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Scottish Single Survey



survey report on:

Property address	253 Links Street Kirkcaldy KY1 1SE
Customer	Andrew Grieve
Customer address	W & A S Bruce 6-8 Hunter Street Kirkcaldy KY1 1ED
Prepared by	Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Date of inspection	13/09/2023



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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;

- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

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

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

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

1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

Description	A purpose built and fully self contained ex Local Authority flat occupying the ground floor of a three storey, low rise block with six flats in total which are accessed via the shared internal entrance hall and stairwell with phone system.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR : Entrance Vestibule, Hall, Lounge, two Bedrooms, Kitchen and Bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	65 approx.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated within an established area of mixed residential and commercial activity. The subjects form part of a terraced building containing comparable type flats constructed for the Local Authority with a good number still appearing to be occupied by council tenants and this factor will continue to affect market/saleability. A range of local amenities are available in the general area with the Kirkcaldy High Street also situated within a fairly short travelling distance of the subjects.
Age	1960 approx.
Weather	Dry and settled.
Chimney stacks	The building has shared and brick/roughcast chimney stacks.

Roofing including roof space

Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.

If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.

The timber pitched roof is covered in tiles and these roof coverings were viewed from ground/street level only. It is apparent that since the building was originally constructed, the roof has been re-tiled and also vents added. It is assumed that these works were carried out on behalf of the Local Authority. No roof space was accessed in the building and therefore, comment on the current condition of the building's roof timbers in general is not possible.

Rainwater fittings

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

PVC rhones and downpipes are provided which also appear to have been upgraded on behalf of the Local Authority.

Main walls

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.

The main walls of the building comprise non-traditional 'nofines' concrete construction type with external insulation boards having been added and thereafter roughcast over. Comment on the current condition of concealed wall surfaces following these insulation works is outwith the scope of our inspection. We would also refer you to our comments below.

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.

The property has a timber entrance door leading from the shared internal entrance hall and stairwell/landing area. The windows in the property comprise PVC double glazed units and these were not tested. The building's upper external roof eaves areas appear to have been upgraded in PVC products.

External decorations	Visually inspected.	
	The main walls of the building as previously noted have been re-roughcast externally and also incorporate some PVC, painted and facing brick work features.	
Conservatories / porches	There are no conservatories or porches in place.	
Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.	
	The building as a whole has the use of the shared internal entrance hall and stairwell with phone system which was not tested but is assumed to be in full working order. The building has the use of shared external grounds, steps and retaining/garden walls. In these circumstances, the full extent of boundaries/ownership, rights of way and mutual maintenance liability for the subjects in general should be confirmed.	
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Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.	
	There is no space available for a car garage nor are there any outbuildings of consequence.	
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.	
	There are no private garden grounds apparent with the building as previously noted having the use of shared external grounds. The building's boundaries appear to be mainly shared. As we previously stated, the full extent of boundaries/ownership, rights of way and mutual maintenance liability for the subjects in general should be confirmed.	
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.	
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	Plaster finish. The internal ceilings have not been tested for any possible asbestos content.	
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.	
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.	
	Plaster finish. The internal walls have also not been tested for any possible asbestos content.	

Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.
	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.
	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.
	The internal flooring comprises timber construction with some fitted floor coverings in place at the time of our inspection. Some of the floor coverings are also missing. There was no access possible to any sub-floor areas.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items
	were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	The kitchen incorporates floor and wall mounted units, work top space and a sink. The internal joinery appears mainly original.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
Chilliney breasts and fireplaces	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	The lounge fireplace contains a gas fire which was not tested or operated, although we would refer you to our comments below under Section 2.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	The internal decorations mainly comprise emulsioned and painted surfaces.
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built access.
	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.

Mains supply with the meter contained within the entrance vestibule cupboard. The property's extractor fans provided in the bathroom and kitchen were not tested.

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.

Mains gas is connected with the outside meter box appearing to be adjacent to the lower front external wall of the building but subject to confirmation.

Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings

Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.

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

Mains water is connected and where visible, copper/metal and PVC plumbing installations are provided. The property's cold water storage tank was not accessed or checked. The bathroom incorporates an original metal bath with replacement WC and wash hand basin. The bathroom walls are mainly tiled.

Heating and hot water

Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.

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

The property has the use of a gas fired central heating system, the boiler for which is contained within the entrance vestibule cupboard and will also serve the property's hot water supply. The boiler was turned off at the time of our inspection.

Drainage Drainage covers etc. were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Mains drainage is connected. It is not known if the drainage connections externally have been upgraded since the building was originally constructed.

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 carbonfuelled 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.

Any additional limits to inspection

For flats / maisonettes

Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.

If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.

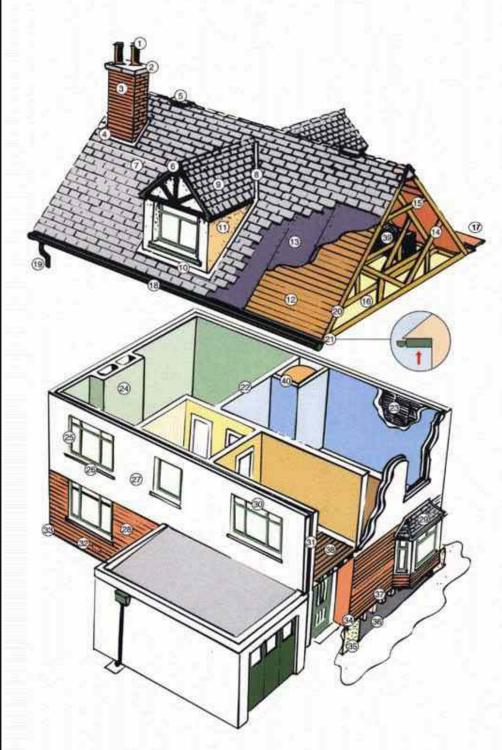
The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.

The property has some fitted floor coverings and therefore, no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings. None of the building's roof timbers have been inspected or viewed. Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested. No access was available to any sub-floor areas

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.

In ex Local Authority properties of this age and type, it is common to find that there are some asbestos based products present, the full extent of which may not become apparent until full access works can be undertaken and particularly during the course of future upgrading/redecoration. We have not carried out an asbestos survey and if you require any further comments prior to purchase, then you must instruct a qualified asbestos surveyor to inspect the whole of the subjects and report thereon.

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

- 1) Chimney pots
- 2) Coping stone
- 3) Chimney head
- (4) Flashing
- 5) Ridge ventilation
- (6) Ridge board
- (7) Slates / tiles
- 8 Valley guttering
- 9 Dormer projection
- 10) Dormer flashing
- 11) Dormer cheeks
- (12) Sarking
- 13) Roof felt
- (14) Trusses
- (15) Collar
- 16) Insulation
- (17) Parapet gutter
- 18) Eaves guttering
- (19) Rainwater downpipe
- 20) Verge boards/skews
- 21) Soffit boards
- 22) Partition wall
- 23) Lath / plaster
- 24) Chimney breast
- 25) Window pointing
- 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

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

Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	There was no evidence of significant structural movement within the limitations of our inspection.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	Damp meter readings were taken where considered appropriate within the property and moisture levels were found to be within an acceptable range.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	The chimney stacks appear to be in a fair state of repair within the limitations of our inspection but can be vulnerable to defects and should be regularly maintained.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects were noted at the time of inspection. Roofing contractors recommend that roof coverings are inspected regularly in order to ensure they remain watertight.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Gutters require to be cleared of vegetation and debris in the short term and on a regular basis. We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and we would recommend that all rainwater fittings be inspected during heavy rainfall in order to ensure they are free from defects/leakages.

Main walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted, however normal levels of maintenance are recommended.
	The property is of non-traditional construction comprising concrete walls and may have a higher than normal maintenance requirement.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	The entrance door and windows are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to frames, sealed units and opening mechanisms.
	There is some evidence of damage to the entrance door, including the door lock, frame and timbers. The entrance door may require to be replaced as necessary.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	

Communal areas	
Repair category	2
Notes	The property's internal and external communal areas are in need of ongoing maintenance works but subject to confirmation on the extent of ownership and mutual maintenance liability. There is also evidence of condensation to defective double glazed units in the shared entrance hall/stair well together with cracking to the concrete floors. The stairwell's electrics were not tested but ongoing upgrading should be anticipated. It would also be advisable to ensure that the door entry system is regularly inspected and serviced as necessary. The building's shared external grounds are also overgrown etc.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Ongoing maintenance works are required to the building's external grounds, steps, boundaries and garden/retaining walls but subject to confirmation on the extent of ownership and mutual maintenance liability.

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

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	There is some loose plasterwork adjacent to the entrance door together with some general cracking to internal walls. Repairs are required.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	2
Notes	The floor coverings require to be reinstated/upgraded as necessary. Loose floor tiling in the kitchen adjacent to the washing machine suggests possible water spillages which in turn can cause concealed defects. As a precaution, further checks should be carried out and with a view to undertaking any necessary maintenance works, including the flooring timbers.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The internal joinery and kitchen fittings would benefit from upgrading while also ensuring that glazed internal doors incorporate toughened safety glass.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	2
Notes	It is assumed that the lounge 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	S
Repair category	2
Notes	The internal decoration will require to be upgraded dependant on individual taste.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	

Electricity	
Repair category	2
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.
	Aspects of the electrical installations may not be fully compliant with current Standards and Regulations and the system should be checked as a precaution by a registered electrician and upgraded as necessary. It would be advisable to also ensure that the property's extractor fans are inspected and maintained/serviced as necessary.

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	2					
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. The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable. It would be prudent to budget for the ongoing upgrading of water, plumbing and bathroom fittings with some wear and tear in evidence.					

Heating and hot water				
Repair category	2			
Notes	The central heating boiler/system is on semi-modern lines. Further advice should be obtained from a gas safe registered contractor to fully ascertain the condition, life expectancy and efficiency of the system.			
	The boiler as confirmed under Section 1 was also turned off at the time of our inspection.			

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.

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

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

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property:

In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Wherea lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?		Ground			
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?		X	No		
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes		No	X	
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?			No	X	
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?		X	No		
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?		X	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?	Yes	X	No		

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The building as a whole has the use of the shared internal entrance hall and stairwell with phone system. The building also has the use of shared external grounds, steps and retaining/garden walls. In these circumstances, the full extent of boundaries/ownership, rights of way and mutual maintenance liability for the subjects in general should be confirmed.

There is no physical evidence to suggest that any major structural alteration works have been carried out to the subjects in recent years. The subjects are contained within a building of non-traditional "no fines" concrete construction type with external insulation boards having been added. Any available guarantee for these insulation works should be checked and transferred. Comment on the current condition of concealed wall surfaces following the external insulation works is outwith the scope of our inspection while we would refer you to our comments below in respect of the cladding products used during the course of these works.

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.

There are cladding materials which form part of the external wall structure, however, these products do not appear to constitute ACM, MCM or HPL materials and consequently would fall out of scope in terms of RICS guidance pertaining to EWS1 requirements. We have assumed this to be accurate in arriving at our findings, although please note there is variance in individual lender guidance relating to EWS1 requirements and the position should be confirmed with any chosen lender prior to sale.

Please note we have not undertaken a fire safety inspection, and if a building falls out the scope of the EWS1 guidance, this does not mean that the building may not require some form of fire safety remediation in the future.

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 £180,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

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

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 £50,000 (FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

Signed	Paul Duncan Electronically signed :- 14/09/2023 16:55			
Report author	Paul Duncan			
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors			
Address	11 Wemyssfield Kirkcaldy KY1 1XN			
Date of report	13/09/2023			



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Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	253 Links Street, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1SE Andrew Grieve 13/09/2023
Property Details	
Property Type House X Purpose built flat	□ Bungalow □ Purpose built maisonette □ Converted maisonette □ Converted flat □ Flat over non-residential use □ Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style Detached Back to back	Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace High rise block X Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)
Does the surveyor believe that the military, police? Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on will Approximate Year of Construction	property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority, X Yes No No. of floors in block 3 Lift provided? Yes X No No. of units in block 6
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Other
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms 1 Living room 1 Bathroom(s	
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage Residential Element (greater than 4	
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
Single garage Double ga	rage Parking space X No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site?	No
Permanent outbuildings:	
None of consequence	

Construction
Walls Brick Stone X Concrete Timber frame Other (specify in General Remarks) Roof X Tile Slate Asphalt Felt Other (specify in General Remarks)
Special Risks
Has the property suffered structural movement?
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in \square Yes \boxtimes No the immediate vicinity?
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 X Mains Private None Water X Mains Private None Electricity X Mains Private None Gas X Mains Private None Central Heating X Yes Partial None
Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:
The property has the use of a gas fired central heating system.
Site
Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General Remarks.
X Rights of way X Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site Shared service connections
X III-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property Other (specify in General Remarks)
Location
Residential suburb Residential within town / city X 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?
Roads
Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only X Adopted Unadopted

General Remarks

A purpose built and fully self contained ex Local Authority flat occupying the ground floor of a three storey, low rise block with six flats in total which are accessed via the shared internal entrance hall and stairwell with phone system.

The subjects are situated within an established area of mixed residential and commercial activity. The subjects form part of a terraced building containing comparable type flats constructed for the Local Authority with a good number still appearing to be occupied by council tenants and this factor will continue to affect market/saleability. A range of local amenities are available in the general area with the Kirkcaldy High Street also situated within a fairly short travelling distance of the subjects.

The subjects were vacant during our inspection and access was restricted to the exposed and accessible fabric. We have not carried out an asbestos survey. The services and double glazing were not tested, although ongoing upgrading works are required. The valuation reflects the subjects require items of ongoing maintenance, repair and upgrading works.

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Essential Repairs
None.
Estimated cost of essential repairs
Retention recommended? Yes X No
Retention amount
Comment on Mortgageability The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider. Some lenders have their own individual lending policies in respect of flats contained within buildings of this non-traditional construction type and where there are also still a good number of Local Authority tenants in residence. These factors will continue to affect market/saleability and should be discussed with any lender prior to proceeding with the purchase of the subjects.

Valuation £ 50,000 Market value in present condition £ 50,000 Market value on completion of essential repairs £ 180,000 Insurance reinstatement value £ 180,000 (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT) Is a reinspection necessary? Yes X No

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Signed Paul Duncan

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Date of Inspection 13/09/2023



Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Dwellings

Scotland

253 LINKS STREET, KIRKCALDY, KY1 1SE

Dwelling type: Ground-floor flat
Date of assessment: 13 September 2023
Date of certificate: 13 September 2023

Total floor area: 65 m²

Primary Energy Indicator: 324 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 0717-9521-6200-0607-5296 **Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling

Approved Organisation: Elmhurst

Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains

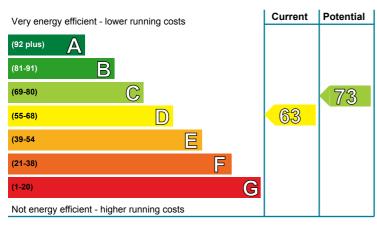
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You can use this document to:

- 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 CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	your home for 3 years* £5,877	
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,863	report for more information

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

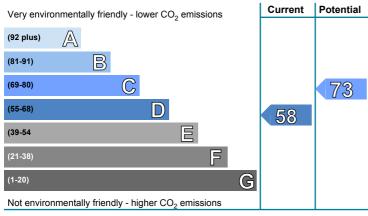


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 (63)**. 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 (CO₂) 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 D (58)**. 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	
1 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£1089.00	
2 Low energy lighting	£20	£150.00	
3 Heating controls (room thermostat)	£350 - £450	£234.00	

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

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to stop wasting energy and money, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	System built, with external insulation System built, as built, no insulation (assumed)	**** ***	**** ***
Roof	(another dwelling above)	_	_
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	_	_
Windows	Fully double glazed	***	***
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	****
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	***	***
Secondary heating	Room heaters, mains gas	_	_
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆	***☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 43% 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, CO₂ 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 CO₂/m²/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 3.7 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 1.2 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	£4,176 over 3 years	£2,859 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,173 over 3 years	£819 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£528 over 3 years	£336 over 3 years	save £1,863
Total	£5,877	£4,014	over 3 years

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

Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures		Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
				Energy	Environment
1	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£363	C 69	D 67
2	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£20	£50	C 70	D 68
3	Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£78	C 71	C 70
4	Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£129	C 73	C 73

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- Air or ground source heat pump
- Micro CHP
- · Cavity, internal or external wall insulation

Choosing the right improvement package

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



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

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

1 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.

2 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).

3 Heating controls (room thermostat)

The heating system should have a room thermostat to enable the boiler to switch off when no heat is required. A competent heating engineer should be asked to do this work. Insist that the thermostat switches off the boiler as well as the pump and that the thermostatic radiator valve is removed from any radiator in the same room as the thermostat. Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

4 Condensing boiler

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation	
Space heating (kWh per year)	6,986	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,676				

Addendum

This dwelling is a system built property or some of its walls are of non-conventional construction and requires further investigation to establish the type of construction, the type of wall insulation best suited (cavity insulation or internal/external insulation) and the savings it might deliver. Please contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 to find out more.

About this document

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

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

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

Advice and support to improve this property

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

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

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Completion date of property questionnaire	1819123

Note for sellers

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.
- The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.
- If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the date of entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership			
	How long have you owned the property?			
2.	Council tax			
	Which Council Tax band is your p			
3.	Parking			
	What are the arrangements for p (Please tick all that apply)	arking at your property?		
	• Garage			
	Allocated parking space			
	• Driveway			
	Shared parking			
	On street			
	Resident permit			
	Metered parking			
	Other (please specify):			
4.	Conservation area			
	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)?			

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 ☐ 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)?	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:	
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	
	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.	☐ No
	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
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	NO NO
	(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 patic approximate dates when the work was completed):	o doors (with
	Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your agent.	solicitor or estate

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). 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).	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partial
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heatinstalled?	ing system
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	☐ Yes
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Pleas month and year).	e provide the
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	☐ Yes ☐ No
9.	Issues that may have affected your property	
а.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it? If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes
	outstanding insurance claim?	□ No
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? If you have answered yes, please give details:	☐ Yes ☐ No

a. F	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:					
	Services Connected Supplier					
	Gas or liquid petroleum gas					
	Water mains or private water supply					
	Electricity	V				
	Mains drainage					
	Telephone	/				
	Cable TV or satellite					
	Broadband					
b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:			☐ Yes ☐ No		
	(iv) Do you have appropriat your septic tank?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know				
	(v) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank? If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:			☐ Yes ☐ No		

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 ☐ 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 ☐ No ☐ Not applicable
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	☐ Yes ☐ 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 ☑ No
e.	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the 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:	☐ Yes ☑ No
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 ☐ 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 ☑ No

Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☑ Don't Know
If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't Know
Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents maintenance or stair fund.	
Specialist works	
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? 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.	□ Yes □√No
As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property? If you have answered yes, please give details:	☐ Yes ☐ Ño
If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work? 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:	☐ Yes ☐ No
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges? Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents maintenance or stair fund. Specialist works 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? 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. As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property? If you have answered yes, please give details: 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.

14.	Guarantees					
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:					
		No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(i)	Electrical work		П	Ū		
(ii)	Roofing			Q		
(iii)	Central heating					
(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)					
(v)	Damp course			Q		
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)					
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? 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? If you have answered yes, please give details:				☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know	

16.	Notices tha	at affect your property				
	In the past th	ree years have you ever received a notice:				
а.	advising that planning app	the owner of a neighbouring property has made a ication?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
b.	that affects y	our property in some other way?	☐ Yes ☐ No			
c.	that requires to your prope	☐ Yes ☐ 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.					
I/We	confirm tha	e seller(s)/or other authorised body or persent the information in this form is true and coredge and belief.				
Signa	ature(s) :					
Date:	:	191012 T				

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Home Report

Mortgage & Re-Mortgage Valuation Home & Flat Buyer Report

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Property Management

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Glasgow △ ▲ 0141 331 2807

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△ 0141 649 8020

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Hamilton △ 01698 897548

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