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Date of inspection:

23rd September 2025

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 the need to move any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

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. were not inspected or reported on.

Description	A detached bungalow with an outbuilding and garden ground.
Accommodation	Sitting Room, Two (2nr Bedrooms), Kitchen/Dining Room, Bathroom, Shower Room, Corridor.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	The gross internal floor area of the property is approximately 112m ² (not including the Entrance Porch).
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated close to Palace village in Birsay, in the northwest corner of the Orkney Mainland.
Age	It is thought that the original part of the property dates from the mid Twentieth Century. The Sitting Room/Bathroom extension was added around 25 years ago.
Weather	The weather was dry and bright, following a period of changeable weather.
Chimney stacks	There is one chimney stack to the north elevation. It is assumed to be block-built and is harled externally, with a concrete cope and a single clay chimney can. <i>Visually inspected with the use of binoculars where appropriate.</i>

Roofing including roof space

Pitched timber framed roof structure; timber sarking boards to the older part of the house; plywood sarking to the Sitting Room extension.

Roofs to the older parts of the house are clad with profiled concrete tiles and concrete ridge tiles.

Lightweight metal tiles to the extension.

Fibreglass insulation to the ceiling joists.

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.

Head and shoulders inspection of the roof space only.

Rainwater fittings

uPVC gutters and down pipes.

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Main walls

The main walls to the original part of the property are assumed to consist of a wartime timber hut, which has been blocked in and harled.

Modern structural timber frame to the Sitting Room extension, with external timber weatherboarding.

Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.

Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.

Windows, external doors and joinery

uPVC double glazed windows.

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.

External decorations

The external timber weatherboarding and fascia boards are painted; block walls are also painted.

Visually inspected.

Conservatories / porches

Entrance Porch to the front door; concrete floor, uPVC double glazed windows and door; pitched roof clad with concrete tiles.
Internal dimensions 3.0m x 2.2m.; included in descriptions elsewhere.

Visually inspected.

Communal areas

There are no communal areas.

Circulation areas visually inspected.

Garages and permanent outbuildings

There is one large outbuilding to the east of the house, consisting of a concrete floor, block and structural timber framed walls, pitched roof clad with metal sheets, timber doors, uPVC and timber framed windows.
Internal dimensions 12.0m x 4.45m.

Visually inspected.

Outside areas and boundaries

Garden areas surround the house, which are mainly laid to grass, partly bordered by concrete block walls and timber fencing.
There is also an additional area of garden to the opposite side of the public road, which is bordered by a stone wall.
Concrete paths around the house.
Gravelled driveway in from the public road.

Visually inspected.

Ceilings

The ceilings are lined with plasterboard.

Visually inspected from floor level.

Internal walls

Interior walls and partitions are timber framed and lined with plasterboard.

Visually inspected from floor level.

Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.

Floors including sub floors

Suspended timber ground floor to the house.

Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.

There are no sub-floor areas.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Modern fitted floor and wall units to the Kitchen/Dining Room.
Vanity unit to the Bathroom; built-in worktop & shelves to the Shower Room.
4-panelled and part glazed pine interior doors with doorknobs and brass lever handles.
Sliding door to the cupboard off the Hall.
Softwood timber finishes.
Window cills are a mixture of white uPVC and timber; plasterboard or plywood ingoes.

Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.

Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces

There are no chimney breasts or fireplaces.

Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.

Internal decorations

Internal plasterboard walls and ceilings are mainly emulsioned.
Textured plaster to the ceiling of one Bedroom.
Interior woodwork is varnished or painted.
Tiles around the bath; tile effect PVC wall cladding to the Shower.
Floor finishes consist of carpet and oak flooring.

Visually inspected.

Cellars

There are no cellars.

Visually inspected where there was safe and purpose-built access.

Electricity

The property is served by a mains electricity supply to a distribution board and a single tariff meter.
Extractor hood to the Kitchen/Dining Room.
Built in appliances include an electric hob and oven.

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.

Gas

There is no mains gas in Orkney.
No Calor Gas installation at the property.

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.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

There is a mains water supply to the property.
The pipework, where visible, is of copper and uPVC construction.

Sanitary ware includes:

Kitchen/Dining Room: single bowl stainless steel sink and drainer.

Shower Room: Electric shower with tray and cabinet, wash-hand basin on worktop, WC.

Bathroom: Bath, wash-hand basin in vanity unit, WC, illuminated wall mirror.

*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.*

Heating and hot water

The house is heated by a combi oil boiler in a cupboard off the Kitchen/Dining Room, heating radiators throughout the house.

The heating system is controlled by a programmer, wall thermostat and TRV's fitted to the radiators.

Chrome towel rails to the Bathroom and Shower Room.

The boiler also produces the hot water.

Plastic oil tank to the south of the outbuilding.

*Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.
No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.*

Drainage

Drainage is understood to connect to a private septic tank on site.

*Drainage covers etc were not lifted.
Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.*

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Smoke detectors fitted to the ceilings of the Sitting Room and Hall; high heat detector to the Kitchen/Dining Room.

Visually inspected.

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

Any additional limits to inspection:

At the time of our inspection the property was occupied and fully furnished with floors partly covered.

Pitched roof coverings were inspected from ground level; a detailed inspection of condition was not undertaken.

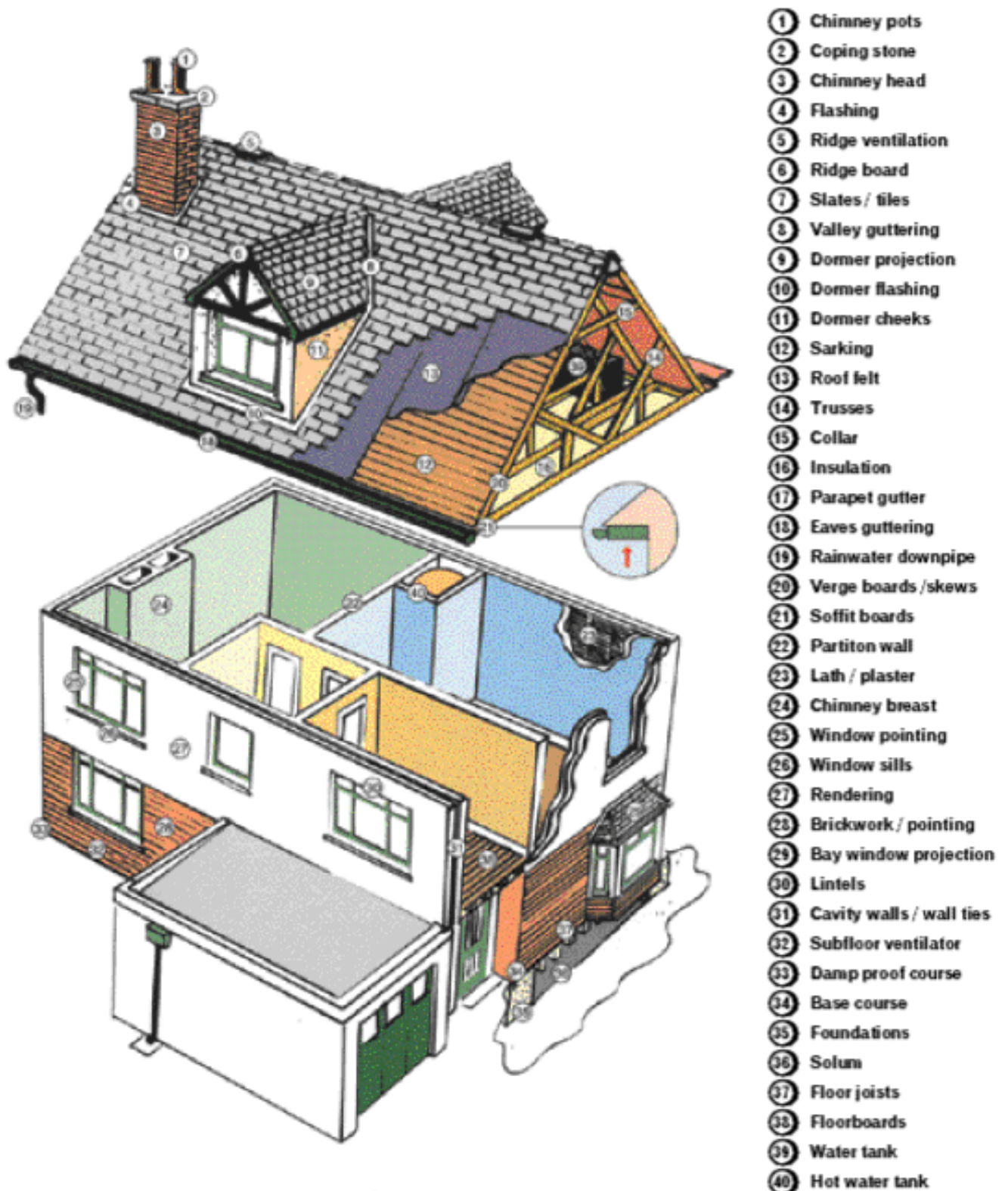
An inspection for Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species was not carried out.

There was no access for inspection to the foundations or behind wall linings.

The drainage system was not open to inspection.

High levels of Radon gas have been recorded in areas of Orkney. No tests were carried out to detect the levels of gas in the property.

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 terms.

2. CONDITION

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

Category 3		Category 2	Category 1
Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.		Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.	No immediate action or repair is needed.
 Structural movement			
Repair category		1	
Notes:		No significant defects noted.	
 Dampness, rot and infestation			
Repair category		2	
Notes:		Signs of woodworm activity noted to the roof structure over the original part of the house.	
 Chimney stacks			
Repair category:		1	
Notes:		No significant defects noted.	
 Roofing including roof space			
Repair category:		1	
Notes:		No significant defects noted.	
 Rainwater fittings			
Repair category:		2	
Notes:		Section of downpipe has come loose from the southern elevation.	
 Main walls			
Repair category:		2	
Notes:		Cracks noted to external render, with signs of previous repairs. Scratch coat only below DPC level to the extension.	
 Windows, external doors and joinery			
Repair category:		2	
Notes:		Some of the window handles are loose. Failed panes noted to the windows in the Hall and Shower Room.	

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 External decorations	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.
 Conservatories / porches	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The uPVC windows and door to the Entrance Porch are weathered.
 Communal areas	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	There are no communal areas.
 Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Corrosion noted to the lower roof sheets to one side of the building. Repairs to the roof sheeting were ongoing at the time of inspection. Timber window is very weathered.
 Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.
 Ceilings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.
 Internal walls	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.
 Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.
 Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No significant defects noted.

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	Chimney breasts and fireplaces
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	There are no chimney breasts or fireplaces.
	Internal decorations
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Minor splits noted to wall and ceiling plasterboard. Decoration is incomplete to the edge of one Bedroom door.
	Cellars
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	There are no cellars.
	Electricity
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The electrical installation was not tested. Electrical fittings and fuseboard appear dated but serviceable.
	Gas
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	There is no gas installation.
	Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The plumbing installation was not tested. Silicone sealant around the shower tray has blackened and has shrunk.
	Heating and hot water
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The heating system was not tested. The oil tank is not secured.
	Drainage
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No access to inspect the underground drainage pipework.

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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 comments above for detailed information.

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

Repair Categories

Category 3:

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

Category 2:

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

Category 1:

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres: For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes: Parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	Ground
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	No
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	No
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	No
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes

4. VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Check

- Rights and responsibilities for mutual parts, boundaries etc.
- That the Title is clean and Heritable with no onerous burdens or conditions.

Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£400,000 (Four Hundred Thousand Pounds).

Valuation and market comments

The market value of the property as described in this report is £245,000 (Two Hundred and Forty-Five Thousand Pounds).

This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, title restrictions and servitude rights.

Signed



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Date of report:

25th September 2025

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

SCHOOL CROFT, THE PALACE, ORKNEY, KW17 2LX

Dwelling type: Detached bungalow
Date of assessment: 23 September 2025
Date of certificate: 25 September 2025
Total floor area: 120 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 213 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 0150-2617-9110-2525-1021
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

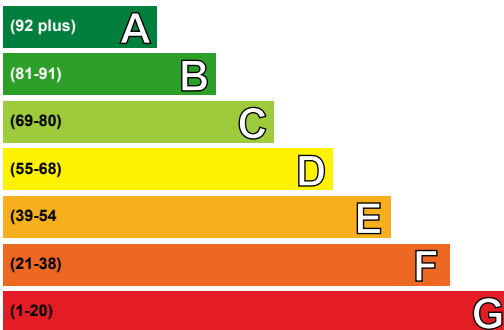
You can use this document to:

- 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*	£5,721	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£504	

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Current	Potential
62	81

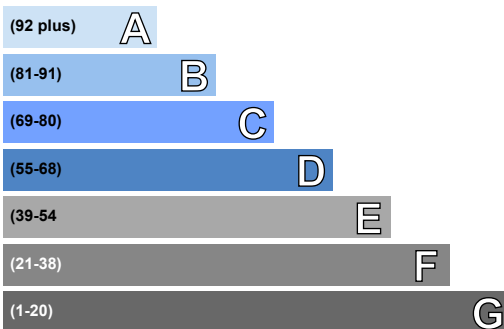
Energy Efficiency Rating

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 (62)**. 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.

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Current	Potential
58	66

Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band D (58)**

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)	£5,000 - £10,000	£156.00
2 Condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,500	£345.00
3 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels	£8,000 - £10,000	£690.00

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	Timber frame, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 250 mm loft insulation	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Suspended, limited insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Suspended, insulated (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	None	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Lighting	Good lighting efficiency	★★★★★☆☆	★★★★★☆☆

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 52 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 6.2 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 1.1 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

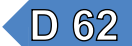
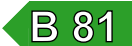
Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£4,428 over 3 years	£3,558 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,086 over 3 years	£1,452 over 3 years	
Lighting	£207 over 3 years	£207 over 3 years	
Totals	£5,721	£5,217	

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)	£5,000 - £10,000	£52		
2 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,500	£115		
3 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£8,000 - £10,000	£230		
4 Wind turbine	£5,000 - £20,000	£712		

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.

- Biomass boiler (Exempted Appliance if in Smoke Control Area)

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 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.

3 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

4 Wind turbine

A wind turbine provides electricity from wind energy. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Wind turbines are not suitable for all properties. The system's effectiveness depends on local wind speeds and the presence of nearby obstructions, and a site survey should be undertaken by an accredited installer. Planning permission might be required and building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for a wind turbine, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

Your home's heat demand

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)	13,877.06	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,296.96			

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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Assessor membership number:	EES/019552
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Related party disclosure:	No related party

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

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 [greenerscotland.org](https://www.greenerscotland.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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property questionnaire

Property Address	Schoolcroft, Birsay, KW172LX
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Seller(s)	
Completion date of Property Questionnaire	24 September 2025

property questionnaire

Note for sellers

- Please complete this form carefully. It is important 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 you solicitor or estate agent immediately.

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of Ownership	
	How long have you owned the property? 2y 7 months	
2.	Council Tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H	
3.	Parking	

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What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply) Garage ☒ Allocated parking space ☐ Driveway ☒ On street ☐ Resident Permit ☐ Metered parking ☐ Shared parking ☐ Other (please specify)	
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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)?	No
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)?	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)? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please describe below the changes which you have made:	No

property questionnaire

	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them.	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double-glazing installed in your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below: (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced? (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings? (iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):	No
7.	Central heating	
	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). <u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> — what kind of central heating is there? (examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas-warm air). If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	Yes, oil
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? not known	

property questionnaire

	(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: no (iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	
8.	Energy Performance Certificate	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate, which is less than 10 years old?	Don't know
9.	Issues that may have affected your property	
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	No
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details: no	No
10.	Services	

property questionnaire

a.	Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Services</th> <th>Connected</th> <th>Supplier</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas or liquid petroleum gas</td> <td>☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> scottish water</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water mains or private water supply</td> <td>X ☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> octopus</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Electricity</td> <td>X ☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> septic tank</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mains drainage</td> <td>X ☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Telephone</td> <td>☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> </td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cable TV or satellite</td> <td>☐</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> fiber - EE</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broadband</td> <td>X ☐</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Services	Connected	Supplier				Gas or liquid petroleum gas	☐		scottish water			Water mains or private water supply	X ☐		octopus			Electricity	X ☐		septic tank			Mains drainage	X ☐					Telephone	☐					Cable TV or satellite	☐		fiber - EE			Broadband	X ☐		
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b.	Is there a septic tank system at your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the two questions below: (i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank? (ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:	Yes Yes No																																													

11.	Responsibilities for shared or common areas	
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property questionnaire

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? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No
b.	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	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? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	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? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No

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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 privately-owned)? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details: publuc Road goeod through property boundary	Yes
12.	Charges associated with your property	
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	No
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	No
c.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.	None
13.	Specialist works	

property questionnaire

a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property? 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: no	No
b.	As far as you were aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp, ever been carried out to your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details: no	No
c.	<u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work? <u>If you have answered yes</u> 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 <u>please write below who has these documents</u> 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:	
14.	Guarantees	

property questionnaire

a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following: (i) Electrical work (ii) Roofing (iii) Central heating (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC) (v) Damp course (vi) Any other work or installations (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No
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? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No
15.	Boundaries	
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years? <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:	No
16.	Notices that affect your property	

property questionnaire

	In the past three years have you ever received a notice: a. advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application? b. that affects your property in some other way? c. that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property? <u>If you have answered yes to any of a-c above</u>, 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.	No
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Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s)

I/We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature(s): _____

Date:

24/9/2025

PART 1 – GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

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, 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 to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report are transmitted to every prospective Purchaser.

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property.¹

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

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.

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

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Any intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless they assign the same to any other party in writing.

1.5 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 PRECEDENCE

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

1.8 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 "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 of 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.

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

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.

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 Surveyors opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

2.3.1 Category 3: Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

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

2.3.3 Category 1: No immediate action or repair is needed.

WARNING: /-

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 within a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arms-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" /-

"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 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.