**BUILDINGS INSURANCE (£):**	600,000	**GROSS EXTERNAL FLOOR AREA**	310	**Square metres**
	This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction on a re-instatement basis assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Furnishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during re-construction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised.				

11.0	**GENERAL REMARKS**

The property is situated within Portsoy village, it lies within a predominantly residential area, local amenities and facilities are available in close proximity.

The property is on the boundary with the street at the front but has an enclosed area of private garden ground to the rear, with shared vehicular access. These aspects should be confirmed through an inspection of the title.

Alterations have been carried out to create the en-suite bathroom/WC at the upper floor level and en-suite shower room at the ground floor level. A shower compartment has been formed within a cupboard at the upper floor level. We have assumed all Local Authority and other Consents were obtained for the alterations and that the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it has been assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

The additional accommodation comprises a utility room and shower compartment.

12.0	**VALUATION** *On the assumption of vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority consents, which may have been required, have been sought and obtained. No investigation of any contamination on, under or within the property has been made as we consider such matters to be outwith the scope of this report. All property built prior to the year 2000 may contain asbestos in one or more of its components or fittings. It is impossible to identify without a test. It is beyond the scope of this inspection to test for asbestos and future occupants should be advised that if they have any concerns then they should ask for a specialist to undertake appropriate tests.*

12.1	**Market Value in present condition (£):**	**£260,000**	Two hundred and sixty thousand pounds.
12.2	**Market Value on completion of essential works (£):**		

12.3	**Suitable security for normal mortgage purposes?**	Yes		
12.4	**Date of Valuation:**	04/07/2018		
Signature:	Electronically Signed: 119966-0D985DDD-DF93			
Surveyor:	David A Cruickshank	Bsc MRICS	**Date:**	04/07/2018

D M Hall - Elgin

Office:	**27 High Street** **Elgin** **IV30 1EE**	**Tel: 01343 548501** **Fax:** **email:** **diane.simpson@dmhall.co.uk,fiona.ash@dmhall.co.uk ,june.cox@dmhall.co.uk**

PART 3.

ENERGY REPORT

A report on the energy efficiency of the property.

energy report on:

Property address	15 Durn Road Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QD

Customer	Mr & Mrs. Gerard McLaren

Customer address	15 Durn Road Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QD

Prepared by	David A Cruickshank, Bsc MRICS D M Hall - Elgin

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

ST MARY'S, 15 DURN ROAD, PORTSOY, BANFF, AB45 2QD

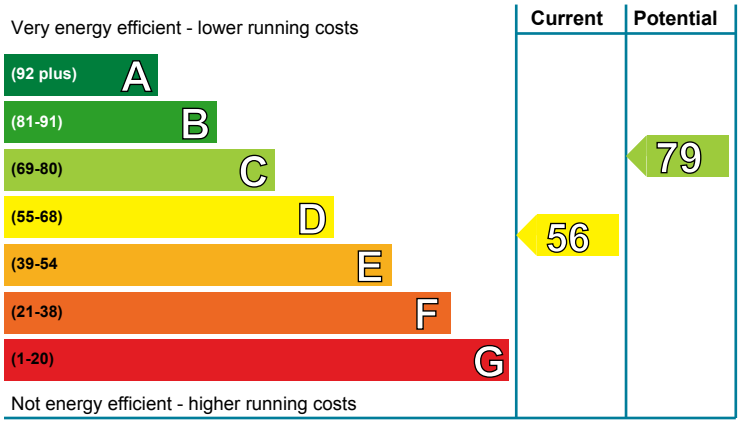
Dwelling type:	Detached house	**Reference number:**	7618-3423-9000-0472-7902
Date of assessment:	02 July 2018	**Type of assessment:**	RdSAP, existing dwelling
Date of certificate:	04 July 2018	**Approved Organisation:**	Elmhurst
Total floor area:	210 m²	**Main heating and fuel:**	Boiler and radiators, mains gas
Primary Energy Indicator:	314 kWh/m²/year		

You can use this document to:

- **Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly**
- **Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO_2 emissions by improving your home**

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	**£7,119**	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	**£2,787**	

* based upon the cost of energy for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation, calculated using standard assumptions

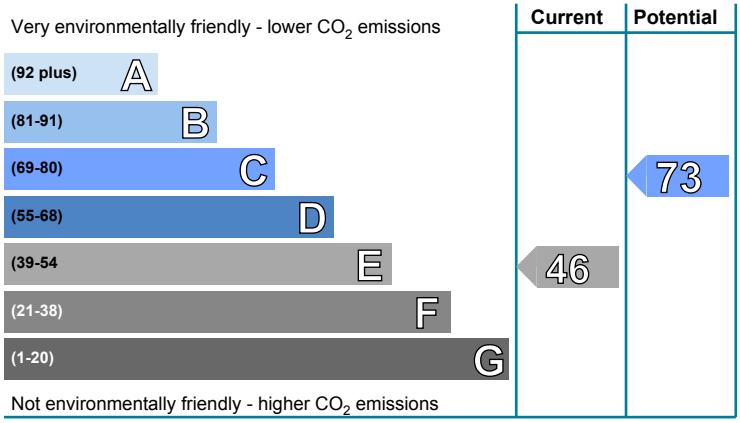


Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band D (56)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61).**

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



Environmental Impact (CO_2) Rating

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

Your current rating is **band E (46)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59).**

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years	Available with Green Deal
1 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£2049.00	✓
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£459.00	✓
3 Low energy lighting	£45	£141.00	

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

GREEN DEAL APPROVED

The Green Deal may allow you to make your home warmer and cheaper to run at no up-front capital cost. See your recommendations report for more details.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 150 mm loft insulation Pitched, 100 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆ ★★★☆☆	★★★★☆ ★★★☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed) Solid, no insulation (assumed)	— —	— —
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 47% of fixed outlets	★★★★☆	★★★★☆

The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO_2 emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 57 kg $CO_2/m^2/yr$.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 12 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 5.8 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£6,231 over 3 years	£3,762 over 3 years	You could save £2,787 over 3 years
Hot water	£411 over 3 years	£258 over 3 years	
Lighting	£477 over 3 years	£312 over 3 years	
Totals	**£7,119**	**£4,332**	

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

Recommendations for improvement

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

	Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement		Green Deal
				Energy	Environment	
1	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£683	C 69	D 62	✓
2	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£153	C 72	D 66	✓
3	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£45	£47	C 73	D 67	
4	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£46	C 74	D 68	✓
5	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£5,000 - £8,000	£275	C 79	C 73	✓

Measures which have a green deal tick ✓ are likely to be eligible for Green Deal finance plans based on indicative costs. Subsidy also may be available for some measures, such as solid wall insulation. Additional support may also be available for certain households in receipt of means tested benefits. Measures which have an orange tick ✓ may need additional finance. To find out how you could use Green Deal finance to improve your property, visit www.greenerscotland.org or contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282.

Choosing the right improvement package

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

energy saving trust

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

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

1 Internal or external wall insulation

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

2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation. Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

3 Low energy lighting

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

4 Solar water heating

A solar water heating panel, usually fixed to the roof, uses the sun to pre-heat the hot water supply. This can significantly reduce the demand on the heating system to provide hot water and hence save fuel and money. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. You could be eligible for Renewable Heat Incentive payments which could appreciably increase the savings beyond those shown on your EPC, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

5 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

A solar PV system is one which converts light directly into electricity via panels placed on the roof with no waste and no emissions. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Planning permission might be required, building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for solar photovoltaic panels, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

Your home's heat demand

You could receive Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments and help reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat and, where appropriate, having your loft insulated and cavity walls filled. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments. For more information go to www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/rhi.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	41,816	(826)	(199)	(14,714)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,008			

Addendum

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

About this document

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

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

Assessor's name: Mr. David Cruickshank
Assessor membership number: EES/012072
Company name/trading name: D M Hall Chartered Surveyors LLP
Address: 17 Corstorphine Road
Edinburgh
EH12 6DD
Phone number: 0131 477 6006
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Related party disclosure: No related party

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

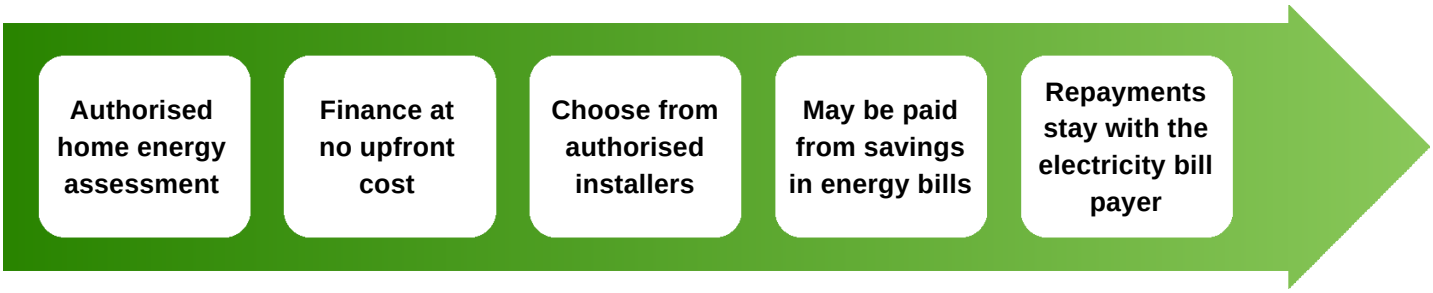
Opportunity to benefit from a Green Deal on this property

Under a Green Deal, the cost of the improvements is repaid over time via a credit agreement. Repayments are made through a charge added to the electricity bill for the property.

To see which improvements are recommended for this property, please turn to page 3. You can choose which improvements you want to install and ask for a quote from an authorised Green Deal provider. They will organise installation by an authorised Green Deal installer. If you move home, the responsibility for paying the Green Deal charge under the credit agreement passes to the new electricity bill payer.

For householders in receipt of income-related benefits, additional help may be available.

To find out more, visit **www.greenerscotland.org or call 0808 808 2282.**



PART 4.

PROPERTY **QUESTIONNAIRE**

The owner of the property is required to complete this document which asks for information on the property such as 'Which council tax band?' etc.

Property Questionnaire

Property Address	15 Durn Road Portsoy, Banff AB45 2QD
Seller(s)	Gerard McLaren
Completion date of property questionnaire	02/07/2018

Note for sellers

1.	**Length of ownership**
	How long have you owned the property? 10 years
2.	**Council tax**
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle) [ ]A [ ]B [ ]C [ ]D [x]E [ ]F [ ]G [ ]H
3.	**Parking**
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? **(Please tick all that apply)** Garage [ ] Allocated parking space [ ] Driveway [x] Shared parking [ ] On street [ ] Resident permit [ ] Metered parking [ ] Other (please specify):

	Conservation area

4.		
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]Don't know
5.	**Listed buildings**	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	[ ]YES [x]NO
6.	**Alterations/additions/extensions**	
a	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made: *added bathroom/toilet. building warrant applied for.*	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.	
	If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	
b	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	[ ]YES [ ]NO
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	[ ]YES [ ]NO
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed): Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

7.	**Central heating**	
a	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property - the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	[x]YES [ ]NO [ ]Partial
	If you have answered yes or partial - what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air). *gas fired*	
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? *existing when we bought house 10 years ago*	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract *Vaillant*	
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year). *May 2018*	
8.	**Energy Performance Certificate**	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	[x]YES [ ]NO
9.	**Issues that may have affected your property**	
a	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	[ ]YES [ ]NO
b	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
10.	**Services**	

a	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier: **Services** / **Connected** / **Supplier** Gas or liquid petroleum gas / Y / Bulb Water mains or private water supply / Y / Scottish water Electricity / Y / Bulb Mains drainage / Y / Scottish water? Telephone / Y / BT Cable TV or satellite / Y / Sky Broadband / Y / BT	
b	Is there a septic tank system at your property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:	
	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?	[ ]YES [ ]NO [ ]Don't know
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?	[ ]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	
11.	**Responsibilities for shared or common areas**	
a	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area? If you have answered yes, please give details:	[ ]YES [ ]NO [x]Don't know
b	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas? If you have answered yes, please give details:	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]N/A
c	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
d	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property- for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries? If you have answered yes, please give details:	[ ]YES [x]NO
e	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the	[ ]YES [x]NO

	right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries? If you have answered yes, please give details:	
f	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privatelyowned.) If you have answered yes, please give details:	[ ]YES [x]NO
12.	**Charges associated with your property**	
a	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	[ ]YES [x]NO
b	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]Don't know
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factors charges?	
c	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.	
13.	**Specialist works**	
a	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property. *In respect of timber treatments (woodworm/wet rot). Repairs carried out Jan.2008*	
b	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
c	If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?	[x]YES [ ]NO
	If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or	

	estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate. Guarantees are held by: *Owner/occupier*	

14.	**Guarantees**	
a	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:	
(i)	Electrical work	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
(ii)	Roofing	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
(iii)	Central heating	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
(iv)	National House Building Council(NHBC)	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
(v)	Damp course	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	[x]NO [ ]YES [ ]Don't know [ ]With title deeds [ ]Lost
b	If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):	
c	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	

15.	**Boundaries**	
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?	[ ]YES [x]NO [ ]Don't know
	If you have answered yes, please give details:	
16.	**Notices that affect your property**	

In the past three years have you ever received a notice:		
a	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	[x]YES [ ]NO
b	that affects your property in some other way?	[ ]YES [x]NO
c	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	[ ]YES [x]NO
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchaser of your property.	

Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s) I/We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.	
Signature(s):	Gerard McLaren
Capacity:	[x]Owner [ ]Legally Appointed Agent for Owner
Date:	02/07/2018