

Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	47 Queens Road Aberdeen AB15 4YP
Customer	Mrs S Johnston
Customer address	47 Queens Road Aberdeen AB15 4YP
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
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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 marking 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 Rules of Conduct.

The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report².

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.

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
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments

being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

- 1 Category 3: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.
- 2 Category 2: Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use

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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 subject property comprises a lower ground floor self-contained flat within a former semi-detached two storey, attic and lower ground floor townhouse which has been converted into four flats.
Accommodation	The accommodation comprises: Lower Ground Floor: Entrance Vestibule, Hallway, Living Room, Kitchen and Dining Room on open plan, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom with w.c.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	101 sq. metres, or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subject property forms part of an established area, where surrounding properties are a mix of commercial and residential in nature, located to the west of Aberdeen city centre. Locally, the property has access to a wide range of services and facilities. The Malmaison Hotel lies directly adjacent to the west of the site.
Age	Built circa 1890.
Weather	Overcast and wet.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are constructed from solid pointed granite stonework, finished with stone copes and clay chimney cans. These are sealed to the main roof pitch at their bases, where seen, with mortar fillets and metal flashings.

Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>The roof over the property is of a pitched and is clad externally in traditional slates with a tiled ridge and mortar fillet skewers formed at the wallhead junctions which are finished with stone copes. There is a flat felt roof dormer formed over the front roof pitch and a lean-to and slated dormer over the rear roof pitch. The junctions of the roof pitches are sealed with metal flashings, side slips and metal lined valleys.</p> <p>No inspection was possible to any roof void areas as these could only be accessed by the top floor flat.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Rainwater fittings consist of cast-iron discharging into cast-iron and PVC gutters which are connected into the drainage system. There is a parapet gutter formed over the front of the building and is assumed to be lined in lead, although could not be inspected from ground level.</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 external walls are constructed from solid pointed granite stonework.</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>Windows are of replacement uPVC sash and casement double glazed design.</p> <p>The front entrance door is of a timber panel design and is fitted with single glazed inserts, and at the rear of the kitchen there are also uPVC casement double glazed French patio doors installed.</p>

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External decorations	Visually inspected. External decorative surfaces are a mix of low maintenance uPVC and painted timber finishes to the subject flat.
Conservatories / porches	None.
Communal areas	None.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. There is a small store located under the escape staircase at the rear of the building.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. It is understood that the grounds at the front of the building have been laid to stone chips to provide off street car parking with each flat benefitting from an allocated parking space. A small section of the grounds remain in exclusive ownership of the ground floor flat. At the side there are stone access steps leading to the rear grounds where the subject property benefits from an exclusive area of garden ground which has been laid to slabbed surfacing, while the remaining grounds which are shared are laid to lawn and shrubs. The boundaries of the site are defined by rubble stone boundary walls.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. Internally, the ceilings are lined in traditional lath and plaster.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. Internally, the walls and partitions are lined in traditional lath and plaster and plasterboard. There is aqua panelling installed within the bathroom.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. Flooring is a mix of solid concrete and suspended timber design. Our inspection of the flooring was restricted due to the presence of fully fitted floor coverings. No inspection was possible to any sub-floor areas.

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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>Internal doors are of a timber panel and part glazed panel design, and are installed within timber skirtings and facings.</p> <p>The kitchen is equipped with a range of wall and base units with worktop surfaces incorporating a stainless steel sink unit and some integrated appliances.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>Within the lounge there is a coal effect gas fire which is flued through the original chimney breast and is set within a cast-iron surround.</p> <p>All other original fireplaces would appear to have been blocked over and are no longer in use.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The ceiling and wall surfaces are finished in emulsion paint and wallpaper. Internal joinery finishes are also painted.</p>
Cellars	None.
Electricity	<p>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.</p> <p>Electricity is from the mains public supplies. The electric meter and consumer unit are located within the pantry store. Electrical wiring, where seen, is of PVC sheath cabling.</p>

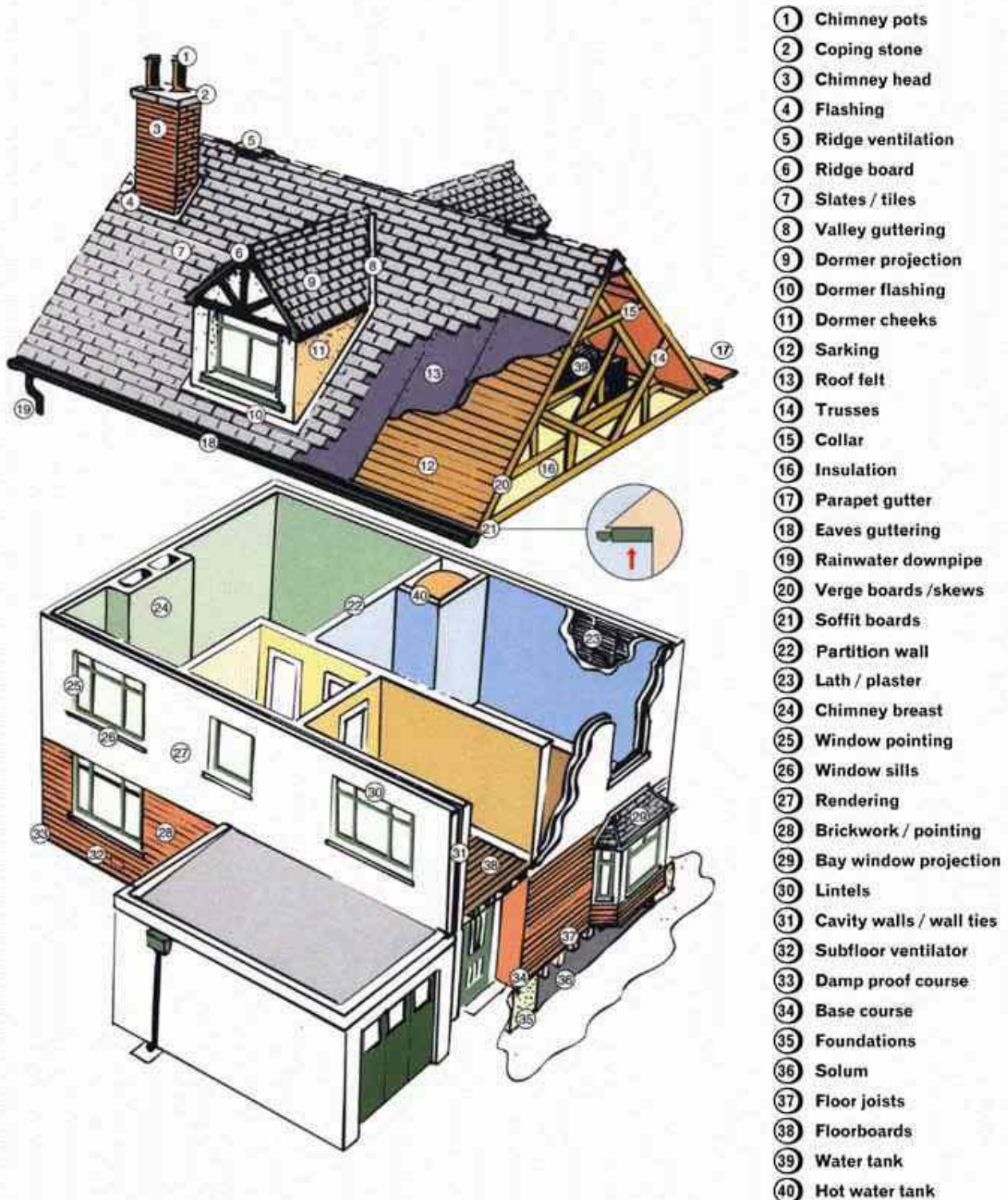
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Gas	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Gas is from mains public supplies. The gas meter is located externally at the side of the property.</p>
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is from mains public supplies. Internal plumbing, where visible, is formed in PVC and copper pipework. The rising main within the block was not seen, and it is assumed this was replaced at the time of conversion.</p> <p>The bathroom is fitted with a 4-piece white suite with a shower installed over the walk-in cubicle.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Heating and hot water are provided by gas fired 'Baxi Platinum Combi 33HE A' central heating boiler which is wall mounted within the kitchen cupboard. The boiler supplies thermostatically controlled radiators throughout and provides hot water on demand.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is to main public sewer.</p>

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.
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<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>For flats / maisonettes</p> <p>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</p> <p>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</p> <p>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The property was fully furnished and had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings. Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested. No access was available to any sub-floor areas.</p> <p>No inspection was possible to any roof void areas as there are no available access hatches.</p> <p>Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches, chimneys and elevations were not fully or closely inspectable from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site. Flat roof coverings and parapet gutters were not inspectable.</p> <p>We were not able to fully inspect all areas of boundary walls due to garden vegetation/restricted access.</p>
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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 Partition wall
- ㉓ Lath / plaster
- ㉔ Chimney breast
- ㉕ Window pointing
- ㉖ Window sills
- ㉗ Rendering
- ㉘ Brickwork / pointing
- ㉙ Bay window projection
- ㉚ Lintels
- ㉛ Cavity walls / wall ties
- 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.

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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	Evidence of settlement/movement has affected the building reflected externally by sloping sills and lintels, and the rear wall of the building is slightly off plumb. Internally, the doorheads and flooring was also offline. On the basis of a single inspection this appears longstanding with no evidence of recent movement apparent.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Elevated moisture readings were recorded to lower wall linings to the westmost side of the bay window in the main bedroom, and further localised readings were also recorded adjacent to the wash-hand basin within the second bedroom and to the rear wall within the lounge. A timber and damp specialist should carry out a further investigation and provide estimates for any necessary remedial works prior to purchase. In the meantime, our valuation assumes no significant liability in this respect.</p> <p>We understand previous timber and damp specialist works were carried out within the property, and these are covered by a long term guarantee. All documentation in this respect should be obtained.</p>



Chimney stacks

Repair category	2
Notes	Weathered pointing was noted to the gable chimney stacks. Future repairs will be required.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>A number of loose and broken roof slates were visible. Roof coverings are of an age and style where a degree of regular ongoing maintenance should be anticipated. More extensive overhaul work may be required in future. It is understood that recent roofing works have been carried out to the building as part of routine maintenance.</p> <p>No inspection was possible to the flat roof and accordingly, no comment as to their condition can be made. We would point out that these parts will have a limited life span and the liability for repair should be established.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No view was possible of the parapet gutter arrangement and, accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition or otherwise. These areas should be regularly checked for leakage and cleared of debris to prevent damp ingress and rot related defects which can be common in this type of building.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Localised cracked pointing was visible around the lintel over the one of the lounge windows, and one of the upper floor flat windows. A cracked lintel was also noted over one of the gable windows. Future repairs will be required.</p> <p>The cills and lintels were also sloping and the rear wall is slightly off-plumb.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Windows were not all fully opened or tested, and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions. Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted.</p>

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External decorations

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Notes	Externally finishes to the subject flat are in good order. Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.



Communal areas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	1
Notes	Normal maintenance will be required to the store.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	Areas of weathered and open boundary wall pointing were noted. Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary. We understand the communal garden grounds and surface car parking are maintained by a factor contact. Enquires should be made to ascertain the arrangement and cost associated prior to purchase. Mature trees and vegetation within the grounds of the property will require future ongoing professional maintenance by an experienced contractor.





Ceilings


Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.


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 Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.

 Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Sloping was noted to the flooring.</p> <p>Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.</p>

 Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Internal glazing should be checked for safety glass.

 Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the gas fire has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations for fluing and ventilation and that this has been regularly checked and tested. All test documentation should be obtained and authenticated at the point of sale. In the absence of any such documentation, the appliance should be tested by a registered engineer prior to use.

 Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property is in good decorative order.

 Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Single Survey



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.



Gas

Repair category	1
Notes	In the interests of safety and in light of recent regulations it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered contractor.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.</p> <p>The central heating boiler/system was not in operation at the time of our inspection.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.

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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	2
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	N/A
Communal areas	N/A
Garages and permanent outbuildings	1
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	1
Gas	1
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?	Lower Ground Floor.			
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input 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

Historically the subject building would have comprised a townhouse but has subsequently been converted to form four flats, however, these works are likely to have been carried out in excess of 30 years ago. More recently, the windows within the subject property have been replaced. It should be confirmed that all necessary permissions have been obtained.

It is understood the subject property benefits from an allocated parking space, although this should be confirmed with reference to the Title Deeds.

It is understood that previous timber and damp specialist treatment works have been carried out within the property. All documentation and guarantees in this respect should be obtained and authenticated prior to sale.

The property is a Category 'C' Listed Building and is located in a Conservation Area and as such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

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

It is assumed that there are no statutory, town planning, road proposals or environmental matters which are likely to have an adverse effect on the property.

The road and footpath adjoining the site are made up and are assumed to be adopted by the Local Authority.

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

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £610,000 (SIX HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND POUNDS).

This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

Single Survey

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £215,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS).

Signed	<i>Steven Wilson</i> Electronically signed :- 06/05/2024 20:11
Report author	Steven Wilson
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	35 Queen's Road Aberdeen AB15 4ZN
Date of report	01/05/2024

Mortgage Valuation Report



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Property Address

Address 47 Queens Road, Aberdeen, AB15 4YP
Seller's Name Mrs S Johnston
Date of Inspection 01/05/2024

Property Details

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

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 Other (specify in General Remarks)
Roof Tile Slate Asphalt Felt 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 Connections

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 Water Mains Private None
Electricity Mains Private None Gas Mains Private None
Central Heating Yes Partial None

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

Gas fired system to radiators.

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
 Ill-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property Other (specify in General Remarks)

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Shared service connections
 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 subject property forms part of an established area, where surrounding properties are a mix of commercial and residential in nature, located to the west of Aberdeen city centre. Locally, the property has access to a wide range of services and facilities. The Malmaison Hotel lies directly adjacent to the west of the site.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type of construction but some works of repair and maintenance are required.

Evidence of settlement/movement has affected the building reflected externally by sloping sills and lintels, and the rear wall of the building is slightly off plumb. Internally, the doorhead and flooring was also offline. On the basis of a single inspection this appears longstanding with no evidence of recent movement apparent.

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Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? Yes No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

Mortgage Valuation Report

Valuation

Market value in present condition	£	<input type="text" value="215,000"/>
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	<input type="text"/>
Insurance reinstatement value	£	<input type="text" value="610,000"/>

(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)

Is a reinspection necessary? Yes No

Declaration

Signed	<i>Steven Wilson</i> Electronically signed :- 06/05/2024 20:11
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