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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	61 Comely Bank Avenue, Stockbridge, Edinburgh, EH4 1ET
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<b>Prepared by</b>	ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	1st March 2024
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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 Property<sup>1</sup>.

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 ticking the adjacent box.

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

### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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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 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, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless

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

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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.

## 1.1 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;

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- 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*



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*the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.* In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;
- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

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

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

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

## 1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

<b>Description</b>	Main door flat in purpose built four storey mid terraced tenement of six stair flats and two main door flats.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Entrance Vestibule and Hallway, Cloak Room, Box/Store Room, Living Room to front with Box Room off to mid, Kitchen/Dining Room to rear, Bedroom 1 to rear, Bedroom 2 to front, Bathroom to rear.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	82m <sup>2</sup> approx.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	<p>The property is located in a popular established residential neighbourhood half a mile or so north of the city centre.</p> <p>The parent tenement is positioned on the east side of the street a short distance down from Learmonth Gardens.</p> <p>Excellent local facilities are available at Stockbridge, which is within easy walking distance.</p> <p>Craighleith Retail Park, the Western General Hospital, Inverleith Park and the Royal Botanic Gardens are all within half a mile or so.</p>
<b>Age</b>	The tenement dates from around 1900.
<b>Weather</b>	It was dry and overcast around the time of visit.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Where visible from ground level, the chimneys are in stone with mixed pots and terminals.</p>

<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p><b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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></p> <p>The roof is of timber, pitched and slated to front and to rear and culminates in a felt covered central platform.</p> <p>No access was gained onto the roof or into any communal roof space.</p> <p>There is no roof space immediately over the subject flat.</p> <p>There is a flat above.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>The roof drains to ogee gutters to front, half round gutters to rear and, thereafter, to rounded pipes.</p> <p>The rones are, generally, in cast iron. A few PVC branches and the like were noted.</p>
<b>Main walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The main walls are approximately 650mm thick and of traditional solid stone.</p> <p>Within the subject flat the main walls have original lath and plaster linings.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>The windows to the subject flat are replacement PVC framed double glazed sash and case units.</p> <p>The windows have working shutters.</p> <p>The flat entrance door is a traditional style timber panel unit with leaded fanlight above.</p>

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<b>External decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> External metal work and joiner work is painted where appropriate.
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	None.
<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b> There is a common stair to the tenement. The stair has an entry phone system. The subject flat has a door from the hallway leading into the common stair, though the door was locked shut with no key available at the time of visit.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	None.
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> The subject flat has its own small area of private garden ground to the front. This ground is bounded by cast iron railings. To the rear of the tenement there is a common drying area bounded by stone walling.
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> Ceilings are generally of original lath and plaster. The living room ceiling has an ornate cornice. Some other rooms have line corning.
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> <b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b> Internal partitions are generally of hard plastered brick.
<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 is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</b> Floors are of suspended timber.

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<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<p>The flat was generally furnished and had some fitted floor coverings at the time of visit.</p> <p>No access was gained to any sub floors pace, though there is a hatch in the floor of the hallway that could be lifted.</p> <p>There is a good depth of sub floor space beneath the floor joists as seen from the access hatch in the hallway.</p>
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p> <p>Internal doors are of traditional timber panel style.</p> <p>The vestibule door has a leaded stained glass upper half panel.</p> <p>The kitchen fittings comprise modern floor and wall mounted units including a stainless steel sink and a gas hob.</p> <p>There are various fitted shelves and fitted cupboards including high level storage elsewhere in the flat.</p> <p>There is also a bench seat at the window to the kitchen/dining room.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>The living room fireplace has a timber surround with tiled and cast iron insert and hearth and now houses a coal effect gas fire.</p> <p>The fireplaces in the bedrooms each have a cast iron surround. Neither fireplace has been in recent use.</p> <p>The original range flue in the kitchen is blocked by fitted units.</p>
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>The flat is decorated in paper and paint plus some tiling.</p>
<b>Cellars</b>	N/A
<b>Electricity</b>	<p><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 state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p> <p>Mains.</p> <p>The electricity meter is located at high level in the hallway near the access door to the common stair.</p> <p>The installation includes a consumer unit with miniature circuit breakers and a residual current device.</p>

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<b>Electricity</b>	Where visible, the installation is in PVC sheathed cabling and serves square pin 13 amp power outlets plus a few five amp round pin lighting sockets were noted.
<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 state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p> <p>Mains.</p> <p>The gas meter is located at high level in the hallway just inside the flat stair access door.</p> <p>There is a coal effect gas fire in the living room, a gas hob in the kitchen and a gas fired boiler in the kitchen.</p>
<b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b>	<p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Mains.</p> <p>Pipework, where visible, is, mostly, in copper or PVC.</p> <p>A small section of lead main pipe was noted by the cold water storage tank over the bathroom.</p> <p>The cold water tank is a replacement fibreglass unit and is fitted with an insulation jacket and lid.</p> <p>The bathroom fittings comprise a modern white three piece suite - bath tub with mixer shower over and curtain plus there is a WC and a wash hand basin.</p> <p>The bathroom also has a chrome heated towel rail.</p> <p>The cloak room fittings comprise a modern white WC and wash hand basin. The cloak room is ventilated by an extractor fan. The outlet to the fan duct was not confirmed.</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.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Space heating is provided by a gas fired wet central heating system.</p> <p>In the kitchen/dining room there is a Vaillant condensing combination boiler plus there are radiators in the hallway and all main apartments.</p> <p>There is no hot water storage tank. Hot water is heated on demand through the central heating system.</p>

<p><b>Drainage</b></p>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Foul water and storm water are assumed to be connected to the main public sewer.</p>
<p><b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>There are smoke/heat alarms in the hallway, living room and the kitchen/dining room.</p> <p>There is now a requirement in place for compliant interlinked fire, smoke and heat detectors in residential properties. The new fire smoke and alarm standard came into force in Scotland in February 2022, requiring 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 requires 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 etc. a carbon monoxide detector is also required.</p> <p>The surveyor will only comment on the presence of a smoke detector etc. but will not test them, ascertain if they are in working order, interlinked and / or fully compliant with the fire and smoke alarm standard that was introduced in 2022.</p>
<p><b>Any additional limits to inspection</b></p>	<p><b>For flats / maisonettes</b></p> <p><b>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</b></p> <p><b>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</b></p> <p><b>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</b></p> <p>The flat was generally furnished and had some fitted floor coverings at the time of visit.</p> <p>Storage areas were part filled, which restricted access.</p> <p>The building fabric was seen from ground level only.</p> <p>No inspection for asbestos or Japanese knotweed has been carried out.</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	
<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Evidence of slight past structural movement was noted. This seems clearly historic in nature with no sign of any recent or progressive movement.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Some old wood worm was noted at the base of the door frame to the original coal cellar off the kitchen/dining room. This does not seem at all serious, though should be monitored to ensure prompt action if any fresh activity occurs.  Elsewhere, no evidence of such defects was noted in the readily accessible areas of the subject flat.

 Chimney stacks	
<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	From ground level, the chimneys are clearly weathering and in mixed condition. The rear north east chimney seems particularly weathered.  Some attention to the chimneys will be needed.

 Roofing including roof space	
<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	On the front and rear roof pitches no more than the odd slightly loose or damaged slate was noted and these should receive prompt routine attention.  Some recent zinc work was noted on the roof at the front bays suggesting that fairly recent repairs have been carried out to the roof.  The platform section of the roof was not seen.



## Roofing including roof space

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>It is understood that major overhaul of the roof was carried out in 2010/2011 and that maintenance as required has been carried out since then. It is also understood that, very recently, a roof survey has been carried out on behalf of the Residents' Association who should be able to advise further.</p> <p>No access gained onto the roof or into any roof space.</p>



## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The rones are showing signs of weathering, particularly to the rear.</p> <p>Grass and other vegetation is showing in the rear gutters.</p> <p>An early general clean out and check of the rones should be carried out soon and on an annual basis thereafter.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No items of immediate concern identified.</p> <p>Some minor weathering and the odd pock mark or old pipe and the like was noted.</p> <p>Some weathering was noted at the string courses and ledges immediately above the subject flat and some attention to these may be needed in due course. The odd hairline crack was noted. e.g. at the front bedroom window lintel.</p> <p>Maintenance should be anticipated including attention to the above items..</p>



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The windows are recent replacement units and are, presumably, covered by guarantee.</p> <p>No items of immediate concern were identified.</p> <p>The flat entrance door seems reasonable.</p> <p>Maintenance should be anticipated.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The rones are weathering and will require routine preparation fairly soon. Beyond this, all external paint finishes should be prepared and renewed every few years as part of maintenance.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No access was gained into the common stair. The stair external doors are in average state and will require routine repainting in due course.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The front garden seems reasonable. No items of immediate concern were identified, though there is a small gap in the low boundary wall between the access path to the main stair at number 63 and the subject flat's ground. Whilst no obvious sign of a problem was noted, water could drain through this gap if the path drainage was interrupted. Some infill of the gap would be wise.  The common drying area to the rear is in reasonable state.  The boundary walls are in mixed and rather weathered state and will need attention in the foreseeable future.  Maintenance to grounds and boundaries should be anticipated.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No items of immediate concern identified. The odd blemish was noted.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No items of immediate concern identified. The odd blemish was noted.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	From a general walk over, no items of immediate concern were identified. It is repeated that no access could be gained through the hatch in the hall floor, though, looking through the hatch there seems to be a good height between the floors and the solumn under the building.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No items of immediate concern identified. The kitchen fittings are of modern style.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The coal effect gas fire and flue serving the living room should be tested/checked to ensure all is safe and in good order prior to re-use.



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The flat was generally well presented.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No items of immediate concern identified.</p> <p>The odd older switch and other element was noted and might be best upgraded.</p> <p>The trade bodies governing electrical installations currently advise that these should be tested prior to a change of occupancy and, thereafter, at least once every five years, by a competent Electrician.</p> <p>The electrical wiring system should therefore be checked, tested and upgraded if necessary by an NIC/EIC Registered electrician. Any recommendations made with regard to the safety of the installation should be undertaken.</p>



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that these should be tested prior to a change of occupancy and, thereafter, at least once per year, by a Gas Safe Registered Contractor.</p> <p>The gas system should therefore be checked and tested by a Gas Safe registered contractor.</p>



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The plumbing installation, where visible, generally is in modern materials.</p> <p>A small section of lead main pipe was noted by the cold water tank. There may be other hidden sections of lead pipe still in use. Ideally, any lead still in use should be stripped out and replaced.</p> <p>The bathroom fittings are in white and of modern style.</p> <p>The cloak room fittings are in white and of modern style.</p>



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The central heating/hot water system has not been tested.



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<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The central heating water system should be tested/checked by a Gas Safe Engineer on entry on behalf of the buyer and subject to a service contract thereafter.</p> <p>It has been assumed that the heating installation has been regularly serviced and that recent service history records will be made available. This should be checked by the conveyancer.</p>



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The system has not been tested, though no obvious surface problems were noted.</p> <p>Some infilling of a small gap between the path to the main door at number 63 and the subject flats front garden boundary wall would be wise to ensure no water percolates through here.</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	1
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	1
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	1
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	1
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	-
Electricity	1
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

## Category 3

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

## Category 2

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

## Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

## 3. Accessibility information

### Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

*Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:*

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

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

Alterations have been carried out to relocate the kitchen sink from the window to its present position in the recess of the kitchen/dining room. The cloak room has been formed out of a former cupboard. Further enquiries on alterations to the property should be made. The valuation assumes all necessary authorisations are available.

It is understood there is a Residents' Association. It would be wise to confirm details of this.

Maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a Category 1 rating is used this means that the building must continue to be maintained in the normal way.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified within this report that interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs or the extent of works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

The estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes is £375,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Pounds Sterling).

This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction, on a reinstatement basis, assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Finishings 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 are advised. The figure should be reviewed annually and in light of any future alterations or additions.

### Valuation and market comments

The market value of the property described in the report is £435,000 (Four Hundred and Thirty Five Thousand Pounds Sterling).

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

The property comprises a classic main door tenement flat in an ever popular locale for such.

<b>Signed</b>	Security Print Code [454636 = 6173 ] Electronically signed
<b>Report author</b>	Peter N M Drennan
<b>Company name</b>	ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC
<b>Address</b>	22 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HR

# Single Survey

<b>Date of report</b>	14th March 2024
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# Mortgage Valuation Report



**ALLIED  
SCOTLAND**

Chartered Surveyors

## Property Address

Address 61 Comely Bank Avenue, Stockbridge, Edinburgh, EH4 1ET  
Seller's Name Executry of Valerie Jane Lobban  
Date of Inspection 1st March 2024

## Property Details

Property Type  House  Bungalow  Chalet  Purpose built maisonette  
 Coach  Studio  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  Leasehold Ground rent £  Unexpired years

## 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)  m<sup>2</sup> (Internal)  m<sup>2</sup> (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%)  Yes  No

## Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

Single garage  Double garage  Parking space  No garage / garage space / parking space  
Available on site?  Yes  No

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Construction

Walls  Brick  Stone  Concrete  Timber frame  
 Solid  Cavity  Steel frame  Concrete block  Other (specify in General Remarks)

Roof  Tile  Slate  Asphalt  Felt  
 Lead  Zinc  Artificial slate  Flat glass fibre  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 Connection

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  
Electricity  Mains  Private  None  
Central Heating  Yes  Partial  None

Water  Mains  Private  None  
Gas  Mains  Private  None

Brief description of Central Heating:

Full gas fired wet central heating system.

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

## Location

Residential suburb  Residential within town / city  Mixed residential / commercial  Mainly commercial  
 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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## General Remarks

The property is located within a popular established residential neighbourhood half a mile or so from the city centre and within easy reach of excellent local facilities.

Internally, the flat was generally well presented.

Externally, the building fabric, as seen from ground level, seems to be in reasonable condition for its age and type. Some typical weathering was noted. Some allowance should be made for a share of continuing repair and maintenance to the common building fabric.

Evidence of old settlement was noted. This seems historic in nature with no sign of any recent or progressive movement.

Alterations have been carried out to from the present kitchen and cloak room.

The valuation assumes all necessary authorisations are available.

The property comprises a classic main door tenement flat in an ever popular locale for such.

Other accommodation - boxroom.

## Essential Repairs

None.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

The property forms a suitable security for loan purposes, subject to individual lender requirements.

## Valuations

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

## Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis? £

Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?  Yes  No

## Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [454636 = 6173 ]  
Electronically signed by:-

Surveyor's name Peter N M Drennan

Professional qualifications BSc MRICS

Company name ALLIED SURVEYORS SCOTLAND PLC

Address 22 Walker Street, Edinburgh, EH3 7HR

Telephone 0131 226 6518

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Report date 14th March 2024

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

61 COMELY BANK AVENUE, STOCKBRIDGE, EDINBURGH, EH4 1ET

**Dwelling type:** Ground-floor flat  
**Date of assessment:** 01 March 2024  
**Date of certificate:** 14 March 2024  
**Total floor area:** 82 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 304 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

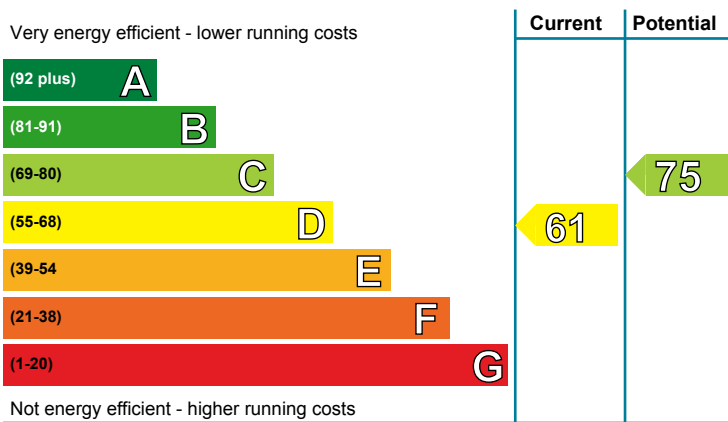
**Reference number:** 3900-2397-0322-6008-1743  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, mains gas

## 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>£5,268</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£2,034</b>	

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

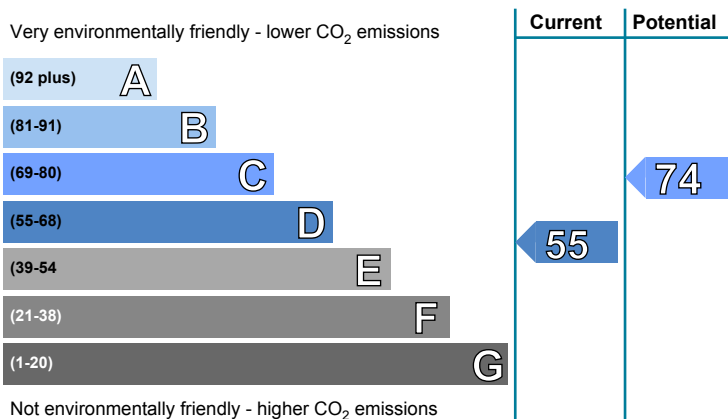


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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 D (61)**. 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 D (55)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1218.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£648.00
3 Low energy lighting	£35	£168.00

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

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

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

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

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Solid brick, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	(another dwelling above)	—	—
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, mains gas	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 42% 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 54 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 4.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 1.8 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.









### Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£4,221 over 3 years	£2,391 over 3 years	
Hot water	£495 over 3 years	£495 over 3 years	
Lighting	£552 over 3 years	£348 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£5,268</b>	<b>£3,234</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	
			Energy	Environment
1 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£406		
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£216		
3 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£35	£56		

### 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).



## 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 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.

### 2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation](http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

### 3 Low energy lighting

Replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy saving bulbs will reduce lighting costs over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last many times longer than ordinary light bulbs. Low energy lamps and fittings are now commonplace and readily available. Information on energy efficiency lighting can be found from a wide range of organisations, including the Energy Saving Trust (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/lighting>).

## Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

## Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	10,970	N/A	N/A	(3,564)
Water heating (kWh per year)	1,927			

## 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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Assessor membership number:	EES/009523
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Related party disclosure:	Employed by the professional dealing with the property transaction

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

### Use of this energy performance information

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

## Advice and support to improve this property

There is support available, which could help you carry out some of the improvements recommended for this property on page 3 and stop wasting energy and money. For more information, visit [greener-scotland.org](https://www.greener-scotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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# Property Questionnaire

<b>Property Address</b>	61 Comely Bank Avenue Edinburgh EH4 1ET
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	14/03/2024
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## 1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

30 years plus

## 2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

E

## 3 Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please tick all that apply)

Garage

Allocated parking space

Driveway

Shared parking

On street

Resident permit

Metered parking

Other (please specify)

## 4 Conservation area

Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?

Don't know

## 5 Listed buildings

Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?

No

## 6 Alterations/additions/extensions

a.(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:

WC

(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?

No

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.

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:

Dont know

b. Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?

Yes

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

- (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?  
Yes
- (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?  
No
- (iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):  
Replacement of sash and case double glazing  
Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.

## **7 Central heating**

- a. Is there a central heating system in your property?  
(Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).

Yes

If you have answered yes or partial — what kind of central heating is there?

(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).

Gas

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

- (i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?

Unknown

- (ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?

No

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

- (iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?  
(Please provide the month and year).

## **8 Energy Performance Certificate**

Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?

Yes

## **9 Issues that may have affected your property**

- a. Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?

Yes

If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?

No

- b. Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## **10 Services**

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

**Services****Connected Supplier**

Gas or liquid petroleum gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown
Water mains or private water supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Water
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown
Mains drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Water sewer
Telephone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unknown
Cable TV or satellite	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Broadband	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disconnected now

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

No

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

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

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

**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?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Shared garden & residents association

b. Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

via residents association

c. Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?

Yes

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?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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.)

No



If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 12 Charges associated with your property

- a. Is there a factor or property manager for your property?

No

- b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

Don't know

If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?

- c. Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.

## 13 Specialist works

- a. As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.

Not known

- b. As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Not known

- c. If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?

If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate., 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 and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.

Guarantees are held by:

## 14 Guarantees

- a. Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:

- (i) Electrical work

Don't know

- (ii) Roofing

Don't know

- (iii) Central heating  
Don't know
- (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)  
No
- (v) Damp course  
Don't know
- (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)  
Don't know
- 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):
  - (i) Electrical work
  - (ii) Roofing
  - (iii) Central heating
  - (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)
  - (v) Damp course
  - (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)
- c. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 15 Boundaries

So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 16 Notices that affect your property

In the past three years have you ever received a notice:

- a. advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?  
No
- b. that affects your property in some other way?  
No
- c. that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?  
No

If you have answered yes to any of a–c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchaser of your property.