

# espc:home report



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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	1F, 15 Douglas Crescent, New Town, Edinburgh, EH12 5BA
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<b>Customer</b>	Mrs J Maxwell
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<b>Prepared by</b>	DM Hall LLP
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	31st January 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>	The property comprises a converted first floor flat within a three storey and basement former townhouse.
<b>Accommodation</b>	First Floor: Entrance Hallway, Living Room, Two Bedrooms, Kitchen and Bathroom.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	97m <sup>2</sup> approximately.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The property is situated within the West End of Edinburgh within an established residential area. Surrounding properties are of similar age, type and style of construction. Within a reasonable distance a range of facilities and amenities can be found.
<b>Age</b>	Built circa 1880.
<b>Weather</b>	Overcast with heavy rain.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Where visible the chimney stacks are formed in pointed stone with metal flashings.</p> <p>It should be appreciated we were unable to access the rear of the property as this is accessed via the basement property's garden only. We therefore were unable to view many parts of the roof covering and chimneys or rear walls.</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</b></p>

<p><b>Roofing including roof space</b></p>	<p><b>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 mansard design clad in vertically hung slates with a flat upper section believed to be clad in mineral felt, or similar. To the rear of the property we understand there is a double pitched roof with central hidden valley gutter and we assume this roof is clad in slate. Most of the roof was not visible from ground level, nor were the valley gutters.</p> <p>No roof void access was possible from the common areas of the property or the flat itself.</p>
<p><b>Rainwater fittings</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Parapet wall head guttering to the front of the property presumably lined in lead or similar with cast iron downpipes. We assume rainwater goods to the rear are formed in cast iron.</p>
<p><b>Main walls</b></p>	<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>Walls are formed in a traditional solid stone construction, pointed externally.</p>
<p><b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b></p>	<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>Windows are of a timber single glazed sash and casement design with the exception of the bathroom which is fitted with a UPVC double glazed window.</p> <p>There is a timber entrance door.</p>
<p><b>External decorations</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Painted and PVC finishes.</p>
<p><b>Conservatories / porches</b></p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>

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<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b> The property is accessed through a common hallway with secure door entry system. There is a timber framed and glazed cupola to the ceiling of the common hallway.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> Ceilings appear to be predominately lath and plaster although a lowered plasterboard section was noted.
<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> Plastered masonry.
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	Floors are of suspended timber design throughout the property. Where present, fitted and fixed floor coverings were not moved. There is no sub floor area to inspect.
<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> The kitchen is fitted with a range of floor and wall units. Internal doors and joinery are of timber.
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> <b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b> The living room fireplace appears to be fitted with a gas fire. All other fireplaces have been blocked over.
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> Painted, papered and tiled finishes were noted.

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<b>Cellars</b>	Not applicable.
<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 supply of electricity.</p>
<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 supply of gas.</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 supply of water. The bathroom is fitted with a bath, with shower fitting over, WC and wash hand basin.</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>The property is fitted with a gas fired boiler located in the kitchen. This serves radiators and provides hot water.</p>
<b>Drainage</b>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Drainage we understand connects to the main public sewer.</p>
<b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.</p>

<b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b>	Smoke detectors were noted within the property.
<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<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>It should be appreciated we were unable to access the rear of the property as this is accessed through the basement property's garden only. We therefore were unable to view many parts of the roof covering and chimneys or rear walls.</p> <p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>We have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation we have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However, asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos-based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection, and you have concerns, you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>The property was unoccupied, furnished and floors were partly covered. Floor coverings restricted the inspection of flooring.</p> <p>In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines, we have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards).</p> <p>Personal effects in cupboards and fitted wardrobes were not moved and restricted the inspection.</p> <p>No roof void access was possible from the flat or communal hallway.</p> <p>Most of the roof covering could not be seen due to the height of the building and the position of other properties and boundaries. We could not see all aspects of the chimneys.</p> <p>There is no sub-floor area to inspect.</p> <p>We did not test all windows. Windows were tested at random.</p>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<p>Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower trays were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly, with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height, compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding, which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report, but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</p>
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## 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>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is movement in the property which is more than typical, evidenced by sloping floors, distortion to door and window openings, plaster cracking, etc. An engineer will be able to provide further advice.</p> <p>We are aware of various structural engineers reports which conclude movement is historic and not progressive. A purchaser must satisfy themselves regarding these reports and have these assigned if possible.</p>

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious evidence of significant dampness, rot or wood boring insect infestation.

 Chimney stacks	
<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Weathered stonework and pointing noted. Chimney stacks in a property of this age generally attract higher levels of maintenance and upkeep. Ongoing repair and maintenance should be expected and a competent roofer can advise further.

 Roofing including roof space	
<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Chipped and damaged slates noted to the front. There is evidence of damp penetration to the communal hallway.</p> <p>We could not see the flat roof coverings from ground level. Flat roof coverings typically have more restricted lifespans and higher levels of maintenance and renewal may be required. Flat roofs can fail unexpectedly.</p> <p>Periodic repair and maintenance should be anticipated to the roof. A competent roofing contractor can provide further advice and undertake repair and</p>



## Roofing including roof space

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	maintenance works.



## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is evidence of water leakage indicated by staining to the external wall. Water leakage of this nature increases the risk of timber defects.</p> <p>Corroded sections evident. Metal rainwater fittings require regular and ongoing maintenance.</p> <p>Rainwater fittings should be checked during rainfall to ascertain their adequacy and any required adjustments should be made.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Weathering and cracking noted to external masonry. Pointing requires reinstatement in areas.



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Sash and casement windows require maintenance and repair. It should be appreciated timber and casement windows typically require regular and ongoing repair and maintenance, particularly to the frames and opening mechanisms.



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Regular repainting and maintenance should be expected to external timbers.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Staining to the cupola and adjoining walls indicates leakage. See comments under roof above. Plaster cracking to the wall requires repair. The seller has advised they intend to have the cupola repaired/investigated and plaster repairs undertaken prior to sale.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Localised areas of lath and plaster cracking were evident. If plaster starts to pull loose from the lath, cracking can become widespread. Small cracks in this type of ceiling can develop into a larger repair.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Cosmetic/cracking issues can be attended to during routine redecoration and maintenance.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Flooring is off level, see comments under structural movement above.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Glazed inserts cannot be confirmed to be formed in toughened safety glass.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The gas fire should be checked by a suitably qualified contractor before use, in the interest of safety.</p> <p>Where fireplaces have been removed there is limited provision for ventilation. Unventilated chimney breasts can result in condensation. Disused chimneys should be capped and vented.</p>



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects evident.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that gas appliances should be tested prior to change in occupancy and thereafter at least once a year by a Gas Safe registered contractor. It is assumed that gas appliances comply with relevant regulations.



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Water proof sealant requires renewal to the bath. Ongoing maintenance to sealant and grout around sanitary fittings is to be expected. Failure to seals and/or grout can result in dampness/decay in hidden areas.



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed and maintained to meet with all relevant regulations, particularly in respect of flue and ventilation requirements.</p> <p>Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a Gas Safe registered contractor on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.</p>



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects evident.

# 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	2
Dampness, rot and infestation	1
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	2
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	-
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	2
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>	First floor
<b>2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed.

The property is a listed building and located in a conservation area, and as such the cost of repair or reinstatement works are likely to be higher than normal. Any works considered necessary will require to be carried out in consultation with the Local Authority Planning Department and Historic Environment Scotland.

The seller should be asked to confirm that there are no planned or outstanding repair schemes for the building containing the flat. The flat may have a common building reinstatement policy.

The building forms part of a house converted to flats. We assume all required consents and permissions are in place.

Where items of maintenance or repair have been identified, the purchaser should satisfy themselves as to the costs and implications of these issues prior to making an offer to purchase.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

It is recommended the property be insured on a reinstatement basis for a figure not less than £550,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

The property is outside of standard BCIS calculations and the above figure should be treated as a guide only.

For Listed buildings and historic properties within Conservation Areas, seek further specialist insurance advice.

### Valuation and market comments

In our opinion, the current market value of the above property in present condition would be fairly stated in the sum of £460,000 (FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

Against a backdrop of changing economic circumstances it is not possible to predict how the market will perform in the coming months although market conditions appear to be stable at present.

<b>Signed</b>	Security Print Code [401722 = 6379 ] Electronically signed
<b>Report author</b>	Charlie Barrett
<b>Company name</b>	DM Hall LLP



# Single Survey

<b>Address</b>	17 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6DD
<b>Date of report</b>	22nd February 2024

# Mortgage Valuation Report



## Property Address

Address 1F, 15 Douglas Crescent, New Town, Edinburgh, EH12 5BA  
Seller's Name Mrs J Maxwell  
Date of Inspection 31st January 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 Water  Mains  Private  None  
Electricity  Mains  Private  None Gas  Mains  Private  None  
Central Heating  Yes  Partial  None

Brief description of Central Heating:

The property is fitted with a gas fired boiler which serves radiators and provides hot water.

## 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

There is movement in the property which is more than typical, evidenced by sloping floors, distortion to door and window openings, plaster cracking, etc. An engineer will be able to provide further advice.

The property is within an established residential area, convenient for local facilities and amenities.

The property is in typical order for age and type and regular repair and upkeep works should be expected.

The subjects form part of a block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed.

The property is a listed building and located in a conservation area.

The seller should be asked to confirm that there are no planned or outstanding repair schemes for the building containing the flat. The flat may have a common building reinstatement policy.

The building forms part of a house converted to flats. We assume all required consents and permissions are in place.

## Essential Repairs

There is movement in the property which is more than typical, evidenced by sloping floors, distortion to door and window openings, plaster cracking, etc. An engineer will be able to provide further advice.

We are aware of various structural engineers reports which conclude movement is historic and not progressive. A lender and/or purchaser must satisfy themselves regarding these reports and have these assigned if possible.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

Subject to individual lending criteria and above comments, the property generally forms suitable security for mortgage purposes.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition	£	<input type="text" value="460,000"/>
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	<input type="text" value="n/a"/>
Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£	<input type="text" value="550,000"/>
Is a reinspection necessary?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	£	<input type="text" value="-"/>
Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## Declaration

Signed	Security Print Code [401722 = 6379 ] Electronically signed by:-
Surveyor's name	Charlie Barrett
Professional qualifications	BSC Hons MRICS
Company name	DM Hall LLP
Address	17 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6DD
Telephone	0131 624 6600
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Report date	22nd February 2024

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

1F , 15 DOUGLAS CRESCENT, NEW TOWN, EDINBURGH, EH12 5BA

**Dwelling type:** Mid-floor flat  
**Date of assessment:** 31 January 2024  
**Date of certificate:** 14 February 2024  
**Total floor area:** 97 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 228 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

**Reference number:** 9014-9629-3100-0669-5272  
**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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years\*

£4,665

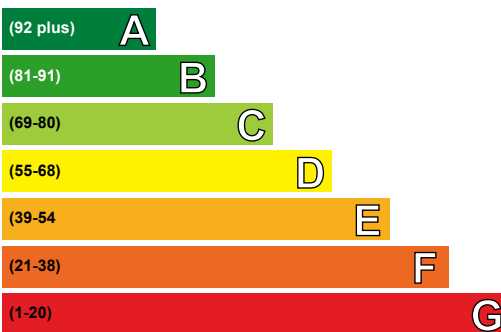
See your recommendations report for more information

Over 3 years you could save\*

£1,779

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Current	Potential
69	80

## Energy Efficiency Rating

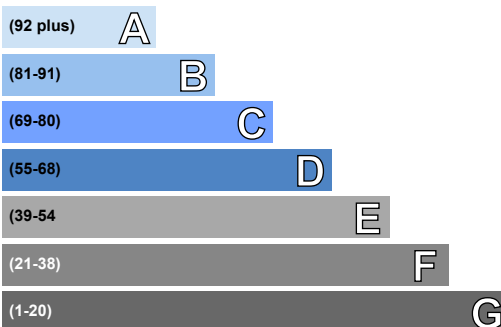
This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band C (69)**. 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.

Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



Current	Potential
65	80

## 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 (65)**. 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.

Not environmentally friendly - higher CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

## 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	£1425.00
2 Double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£354.00

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	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Some double glazing	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
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 all 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 40 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 3.9 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 1.7 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	£3,747 over 3 years	£1,956 over 3 years	
Hot water	£528 over 3 years	£531 over 3 years	
Lighting	£390 over 3 years	£399 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£4,665</b>	<b>£2,886</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	£475		
2 Replace single glazed windows with low-E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£118		

## 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 Double glazed windows

Double glazing is the term given to a system where two panes of glass are made up into a sealed unit. Replacing existing single-glazed windows with double-glazed windows will improve comfort in the home by reducing draughts and cold spots near windows. Double-glazed windows may also reduce noise, improve security and combat problems with condensation. Building regulations apply to this work and planning permission may also be required, so it is best to check with your local authority on what standards need to be met. A building warrant is not required if the windows comply with the current requirements.

## 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)	12,453	N/A	N/A	(5,423)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,061			

## 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.

Assessor's name:	Mr. Charles Barrett
Assessor membership number:	EES/017864
Company name/trading name:	D M Hall Chartered Surveyors LLP
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Related party disclosure:	No related party

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

### Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at [www.scottishepcregister.org.uk](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.

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

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# Property Questionnaire

<b>Property Address</b>	15/2 Douglas Crescent, West End Edinburgh EH12 5BA
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<b>Seller(s)</b>	Mrs Judith Maxwell
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	29/01/2024
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## 1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

10 years

## 2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

F

## 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)?

Yes

## 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)?

No

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

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

If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.

If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:

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

Yes

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

- (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):  
Bathroom window only replaced 2023. old sash and case replaced with UPVC .  
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).

GCH

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

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

I put in new boiler in November, 2015 Worcester Bosch

- (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?

No

## **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?

No

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

- 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"/>	Gas - OVO energy
Water mains or private water supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OVO energy
Mains drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mains drainage
Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cable TV or satellite	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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:

The Private Douglas recent garden (key Access) has an annual fee approx £130 for use all garden and walk ways and BBQ's.

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:

Roof and building is shared between three owners

Ground floor/ lighting shared between 3 owners

Above ground floor shared with top floor (stairs only) ground floor entrance shared with three owners.

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

No

d. Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?

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?

No

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.

- 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:

- 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

No

(ii) Roofing

No

(iii) Central heating

No

(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)

No

(v) Damp course

No

(vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)

No

b. If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):

(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.

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05/02/2024

Dear Judith,

### **15/2 Douglas Crescent – Structural Inspection Report**

Charman Integrated Design (CID) were instructed to undertake a structural inspection of the above-mentioned property, and to provide a report summarising the findings that could be included within the package of information provided to potential buyers of this property. This report is a follow-on report from those carried out by Will Rudd Davidson Consulting Structural & Civil Engineers in 2002 and 2014.

The main cause for the structural inspection is the cracking that is present to plaster on the party wall at third floor level as shown in the site photo below:



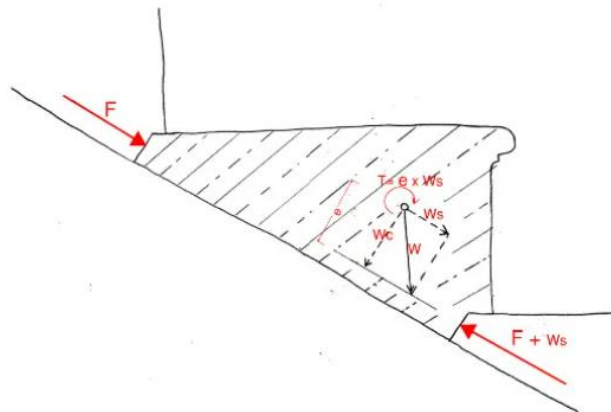
*Figure 1: Site Photo of cracking to party wall at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor level*

Cracking to this area was noted and commented on in both previous reports and it was concluded that the cracking was a result of historic movement and that there were few signs of ongoing movement. The most recent 2014 report concluded that there had been very little, if any movement, since the 2002 report.

The existing building comprises a traditional structure of loadbearing masonry external and party walls, supporting suspended timber floors and roof structures. These foundations are assumed to be shallow strip footings with a mass concrete ground bearing slab. The main staircase to the building is a stone cantilevered stair which will be supported by loadbearing masonry walls on all sides.

CID undertook the inspection on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The inspection was a visual inspection and no intrusive investigation works were undertaken. The property was viewed externally from ground-floor level and internal access was gained to the communal areas and all internal rooms of the 15/2 Douglas Crescent. No access was gained to the external roof area, roof void or solum void of the property.

Cracking was noted to the party wall adjacent to the communal staircase on both the ground and second-floor levels; however, no cracking was evident at the first-floor level. Some minor cracking was evident to the stone cantilever staircase locally at ground-floor level. Figure 2 below shows how the stair relies on support between treads in order to function as designed. It is recommended that the cracking between the treads of the stone cantilever stair are racked out and repointed to ensure that the integrity of the stair is maintained.



*Figure 2: Forces in stone cantilever stair treads*

This type of movement was noted to the stair as part of the previous report at a higher level. Whilst it was clear where the movement had occurred historically, there was no cracking or gap present to the stair at the time of the visit.

As noted previously, some larger cracking and signs of moisture ingress were present to the upper section of the party wall to the communal area. There were no obvious patterns to the cracking that would indicate movement or structural defects to the masonry wall. The mottled nature and darker staining of the plaster at the centre and widest point of the crack appeared to indicate that the cracking was caused by moisture ingress. The plaster is locally delaminating from the masonry and cracking away due to that moisture ingress. It is likely that the moisture is coming from the timber roof light above the staircase and it is recommended that a roofing specialist is employed to review and comment on the waterproofing strategy in this area to help prevent ongoing moisture ingress. Following any required remedial works to the waterproofing we would recommend that the delaminated plaster is removed and replaced as part of normal redecoration.

On reviewing the nature of the cracking and the previous reports which have been provided, it appears that the cracking to the wall is not caused by ongoing structural issues and that the movements to the structure are

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historic/minor. However, CID would suggest that it would be prudent that when the damaged plaster is replaced, the structural brickwork behind should be further inspected for cracking, and if found CID should be notified to inspect again and review further.

Internally within apartment 15/2, some minor cracking was noted to the ceilings of several rooms. These cracks were evident in the plaster finishes of the ceilings and these are not unexpected within a property of this age and nature. Buildings of traditional construction such as this often experience some movements due to shrinkage which can cause the cracking that is seen within the ceilings. We would suggest that standard periodic redecoration would be sufficient to cover the cracks that are present.

No signs of defects were viable to the front façade of the building during the inspection.

No advice is given or implied regarding the presence of asbestos within the property and if any materials are suspected to contain asbestos, the client is advised to follow standard Health and Safety guidelines.

No detailed inspection was completed of the woodwork or any other parts of the structure due to the fact that there are finishes present and so it would not be possible to comment further. Having said that, the stiffness of the timber floors within the property appeared to be in line with what would be expected of a property of this age and form.

No structural calculations have been carried out as part of this inspection and no site investigation works have been completed to determine the foundations or underground drainage system.

Some key site photographs are appended to this inspection report for reference.

Yours sincerely,

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*Photo 1: Main cracking to party wall*

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*Photo 2: Example of crack to internal ceiling finishes*

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*Photo 3: Minor cracking to ground floor party wall and cantilever stair*



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*Photo 4: No cracking present to first floor wall and no reoccurring cracking to stone stair treads*

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*Photo 5: Clear signs of moisture/damp to worst section of cracking*

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*Photo 6: Plaster has delaminated from masonry behind locally at the bulge in the crack. Cracking did not appear to extend into masonry behind on probing*