



# Single Survey

**Lower Houstry  
Halkirk  
KW12 6UJ**

survey report on :

<b>Customer</b>	Mrs Catherine MacLucas
<b>Customer Address</b>	Lower Houstry Halkirk KW12 6UJ
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018
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## **SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)**

### **PART 1 – GENERAL**

#### **1.1 THE SURVEYORS**

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report and a generic Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes. The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report in the format prescribed by the accredited Energy Company.

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript or retype of the generic Mortgage Valuation Report onto Lender specific proforma. 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, inspected date and valuation figure as the generic Mortgage Valuation Report and the Single Survey. The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report until the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing.

Once the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing, the Purchaser's lender or conveyancer may request that the Surveyors provide general comment on standard appropriate supplementary documentation. In the event of a significant amount of documentation being provided to the Surveyors, an additional fee may be incurred by the Purchaser. Any additional fee will be agreed in writing.

If information is provided to the Surveyors during the conveyancing process which materially affects the valuation stated in the Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report, the Surveyors reserve the right to reconsider the valuation. Where the Surveyors require to amend the valuation in consequence of such information, they will issue an amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report to the seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report and generic Mortgage Valuation Report are transmitted to every prospective Purchaser.

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

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

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

The Report and any expressions of 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.

<sup>1</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (the Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct

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) 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 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 with the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report<sup>2</sup>.

### 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

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

## 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 arms-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 the 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.

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

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

The last section of the Report contains matters considered relevant to the Conveyancer (Solicitor). It also contains the Surveyor's opinion of both the market value of the property and the reinstatement 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 arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.* In arriving at the opinion of Market Value the Surveyor can also make 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 assumptions or any found not to apply are reported.

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

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

## 1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

<b>Description</b>	The subjects comprise a detached 1 and 1½ storey dwelling house with attached outbuilding and ground extending to approximately 20 acres or thereby.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Ground Floor: Entrance hallway, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, rear hallway and bathroom with annex accommodation comprising open plan living room/kitchen, bedroom and shower room.  First Floor: Landing and 3 bedrooms.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m²)</b>	145.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The subjects are located in a rural location on the outskirts of Halkirk with views to the surrounding countryside.
<b>Age</b>	Built circa 1900 with later alterations and additions.
<b>Weather</b>	Dry and overcast.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  2 No. masonry chimney stacks are provided which are rendered.
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. 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.</b>  The main roof is timber framed, sarked and finished with Eternit style artificial slates. The rear kitchen extension has a flat rubberoid type roof and side single storey annex has a timber pitched and tiled roof.
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  The rainwater fittings are of various cast iron and PVC manufacture.
<b>Main walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b>  The main walls to the property appear of traditional solid stone construction with largely rendered finishes externally. The rear extension appears to be of cavity block construction which is also rendered externally.
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<b>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.</b>  Windows to the property are of various double glazed aluminium design as well as UPVC. The entrance doors are of double glazed UPVC.
<b>External decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>



	External decoration has localised paint finishes.
<b>Conservatories/porches</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> None.
<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b> None.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  Attached to the main property is a store, steading and stable areas which have traditional stone walls, timber pitched roofs with a variety of Caithness flag and corrugated metal roof sheeting over.  A further free standing timber stable building is provided with greenhouse. This is provided with felt roof coverings over.
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  Immediate areas of garden ground are landscaped with areas of hard standing and courtyard together with parking and turning areas. The larger extent of ground is post and wire fenced. Access is via a private unmade roadway.
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b>  Of plaster and plasterboard design with some areas of timber cladding.
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b>  Of plaster and plasterboard design with some areas of timber cladding.
<b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	<b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b> <b>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.</b> <b>Physical access to the sub-floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</b>  Flooring is of various suspended timber and concrete construction together with some areas of flagstone.
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b> <b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b>  Internal joinery finishes are consistent for a property of this age and style. The main kitchen units have recently been replaced with modern fittings and fitted work surfaces.
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<b>Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b>  A tiled fire surround is provided in the living room with open fire.
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  Internal decoration comprises of paint, wallpaper, varnish or stain finishes which is consistent for a property of this age and style.
<b>Cellars</b>	<b>Visually inspected where there was safe and purpose-built access.</b>  None.
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>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 report this in the Report and will not turn them on.</b>

	Mains supply. Mains electric switchgear and meter are located in the understairs cupboard with further electric supply board located within the annex area.
<b>Gas</b>	<p><b>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 report this in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p> <p>The property is provided from a bulk LPG storage cylinder within the garden grounds.</p>
<b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Mains supply. The plumbing installation appears to be of PVC and copper pipework. The bathroom fittings are of a standard pattern and white in colour. This comprises of wc, wash hand basin, bath and shower enclosure.</p>
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>Heating is by way of an LPG boiler located within a bathroom cupboard. This is of a combi type also supplying hot water.</p>
<b>Drainage</b>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Connected we understand to a private septic tank system.</p>
<b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>No mains smoke detection was noted.</p>

**Any additional limits to inspection**

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

Access throughout the property was restricted due to floor coverings, furnishings and belongings heavily in parts. No access was gained to any sub floor areas. Only heavily restricted access could be made to some roof space areas.

All properties built prior to the year 2000 may contain asbestos in one or more of its components or fittings. It is impossible to identify without a test. It is beyond the scope of this inspection to test for asbestos and future occupants should be advised that if they have any concerns then they should ask a specialist to undertake an appropriate test.

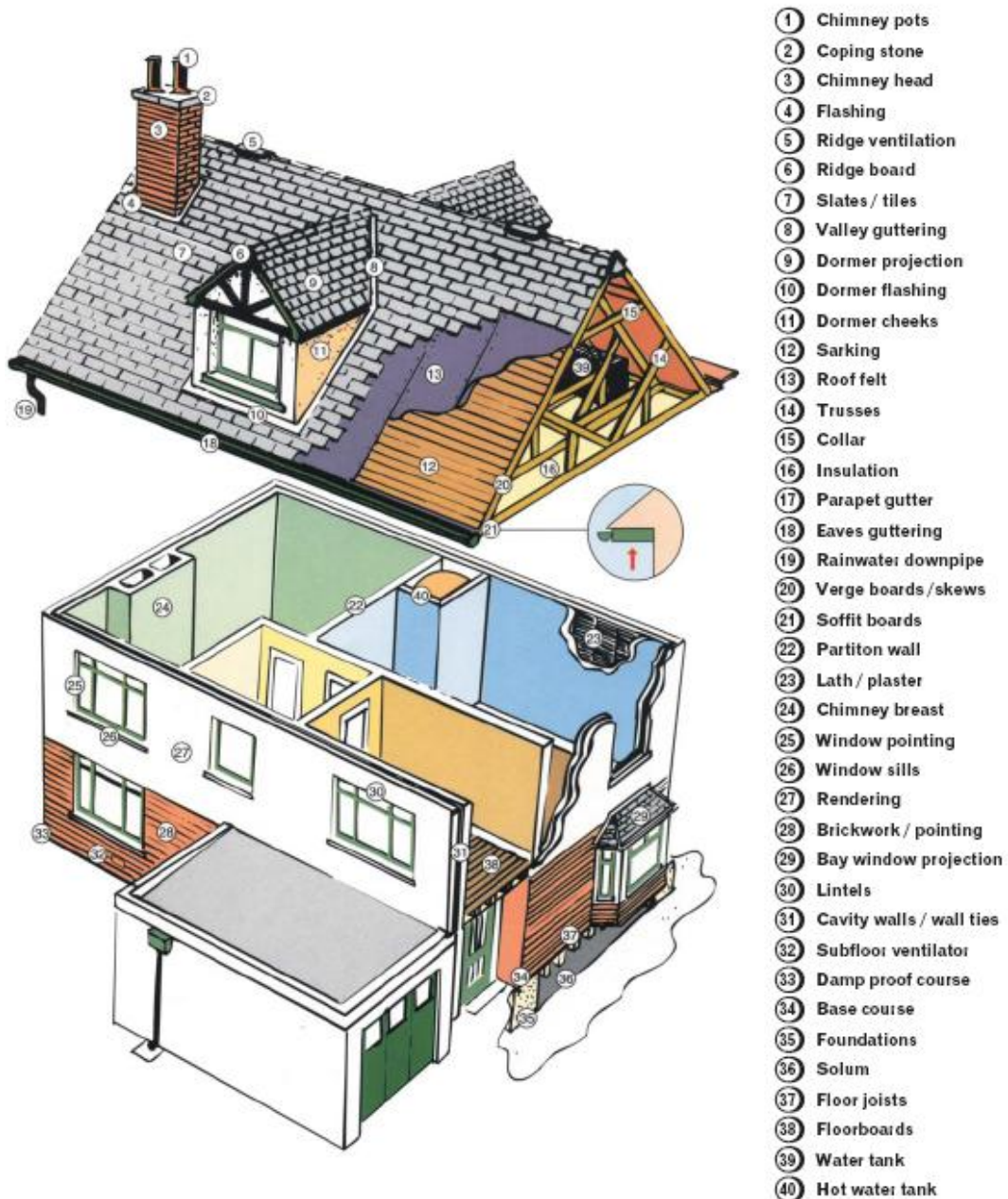
We have not made checks to ascertain whether the property lies within a Radon area. Further advice should be sought from the National Radiological Protection Board.

We have not been able to ascertain whether safety glass has been installed to glazing where required.

No checks have been made with regard to flood risk.

We have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species and unless otherwise stated for the purposes of this report we have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties. The identification of Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species should be made by a Specialist Contractor.

**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.


## 2. CONDITION


This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 3 categories.


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


 <h3>Structural movement</h3>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Various movement and tie in cracking was noted which appears typical for a property of this age and type although requiring ongoing attention and monitoring in future.


 <h3>Dampness, rot and infestation</h3>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	3
<b>Notes</b>	Evidence of water penetration and damp was noted to localised areas both at chimney wall heads and lower wall and ground levels. We understand the property was previously treated for timber and damp in excess of 30 years ago. Given the property's age and type further checks by a suitably qualified Timber and Damp Specialist should be made and advice sought with regard to any necessary remedial works.


 <h3>Chimney stacks</h3>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Chimney stacks show signs of normal weathering. Further investigation of water penetration to flashings will be necessary as appropriate in future.


 <h3>Roofing including roof space</h3>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	The roof coverings show signs of normal weathering and wear and tear. Discolouration was noted to artificial Eternit type slates. Such roof products can have some asbestos content. Further checks will be necessary by a specialist prior to works in future. A degree of moss build up was also noted to the tiles and valleys. The flat roof coverings have been re-roofed in the past with rubberoid type materials. It should be noted that flat roofs have a limited life and can be prone to sudden failure.


 <h3>Rainwater fittings</h3>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	The rainwater fittings show signs of undulation, limited support and corrosion to metal fittings. It should be noted that a full assessment of rainwater fittings can only be undertaken during heavy rainfall.


 <b>Main walls</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	The main walls show signs of normal weathering. Some cracking to render finishes was also noted. Some areas of bossed (loose) render were also apparent.


 <b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Windows, external doors and joinery show signs of normal weathering with some heavy deterioration to timber cills of aluminium windows. We would point out that we have not tested all windows and doors.


 <b>External decorations</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	External will require ongoing attention and maintenance in future. Some areas of external decoration and timber finishes were noted to have failed.


 <b>Conservatories/porches</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	N/A
<b>Notes</b>	


 <b>Communal areas</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	N/A
<b>Notes</b>	


 <b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	3
<b>Notes</b>	The attached and detached outbuildings are of rudimentary construction. The detached timber stable building show signs of heavy weathering with sections of felt roof coverings having failed. The garage and outbuilding show signs of timber decay, moisture penetration and woodworm infestation in parts. The electrical system is of an older pattern.


 <b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Mature vegetation was noted to be within influencing distance of the property which will require to be monitored and cut back as appropriate in future. Ground levels were also noted to be relatively high in relation to internal finished floor level. We would point out that we have not walked all boundaries. We note that much of the land has been bounded by post and wire fencing in the recent past.


 <b>Ceilings</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects were noted. Minor points noted could be attended to during routine redecoration in future. Localised areas affected by water penetration will require further checks and repairs as appropriate.


 <b>Internal walls</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Internal walls show signs of normal wear and tear. Some incomplete sections of plaster work were noted at the time of inspection. We understand these will be attended to by the current owner. Areas affected by water penetration will require further checks and remedial works as appropriate.


 <b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Floors show signs of normal wear and tear. Ground levels externally are relatively close to those of internal finished floor levels.


 <b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Internal joinery shows signs of normal wear and tear. The main kitchen fittings have recently been replaced.


 <b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	We understand disused chimneys have been capped and vented. Prior to resumption of use these should be checked and swept.


 <b>Internal decorations</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Much of the property has undergone redecoration in the more recent past including sections of flooring and timber work. We understand minor areas of incomplete decoration will be attended to by the current owner.


 <b>Cellars</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	N/A
<b>Notes</b>	

 <b>Electricity</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The electrical system appears of mixed eras with no evidence of recent testing noted.</p> <p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspection and testing is undertaken at least every 10 years and on change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with present IET regulations.</p>

























 <b>Gas</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects were noted. We assume the installation was to relevant standards and guidance of the supplier.

 <b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects were noted.

 <b>Heating and hot water</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	We understand the heating system was upgraded in the more recent past including a new gas boiler. Various surface mounted pipework was noted as well as some areas of pipework now disused. We understand service history can be made available for the boiler. We assume the heating and hot water systems were installed to relevant standards and guidance of the manufacturer.

 <b>Drainage</b>	
<b>Repair Category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects were noted. We assume SEPA car registration can be made available.

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	3
	Chimney stacks	2
	Roofing including roof space	2
	Rainwater fittings	2
	Main walls	2
	Windows, external doors and joinery	2
	External decorations	2
	Conservatories/porches	N/A
	Communal areas	N/A
	Garages and permanent outbuildings	3
	Outside areas and boundaries	2
	Ceilings	1
	Internal walls	1
	Floors including sub-floors	2
	Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
	Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
	Internal decorations	1
	Cellars	N/A
	Electricity	2
	Gas	1
	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 replacements 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 & First
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 the bedroom?	Yes
7	Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	No
8	Is the 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
<p>We assume a clear Property Enquiry Certificate shall be provided in due course and that the property has a clear Title. We further assume that any necessary statutory consent for the property in its current state is in place. If this is not the case, these should be referred back to the surveyor.</p> <p>The Solicitor must also ensure that any prospective purchaser fully understands the nature, criteria and basis of a Home Report and in particular what a Home Report is and what it is not and this should be done before any prospective purchaser makes an offer for this property based on the content of this report. If the Solicitor or purchaser requires any clarification in relation to this they must contact the surveyor or familiarise themselves with the nature and criteria of this type of report.</p> <p>It should be checked/confirmed that the tenure is absolute ownership and that there are no unduly onerous conditions or restrictive servitudes contained in the Title.</p> <p>Advice should be sought with regard to the exact extent of ground pertaining to the subjects.</p> <p>We assume there is a right of access over the unmade roadway and that maintenance is on a fair and equitable basis.</p> <p>We assume the land is held in ownership.</p>

Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes
<p>£500,000</p> <p>This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property should be insured against total destruction on a reinstatement basis assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Furnishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during reconstruction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised. The figure should be reviewed annually and in the light of any future alterations or additions.</p>

Valuation and market comments
<p>The market value of the property as described in this report is £185,000 (One Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand Pounds).</p> <p>This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, Title restrictions or servitude rights.</p> <p>The property is of a type for which there tends to be a reasonable demand.</p>

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<b>Date of report:</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2018

<b>Property Address:</b>	Lower Houstry House, Lower Houstry, Halkirk, KW12 6UJ	<b>Ref No:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Seller's Name(s):</b>	Mrs Catherine MacLucas		
<b>Date of Inspection:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> August 2018		

**Property Details**

Property Type	House <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Detached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If Flat/Maisonette	Purpose Built <input type="checkbox"/>
	Bungalow <input type="checkbox"/>	Semi Detached <input type="checkbox"/>		Converted <input type="checkbox"/>
	Flat <input type="checkbox"/>	Mid Terrace <input type="checkbox"/>	Floor of subject property	<input type="text"/>
	Maisonette <input type="checkbox"/>	End Terrace <input type="checkbox"/>	No of floors in block	<input type="text"/>
	Other* <input type="checkbox"/>	*Specify under General Comments		No of Flats in block <input type="text"/>

Type of Construction (\*Specify under General Comments)

Traditional  \*Non Traditional

**Tenure**

Absolute Owner  Leasehold  Age 118 years approximately

**Accommodation – (specify number of rooms)**

Living Rooms  Bedrooms  Kitchens  Bathrooms  WCs  Other   
(Specify in General Remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages & outbuildings)

Internal  m<sup>2</sup> External  m<sup>2</sup>

Garage(s) / Outbuildings  Parking Space  Garden Yes  No

Residential Element – greater than 40% Yes  No

**Construction**

Walls Brick  Stone  Concrete  Timber-framed  Other (specify in General Remarks)

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

**Subsidence, Settlement and Landslip**

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, please provide details in General Remarks.

**Services** (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

Gas Mains  Private  None  **Electricity** Mains  Private  None

**Central Heating** Yes  Partial  None  **Brief Description**

**Location**

Residential Suburb  Residential within town/city  Mixed residential/commercial

Mainly commercial  Commuter village  Remote village

Isolated rural property  Other  (Specify in General Remarks)

**Roads**

Made up  Unmade road  Partly completed new road

Adopted  Unadopted  Pedestrian access only

**Planning issues**

Has the property been extended / converted / altered?

Yes  No

If yes, please comment in General Remarks

**General Remarks**

The subjects comprise a 1 and 1½ storey traditional dwelling house which has been altered and extended in the past to provide further living accommodation. The property is set we understand in approximately 20 acres of land or thereby. We understand this is held in ownership.

At the time of inspection the property was generally found to be in average condition for one of its age and type having undergone various home improvement works in the past. Points noted could be attended to during routine maintenance and home improvements in future.

Outbuildings and land are in need of ongoing attention and maintenance/improvements.

**Essential Repairs**

Localised water/damp penetration was noted to elements of the building. Given the property's age and type it should be checked and treated as appropriate under long term guarantee by a Timber and Damp Specialist.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £  Retention recommended Yes  No  Amount £

**Comment on Mortgageability**

Mortgageability may be restricted by some lenders due to the extent of land held in ownership and the property having attached annex self contained accommodation. Further advice from a mortgage advisor should be sought.

**Valuations (Assuming Vacant Possession)**

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



# Energy Report



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# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

Lower Houstry, Halkirk, KW12 6UJ

**Dwelling type:** Detached house  
**Date of assessment:** 14 August 2018  
**Date of certificate:** 28 August 2018  
**Total floor area:** 145 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 403 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

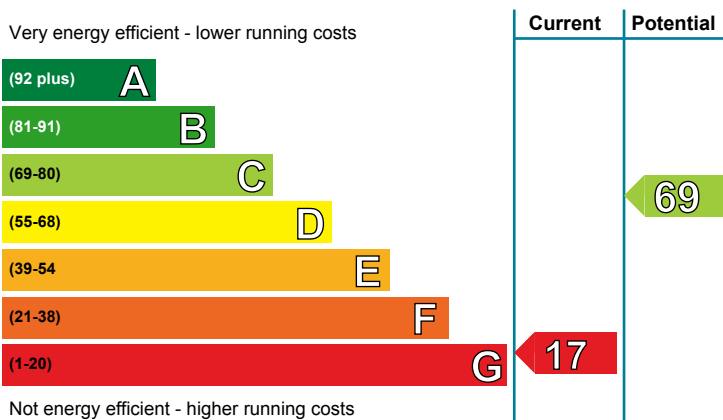
**Reference number:** 5818-4028-3530-2464-2996  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, LPG

## You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by improving your home

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£10,053</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£4,302</b>	

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

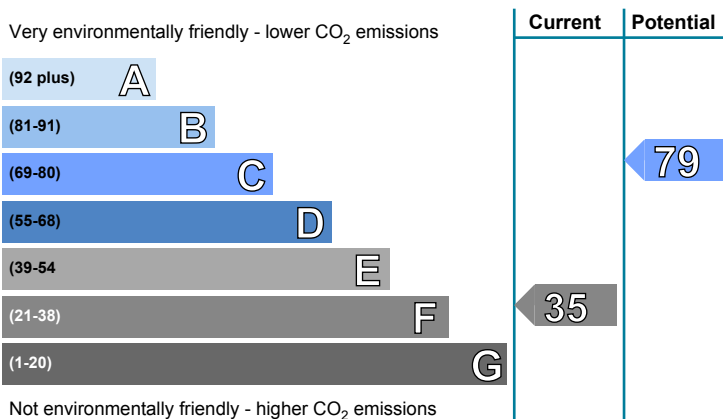


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band G (17)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



## Environmental Impact (CO<sub>2</sub>) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

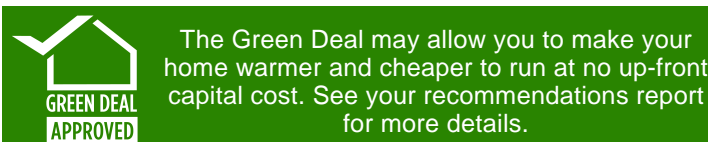
Your current rating is **band F (35)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years	Available with Green Deal
1 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£453.00	✓
2 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£1413.00	✓
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£207.00	✓

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.



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

## Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
	Flat, limited insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
	Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, LPG	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 75% of fixed outlets	★★★★★★	★★★★★★

## The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> 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 88 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/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 13 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 8.5 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.




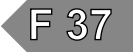




















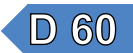


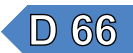




## Estimated energy costs for this home



	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£9,222 over 3 years	£5,085 over 3 years	
Hot water	£513 over 3 years	£348 over 3 years	
Lighting	£318 over 3 years	£318 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£10,053</b>	<b>£5,751</b>	

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

## Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement		Green Deal
			Energy	Environment	
1 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£151			
2 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£471			
3 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£69			
4 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£369			
5 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£199			
6 Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£84			
7 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£55			
8 High performance external doors	£1,500	£35			
9 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£5,000 - £8,000	£261			
10 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£592			

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

### 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.

- External insulation with cavity wall insulation

## Choosing the right improvement package

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

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## 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 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation

Insulating a flat roof or sloping ceiling will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation can be placed on top of the roof under the waterproof membrane and should particularly be considered when the waterproofing needs to be replaced. Further information about roof insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

### 2 Room-in-roof insulation

Insulating roof rooms will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. If it has a flat ceiling insulation can usually be added above the ceiling, and sloping ceilings and walls of roof rooms can be insulated using an internal lining board. Roof voids must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about roof room insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check this with your local authority building standards department.

### 3 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)).

### 4 Internal or external wall insulation

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

### 5 Floor insulation (solid floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulating solid floors can present challenges; insulation laid on top of existing solid floors may impact on existing doors and finishes whilst lifting of a solid floor to insert insulation below will require consideration of the potential effect on both structural stability and damp proofing. It is advised to seek advice from a Chartered Structural Engineer or a registered Architect about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation). Building regulations generally apply to this work and may also require a building warrant so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

## 6 Heating controls (room thermostat)

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

## 7 Solar water heating

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

## 8 High performance external doors

High performance external doors contain insulation and lose heat at about half the rate of conventional external doors. Building regulations generally apply to this work, so it is best to check this your local authority building standards department.

## 9 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](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org).

## 10 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](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org).

## Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

## Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	36,299	(3,002)	(817)	(4,284)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,316			

## Addendum

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

## About this document

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

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst ([www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk](http://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](http://www.scottishepcregister.org.uk) and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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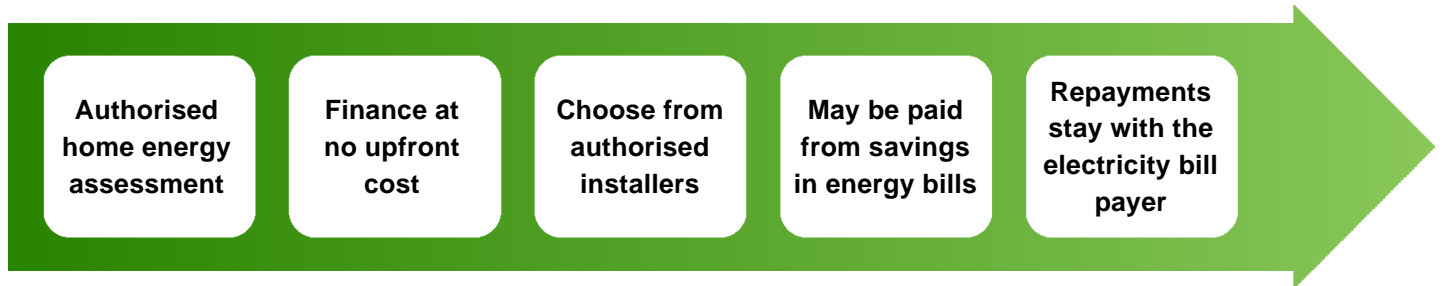
## **Opportunity to benefit from a Green Deal on this property**

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

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

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To find out more, visit [www.greenerscotland.org](http://www.greenerscotland.org) or call 0808 808 2282.



# Property Questionnaire





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<b>Property address</b> LOWER HOUSTRY HALCIRK CAITHNESS  KW12 64J	
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<b>Seller(s)</b> CATHERINE MACLUCAS	
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	
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### Note for sellers

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

### Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	<b>Length of ownership</b>	
	How long have you owned the property? BOUGHT OCTOBER 1983	
2.	<b>Council tax</b>	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle) A B C D E F G H	
3.	<b>Parking</b>	
	<p>What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garage <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Allocated parking space <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Driveway <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Shared parking <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• On street <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Resident permit <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Metered parking <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Other (please specify): <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">LARGE YARD OR FOR SMALLER CAR - STONE GARAGE AREA</span></li> </ul>	
4.	<b>Conservation area</b>	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes/No Don't know



5.	<b>Listed buildings</b>	
	<p>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)?</p>	Yes/No
6.	<b>Alterations/additions/extensions</b>	
a.	<p><b>(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)?</b></p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>SEE ATTACHED SHEET</i></p>	Yes/No
	<p><b>(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?</b></p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.</b></p> <p><b>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></p>	Yes/No
b.	<p><b>Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?</b></p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</b></p>	Yes/No
	<p><b>(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?</b></p>	Yes/No
	<p><b>(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?</b></p>	Yes/No
	<p><b>(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):</b></p> <p><b>Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.</b></p>	



7.	<b>Central heating</b>	
a.	<p><b>Is there a central heating system in your property?</b>                  (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).</p> <p><b>If you have answered yes or partial - what kind of central heating is there?</b>                  (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).</p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</b></p>	<p>Yes/No/  <u>Partial</u></p> <p><i>Calor-Gas                  Tank</i></p>
	<p><b>i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?</b></p>	<p><i>Oct 1991                  June 2015</i></p>
	<p><b>(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</b>  <i>Informal arrangement after Calor passed on maintenance</i>  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</b>  <i>Forss Engineering Cathness</i></p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
	<p><b>(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?</b>                  (Please provide the month and year).</p>	
8.	<b>Energy Performance Certificate</b>	
	<p><b>Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?</b></p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
9.	<b>Issues that may have affected your property</b>	
a.	<p><b>Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?</b></p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</b></p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Yes/No</p>
b.	<p><b>Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?</b></p> <p><b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b></p>	<p>Yes/No</p>



10. Services

a. Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas or liquid petroleum gas	✓	
Water mains or private water supply	✓	
Electricity	✓	
Mains drainage		
Telephone	✓	
Cable TV or satellite		
Broadband		

b. Is there a septic tank system at your property?

Yes/No

If you have answered yes, please answer the two questions below:

(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?

Yes/No/  
Don't know

(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?

Yes/No

If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:



11. Responsibilities for shared or common areas		
a.	Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b> <i>Friendly informal arrangement with tenant of land between house &amp; road</i>	Yes/No/ Don't know
b.	Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b>	Yes/No/ <u>Not applicable</u>
c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	Yes/No
d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property – for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b> <i>RIGHT OF ACCESS FROM MAIN ROAD TO PROPERTY</i>	<u>Yes/No</u>
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?  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b> <i>Not applicable. House is at the inner end of the track</i>	Yes/No
f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)  <b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b> <i>Not applicable - railway, burn &amp; ditch around property</i>	Yes/No
12. Charges associated with your property		
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?  <b>If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</b>	<u>Yes/No</u>



b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?</p>	<p>Yes/<del>No</del> Don't know</p> <p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p>
c.	<p>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.</p>	
<p><b>13. Specialist works</b></p>		
a.	<p>As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, <u>wet rot</u> damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, 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.</p> <p>1983-84 DAMP PROOF + WOODWORM TREATMENT ONCE I HAD PURCHASED + MOVED INTO PROPERTY</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
b.	<p>As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>
c.	<p><u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p><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.</p> <p>Guarantees are held by:</p>	<p>Yes/No</p>



<b>14.</b>	<b>Guarantees</b>					
<b>a.</b>	<b>Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:</b>					
<b>(i)</b>	<b>Electrical work</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>(ii)</b>	<b>Roofing</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>(iii)</b>	<b>Central heating</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>(iv)</b>	<b>National House Building Council (NHBC)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>(v)</b>	<b>Damp course</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>(vi)</b>	<b>Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	<b>With title deeds</b>	<b>Lost</b>
<b>b.</b>	<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):</b>					
<b>c.</b>	<b>Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?</b>					<b>Yes/No</b>
	<b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b>					
<b>15.</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>					
	<b>So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?</b>					<b>Yes/No/Don't know</b>
	<b>If you have answered yes, please give details:</b>					



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

**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) : C. Macken

Date: 14/8/18





