

Single Survey

survey report on:

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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.

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The Surveyors have a written complaints handling procedure. This is available from the offices of the Surveyors at the address stated.

1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

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

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

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

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

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

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

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

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

1.3 LIABILITY

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

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

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

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

1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

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

1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

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

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless

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

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

1.7 PAYMENT

The Surveyors are entitled to refrain from delivering the Report to anyone until the fee and other charges for it notified to the Seller have been paid. Additional fees will be charged for subsequent inspections and Reports.

1.8 CANCELLATION

The Seller will be entitled to cancel the inspection by notifying the Surveyor's office at any time before the day of the inspection.

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the Surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. The Surveyor will also be entitled not to proceed if after arriving at the property, the surveyor concludes that the property is exempt under Part 3 of The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 as detailed in the (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008. If there is a potential threat to their health or personal safety, the inspection may be postponed or cancelled, at the Surveyor's discretion.

In the case of cancellation or the inspection not proceeding, the Surveyor will refund any fees paid by the Seller for the inspection and Report, except for expenses reasonably incurred and any fee due in light of the final paragraph of this section.

In the case of cancellation by the Seller, for whatever reason, after the inspection has taken place but before a written report is issued, the Surveyor will be entitled to raise an invoice equivalent to 80% of the agreed fee.

1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;

- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

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

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communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;

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

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

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

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

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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	Detached one and a half storey cottage style house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR - Entrance Porch, Hallway, Living Room with Dining Kitchen extension off, Bedroom and Bathroom with WC. FIRST FLOOR - Bedroom 1 with Study off and Bedroom 2.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	The gross internal floor area extends to 120 sq. m or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The house occupies an established roadside rural site, approximately eight miles west of Aberdeen City Centre. Local amenities are available within the nearby village of Peterculter and Aberdeen city.
Age	140 years.
Weather	Dry and sunny.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimneys are of roughcast stone construction, sealed at the roof by cement fillets.

Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The roof areas over the main house are pitched and slated with metal valleys and flashings and cement skew fillets. There is a modern slated box dormer through the rear roof pitch with a flat felt covering above, which has not been inspected.</p> <p>The roof over the rear extension is part pitched and slated to the link roof, but otherwise of a flat design overlaid in sedum over membrane sheeting.</p> <p>Access was gained to the small pitched roof void over the link between the main house and rear extension. There are no other accessible roof void areas.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>PVC rainwater goods connect into the drainage system.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls are of solid pointed stonework but the upper gable walls have been roughcast over.</p> <p>The walls of the rear single storey extension appear of solid concrete blockwork, externally roughcast. There are some timber shingles at the wall head around the roof perimeter.</p>

<p>Windows, external doors and joinery</p>	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows throughout are of replacement uPVC double glazed type with feature sash and case style windows to the front elevation of the main accommodation. Daylight over the stairwell is by a double glazed Velux roof light.</p> <p>The external doors are of a white uPVC double glazed type. Soffits and fascias are mainly of PVC and part painted timber.</p>
<p>External decorations</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Maintenance free finishes and some painted timbers.</p>
<p>Conservatories / porches</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Front porch annexe with rendered block walls which are unlined internally. There are uPVC double glazed windows and a uPVC double glazed door. The roof is pitched and slated.</p>
<p>Communal areas</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Garages and permanent outbuildings</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There are traditional old timber store buildings on site under corrugated metal roofs and a modern timber woodstore under a metal profile sheet roof.</p>
<p>Outside areas and boundaries</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The house occupies an irregular road side site, with boundaries marked by drystone dykes and stone sett walls. The garden areas are established, with a number of large mature trees within the site.</p> <p>We understand there is a small paddock adjacent to the south west of the main site which is included in the sale, part enclosed by stone walls and timber post and wire fencing, open at the roadside.</p>

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Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings are lined in lath and plaster and plasterboard. There are waterproof linings to the bathroom ceiling.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The main walls and partitions are lined in lath and plaster and plasterboard. The front wall of the entrance hallway area is unlined and plastered on the stone wall.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</p> <p>Flooring throughout the original house is of suspended timber construction. Flooring in the rear extension is of solid concrete. Our inspection has been restricted throughout due to fitted floor coverings.</p> <p>No sub-floor inspection has been possible and sub-floor timbers have not been checked.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>Internal doors are a mixture of painted timber panel, painted timber lined doors and modern pressed panel doors, part glazed to the kitchen. Skirtings and door facings have been painted with wood finishes in the living room area.</p> <p>The kitchen is equipped with a sink unit and there is an adequate number of base and wall cupboard units.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There are feature wood burning stoves in the living room and ground floor bedroom fireplaces, connecting into the chimney flues. These have not been tested. All other fireplaces have been removed and the openings blocked over.</p>

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Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The ceilings and walls are mainly finished in painted plaster and painted paper. Joinery finishes are mainly painted.</p>
Cellars	<p>None.</p>
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Mains supply. The meter and consumer unit are located in the living room wall cupboard. Electrical wiring where seen, is of PVC sheath cabling.</p>
Gas	<p>No supply.</p>
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>We understand the house is connected to the mains water supply, although not tested. Internal plumbing where seen is of PVC waste pipes and copper supply pipes. It has been assumed there are no lead water supply pipes.</p> <p>The bathroom is fitted with a three piece white suite and a shower fitting over the bath.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Hot water and central heating is from the gas fired Worcester Greenstar Heatslave 18/25 boiler located in the rear extension, and the flue passes through the wall externally. The boiler supplies radiators throughout the main accommodation.</p>

<p>Drainage</p>	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is to a private septic tank understood to be within the feu, but not located.</p> <p>It has been assumed that the septic tank has been registered with SEPA. The selling solicitor should confirm the soakaway arrangements, assumed outwith the site.</p>
<p>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</p>	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.</p>
<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>At the time of inspection the property was part furnished and vacant. Our inspection has been restricted due to fitted floor coverings.</p> <p>No sub-floor inspection has been possible as there are no accessible hatches. We are therefore unable to comment on the condition of sub-floor timbers.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to the roof timbers of the main house as there are no access hatches.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to flooring timbers beneath any sanitary fitting, kitchen appliances or other wet areas was possible. Timbers are assumed to be in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>We were not able to fully inspect all areas of boundary walls due to garden vegetation.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to the flat felt roof area over the rear dormer and felt coverings have a limited lifespan.</p>

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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2. Condition

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

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



Structural movement

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



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is a spring to the flooring at the front entrance doorway of the main house, possibly due to decay of sub-floor timbers, not seen. High damp meter readings and some staining were noted to the plastered walls at the front of the entrance hall area, to the gable walls of the living room and bedroom above, in the ground floor bedroom cupboard recess and at the side of the dining kitchen external doorway.</p> <p>A firm of timber specialists should be employed to carry out a thorough inspection of the property prior to purchase including exposure of sub-floor joist ends to confirm the nature and extent of remedial repairs necessary. The valuation below assumes no significant liability for timber remedial repairs.</p>



Chimney stacks

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



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The slate roof coverings over the building are original with some missing ridge tile pointing. Some lightweight flash tape repairs have been carried out to the sides of the front slated dormers and there is some weathering to the cement skew fillets. The roof will therefore require repairs, and regular maintenance can be anticipated due to the age of the building with a view to longer term reslating. Repairs should be carried out as necessary.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to the flat felt roof area over the rear dormer and felt work will have a limited lifespan. There is a flat membrane sheet roof to the rear extension laid in sedum although this could not be inspected.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection rainwater goods were seen to be free from significant defect.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted, however normal levels of maintenance are recommended. Slight hairline cracking to pointing and missing pointing around the living room window.</p> <p>There are high external ground levels around part of the rear extension, understood to have been damp proofed at the time of construction.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Windows are of an age and style where a degree of ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to sealed units and opening mechanisms.</p> <p>Some double glazed units are defective having failed and allowed condensation to form between the panes. Repairs, including the replacement of defective units, will be required. Some stiff window handles were noted, requiring attention.</p>

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External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Some weathered timbers noted to the small fascia sections and the link to the rear extension. Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	1
Notes	



Communal areas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	2
Notes	There is corrosion to the metal sheets of the older timber outbuildings, some timber decay and wood worm infestations.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Some repairs and maintenance works will be required to the stone boundary walls of the site.</p> <p>There are many mature trees on site and some within influencing distance of the house. Mature trees/vegetation within the grounds of the property will require future ongoing professional maintenance by an experienced contractor and the liability should be considered. The small paddock area adjacent to the main garden is overgrown. Some maintenance required to stone boundary walls.</p>



Ceilings

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

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Internal walls

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



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition. There is a slight spring to the flooring at first floor level, typical for a building of this age and type.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted. Some wear and tear to kitchen fittings and a missing handle to a sink unit base door.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the wood burning stoves have been installed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations for fluing and ventilation and has always utilised the correct type of fuel. The appliances have not been tested by ourselves and are therefore presumed in full, safe working order. The flues should be regularly swept.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The property is in reasonable decorative order.</p> <p>There is some condensation mould to decorations in bedroom 2 and some fitted cupboards. Old staining was noted to the ceiling of the study, although dry at the time of inspection.</p> <p>The internal decoration will require to be upgraded dependant on individual taste.</p>

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Cellars

Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A



Electricity

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There is a damaged electrical socket in the ground floor hallway area. The installation has not been checked but is of mixed ages. The system should be checked as a precaution by a registered electrician and upgraded if necessary</p> <p>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.</p>



Gas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	N/A



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>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.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p>

Single Survey



Heating and hot water

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The siting of the oil storage tank will not comply with current OFTEC standards. The tank is located within a timber woodshed in the rear garden area.</p> <p>It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are understood to be private drainage arrangements and the septic tank has not been located or checked. The maintenance liability, rights of access and SEPA consents should be confirmed by the solicitor.</p>

Single Survey

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

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	2
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	1
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	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	2
Gas	N/A
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
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. 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 Floor and First Floor			
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The original house has been altered with the construction of a large single storey rear kitchen extension, and a large Velux roof light has been installed in the upper stairwell. It has been assumed that all alterations and extension have received the necessary Local Authority planning consents and building warrant approvals, with Completion certificates available for inspection.

We were unable to determine the position of the septic tank or soakaway. The location of the septic tank/soakaway and legal access should be confirmed with the Title Deeds. It should also be confirmed that the drainage arrangements have SEPA consents.

The access roadway passing the site is made up although liability for maintenance should be confirmed by your solicitor.

We understand there is a small paddock adjacent to the south west of the main site which is included in the sale, part enclosed by stone walls and timber post and wire fencing, open at the roadside. This ground has been included in the valuation below.

This is a Replacement Home Report, our original inspection was carried out on 04/06/2024.

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 £480,000 (FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

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 £320,000 (THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING). This valuation assumes no significant liability for timber remedial repairs.

This valuation is in respect of the house, immediate garden and small paddock area adjacent.

Signed

Kevin Angus
Electronically signed :- 25/03/2025 12:53

Single Survey

Report author	Kevin Angus
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors
Address	35 Queen's Road Aberdeen AB15 4ZN
Date of report	25/03/2025

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Property Address

Address Benview, Culter House Road, Peterculter, AB14 0NT
Seller's Name Rory Stewart, Fiona Plender, Jenny Stewart
Date of Inspection 25/03/2025

Property Details

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

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

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

☒ Absolute Ownership ☐ Other

Accommodation

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

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 40%) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

☒ Single garage ☐ Double garage ☐ Parking space ☐ No garage / garage space / parking space

Available on site? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Permanent outbuildings:

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Construction

Walls ☐ Brick ☒ Stone ☐ Concrete ☐ Timber frame ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)
Roof ☐ Tile ☒ Slate ☐ Asphalt ☐ Felt ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

Service Connections

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

Drainage ☐ Mains ☒ Private ☐ None Water ☒ Mains ☐ Private ☐ None
Electricity ☒ Mains ☐ Private ☐ None Gas ☐ Mains ☐ Private ☒ None
Central Heating ☒ Yes ☐ Partial ☐ None

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

Oil fired system supplying radiators.

Site

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

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

Location

☐ Residential suburb ☐ Residential within town / city ☐ Mixed residential / commercial ☐ Shared service connections
☐ Commuter village ☐ Remote village ☒ Isolated rural property ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

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

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

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

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General Remarks

Additional accommodation - Study off bedroom 1 and front porch.

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

Timber and damp - There is a spring to the flooring at the front entrance doorway of the main house, possibly due to decay of sub-floor timbers, not seen. High damp meter readings were noted to the plastered walls at the front of the entrance hall area, to the gable wall of bedroom 1 and in the ground floor bedroom cupboard recess. A firm of timber specialists should be employed to carry out a thorough inspection of the property prior to purchase including exposure of sub-floor joist ends to confirm the nature and extent of remedial repairs necessary. The valuation below assumes no significant liability for timber remedial repairs.

Alterations - The original house has been altered with the construction of a large single storey rear kitchen extension, and at some time a large Velux roof light has been installed in the upper stairwell. It has been assumed that all alterations and extension have received necessary Local Authority planning consents and building warrant approvals, with Completion Certificates available for inspection.

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Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

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

Valuation

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value £

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

Is a reinspection necessary? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Declaration

Signed	<i>Kevin Angus</i> Electronically signed :- 25/03/2025 12:53
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