

espc:home report



7 Falahill Cottages
Heriot
EH38 5YG
28/03/2024

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Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	Falahill Cottages, 7, Heriot, EH38 5YG
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Customer	Mrs A Banks
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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript or retype of the generic Mortgage Valuation Report on to Lender specific pro-forma. Transcript reports are commonly requested by Brokers and Lenders. The transcript report will be in the format required by the Lender but will contain the same information, inspection date and valuation figure as the generic Mortgage Valuation Report and the Single Survey. The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report until the Seller has conditionally accepted an offer to purchase made in writing.

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

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

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property¹.

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

¹ 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.²

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

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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.

Description	The property comprises a two storey end terraced house. At the date of inspection the property was occupied, fully furnished and floors were covered throughout.
Accommodation	Ground Floor: Entrance Vestibule, Kitchen/Dining Room, Living Room, Rear Hall and WC Compartment. First Floor: Landing, Two Double Bedrooms, Single Bedroom/Study and Wet Room with WC.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	The gross internal floor area is 102 m sq or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in a semi-rural location lying in close proximity to the Borders hamlet of Heriot. Surrounding properties are of a mixed age and type. Adequate amenities can be found within the Borders village of Stow and the Midlothian village of Gorebridge.
Age	It is understood the subject property was originally constructed 1906 or thereby.
Weather	Dull after rain.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are of brick construction with roughcast finishes.

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Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.</p> <p>If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</p> <p>The roof is of pitched design overlaid in tile work under a central tiled ridge.</p> <p>Access to the main roof void was gained via a hatch formed in a the first floor landing ceiling.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The rainwater goods fitted to the main eaves are of cast iron design and cast iron downpipes.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls are understood to be of traditional solid brick construction with roughcast and smooth render finishes.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows throughout are to replacement UPVC double glazed design. Access to the subject property is via an entrance door of UPVC incorporating glazed inserts. Access to the rear elevation is via a door of UPVC design incorporating glazed inserts.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>UPVC and painted finishes noted.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>Not applicable.</p>

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Communal areas	Not applicable.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	There is no garage or permanent outbuildings believed to pertain to the subject property.
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There are garden grounds to the front and rear elevations with boundaries being defined by a mixture of timber fencing, hedging, brick wall and dry stone wall. The gardens are laid to a mixture of grass, paving and chips.</p> <p>The subject property benefits from parking provision to the rear elevation.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings appear to be plaster finish throughout.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The internal walls appear to be plaster finish throughout.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>The flooring throughout is of suspended timber construction.</p> <p>No access was available to any sub-floor areas.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>The kitchen units are to range of built in wall and base units and provide adequate worktop and storage areas. The internal doors are to a mixture of timber panel design and glazed timber panel design. The stairs serving access from the ground floor to first is of timber design incorporating a timber hand rail.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There is an open fire within the living room.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Painted work, tile work, paperwork and PVC paneling noted.</p>

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Cellars	Not applicable.
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Main supply. The electric meter and fuse board are wall mounted within the rear hall.</p>
Gas	There is no gas pertaining to the subject property.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>It is understood the subject property benefits from a private water supply.</p> <p>There is a sink unit within the kitchen.</p> <p>SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>Ground Floor: There is a two piece suite within the WC compartment.</p> <p>First Floor: There is two piece suite and separate electric shower within the wet room.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The property benefits from an oil fired central heating system with the boiler being located within the rear hall. It is presumed the hot water storage tank located in the bedroom cupboard provides the hot water supply.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>It is understood the subject property benefits from private drainage arrangements by way of a septic tank.</p>

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.</p>
Any additional limits to inspection	<p>The property was occupied, fully furnished and had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings.</p> <p>Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.</p> <p>No access was available to any sub-floor areas.</p> <p>Full and safe access was not available to the roof void area due to the presence of a thick layer of insulation throughout and the presence of water tanks.</p> <p>A limited damp inspection was carried out due to the presence of wall linings, fittings and storage items. No comment can be made as the condition of the fabric behind any wall lining or those areas we were unable to inspect.</p> <p>Properties built to 1999 may contain elements of an asbestos material however and asbestos survey has not been carried out.</p> <p>This should not be construed as a detailed and intrusive structural survey.</p> <p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.</p>

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house




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


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2. Condition


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

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

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

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Traces of wood bore infestation were noted to timbers within the property including the roof space. We understand the vendor has carried out remedial works in this regard, any documentation and guarantees should be sought and verified. In the absence of valid guarantees, a reputable timber specialist should carry out a full and thorough inspection of all timbers within the property and provide estimates for any recommended remedial works.</p> <p>Above average damp readings were obtained to an isolated section of lower wall lining. We understand a specialist report is available in this regard, this should be sought and examined.</p>

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>We understand the vendor has recently carried out repair works to the chimney. Chimney stacks appear to be in a fair state of repair within the limitations of our inspection but can be vulnerable to defect and should be regularly maintained.</p> <p>We have been informed by the vendor, that the chimney stack at the 'mid-roof' point is the sole responsibility of the adjoining property, this should be confirmed.</p>

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	Moss was noted to sections of tiling. Cracked/damaged pointing was noted to verges. Roof tiles will require increased maintenance as they approach the end



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	of their efficient life span and maintenance and expenditure in this respect should be anticipated. We always recommend a precautionary check of the roof and pertinents is undertaken prior to purchase especially after adverse weather conditions.



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	Rainwater goods are of an older/cast iron style. Maintenance is required and gutters/downpipes checked during heavy rainfall.



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	Cracked and bossed roughcast/render is visible. Repairs are required.



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	Windows were not all fully opened or tested, and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions. Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. A precautionary check of all windows and doors is always recommended prior to purchase. It is assumed that replacement windows and doors comply with relevant building and fire regulations.



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Weathered paintwork was noted. Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

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Communal areas

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Open pointing and cracking was noted to sections of brickwork/copings. Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.</p> <p>It is understood there is a right of access for the adjoining property via the driveway. This should be verified by inspection of the Title Deeds.</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Textured coatings were noted to ceiling areas. On rare occasions, these materials can have an asbestos content. We have not tested these materials nor carried out an asbestos survey however, until the material is professionally tested the linings should be left undisturbed.</p>



Internal walls

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



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	Loose and uneven flooring noted. Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted. Internal glazing should be checked for safety glass.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	All flue linings should be checked, repaired if necessary and swept prior to fires/appliances being reused.



Internal decorations

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



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is presumed the electrical system is regularly serviced and checked by a qualified contractor and currently complies with the current regulations.</p> <p>The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations. A precautionary check of the electrical system is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</p>



Gas

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The property is understood to have a private water supply. This source is assumed to be reliable. Neither the reliability nor purity of the supply have been tested and any purchaser should fully satisfy themselves in these respects prior to conclusion of missives.</p> <p>Sanitary fittings appear serviceable however surround seals, tiling and finishes should be checked and maintained watertight. We were unable to view concealed areas below sanitary fittings and cannot confirm they are free from damp or other defects. A precautionary check of the areas below and adjacent to the sanitary fittings is always recommended prior to purchase as these areas are prone to leakage.</p>



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system. A precautionary check is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are understood to be private drainage arrangements by way of a septic tank. The maintenance liability, rights of access and SEPA consents should be confirmed. A precautionary check of the drainage system is always recommended prior to purchase. No tests were carried out by this firm.</p>

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

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

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

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

It appears the subject property has been historically altered to provide the present accommodation. As far as we can ascertain no significant alterations or additions have been made to the subject property in recent years which will require Local Authority approval.

There are understood to be private drainage arrangements. The maintenance liability, rights of access for maintenance purposes and availability of SEPA consents should be confirmed.

There are understood to be a private water supply. The maintenance liability, right of access for maintenance purposes should be confirmed.

It is assumed that there are no statutory, town planning, road proposals or environmental matters which are likely to have an adverse effect on the property.

It is understood there is a right of access for the adjoining property to the rear garden. Rights of Access, Land Ownership and Maintenance Liabilities around the periphery of the subjects should be confirmed through an inspection of the Title Deeds.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialist's or contractor's advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £280,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING). This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £235,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed

Security Print Code [405832 = 6921]
Electronically signed

Report author

Allan Featherstone

Single Survey

Company name	J & E Shepherd
Address	63 St Andrew Street, Dalkeith, EH22 1BP
Date of report	28th March 2024

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Tel: 0845 263 7995

www.shepherd.co.uk

Property Address

Address Falahill Cottages, 7, Heriot, EH38 5YG
Seller's Name Mrs A Banks
Date of Inspection 27th March 2024

Property Details

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

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

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police?

Yes No

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

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

Absolute Ownership 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) m² (Internal) m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

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Construction

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

Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement? Yes No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive? Yes No

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

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

Service 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:

Oil fired to radiators.

Site

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

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

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial 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

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General Remarks

At the date of inspection the property was in a condition generally consistent with its age and type of construction however some items of maintenance and repair were noted.

It appears the subject property has been historically altered to provide the present accommodation. As far as we can ascertain no significant alterations or additions have been made to the subject property in recent years which will require Local Authority approval.

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Essential Repairs

None.

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

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Comment on Mortgageability

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

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 [405832 = 6921]
Electronically signed by:-

Surveyor's name Allan Featherstone

Professional qualifications MRICS

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Report date 28th March 2024

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

FALAHILL COTTAGES, 7, HERIOT, EH38 5YG

Dwelling type: End-terrace house
Date of assessment: 04 May 2023
Date of certificate: 08 May 2023
Total floor area: 102 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 467 kWh/m²/year

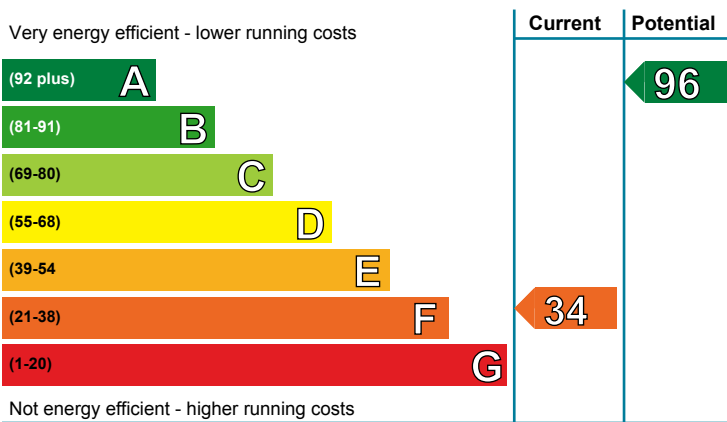
Reference number: 0172-2774-6453-2407-2755
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£12,390	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£6,012	

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

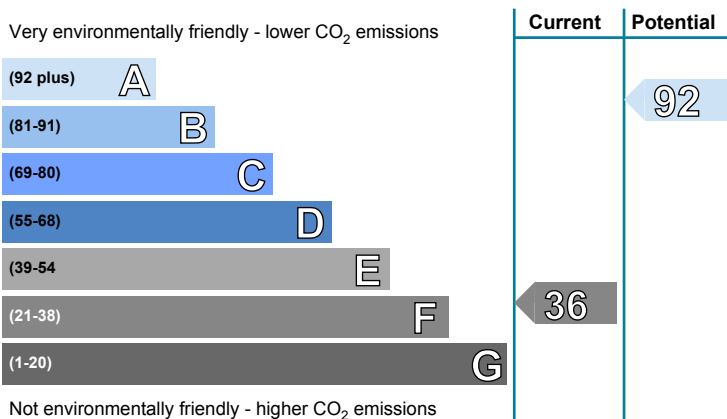


Energy Efficiency Rating

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 F (34)**. 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 (CO₂) Rating

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

Your current rating is **band F (36)**. 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	£4371.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£1050.00
3 Low energy lighting	£30	£252.00

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

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

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Solid brick, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 270 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, wood logs	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 33% 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, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.


The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 102 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 10 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 7.4 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	£10,638 over 3 years	£5,313 over 3 years	
Hot water	£990 over 3 years	£609 over 3 years	
Lighting	£762 over 3 years	£456 over 3 years	
Totals	£12,390	£6,378	

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	£1457		
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£350		
3 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£30	£84		
4 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£113		
5 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£589		
6 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£1318		

Choosing the right improvement package

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

About the recommended measures to improve your home's performance rating

This section offers additional information and advice on the recommended improvement measures for your home

1 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). 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. 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>).

4 Solar water heating

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

5 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

6 Wind turbine

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

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present:

- Biomass secondary heating

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)	26,997	N/A	N/A	(11,368)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,921			

About this document

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

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

Advice and support to improve this property

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

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Questions 1 - 4

1. Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

29 years

2. Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

C

Please Select... ▼

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)?

- Yes No Don't know

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Questions 5 & 6

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 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 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?

Yes No *N/A*

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 No

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? *no changes*

Yes No

(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings? *Made to size of openings.*

Yes No

(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or ~~patio doors~~ (with approximate dates when the work was completed):

*white UPVC windows & doors (double glazed) —
were fitted in 3 different stages from 2000 - 2011
all 10 yr warranties now out of date.*

Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.

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Questions 7 - 9

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 No Partial

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).

oil fired

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

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

By previous owner - presumably

new oil tank, boiler & radiators installed maybe 12 or so years ago. cannot remember when.

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

Yes No

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

not a contract as such. I have the boiler serviced annually by an engineer employed by the oil company who supplies

(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?

(Please provide the month and year).

(mm)

(yyyy)

my oil - Scottish Fuels
Last serviced

18.7.22

8. Energy Performance Certificate

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

Yes 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?

Yes No

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

Yes No

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

Yes No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Question 10

10. Services

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

Services	Connected Supplier
Gas or liquid petroleum gas oil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scottish fuels (Centas)
Water mains or private water supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scottish power
Mains drainage septic tank	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emptied by Scottish water
Telephone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Lewis
Cable TV or satellite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SKY
Broadband	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Lewis

b. Is there a septic tank system at your property? **NOT on my property**

Yes No

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

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

Yes No Don't know

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

Yes No

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

Septic tank is situated on ~~the~~ property of no. 9 Falahill Cottages. It serves houses 6, 7, 8, 9.

Tank is emptied every 2 years by Scottish Water. The householders have used this company for as long as I can remember. No other contract for maintenance other than that.

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Questions 11 & 12

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 No Don't know

If you have answered yes, please give details:

garden fences but unsure if this is a legal requirement or just good manners!

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

Yes No Not applicable

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

Yes No

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

Yes 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?~~

Yes No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

owner/tenant of no. 8 has the right of vehicular and pedestrian access through the driveway at side & rear of my house to access their property.

- 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.)

Yes 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?

Yes No

15. Boundaries

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

Yes No Don't know

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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Question 13

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?

Yes 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?

Yes 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?

Yes No

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 and please write below who has these documents 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.

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Questions 14 & 15

14. Guarantees

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

- | | | |
|---|----|--------------------|
| (i) Electrical work | NO | Please Select... ▼ |
| (ii) Roofing | NO | Please Select... ▼ |
| (iii) Central heating | NO | Please Select... ▼ |
| (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC) | NO | Please Select... ▼ |
| (v) Damp course | NO | Please Select... ▼ |
| (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy) | NO | Please Select... ▼ |

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?

Yes No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:

b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

Yes No Don't know

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

Yes No Don't know

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.

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Question 16

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?
 Yes No
- b. that affects your property in some other way?
 Yes No
- c. that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?
 Yes No

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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17 May 2023

Mrs A Banks
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Dear Madam

RE: 7 FALA HILL COTTAGES HERIOT

Thank you for your instructions to inspect the above property in connection with dampness and Woodworm noted during a recent Home Report survey and following our inspection on Wednesday 17 May 2023 confirmation of our findings together with recommendations are as follows.

DAMPNESS

We were asked to inspect a small area of wall on the ground floor Sitting Room, on the fireplace wall where readings were recorded and we therefore concentrated our testing t these areas.

On testing the gable wall we recorded moderate rather than excessively high readings, to the left hand side of the fireplace just above skirting level. We believe that this is just a small cold area which is attracting atmospheric moisture. Due to this we do not believe this area to be suffering from any form of Rising or penetrating dampness and therefore no treatments are recommended.

WOODBORER

A scattered infestation of Common Furniture Beetle (*Anobium punctatum*) was noted to be affecting the timbers of the main roof void and we would therefore recommend a spray application of our approved timber preservative/insecticide to all the accessible timbers of the roof void. This will be carried out under the heading "Specification of Treatment – Woodborer Eradication".

If the treatments are carried out in accordance with our specification we are prepared to issue our 30 Year Guarantee covering the treatment areas as soon as the account is settled in full.



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1. Allow for brushing down accessible timbers within the Main Roof void to remove excessive dust and cobwebs.
2. On completion of preparatory works carry out a spray application of our approved timber preservative/insecticide to all accessible timbers of the roof void.

Our quotation for carrying out the recommended remedial treatments is attached and on receipt of your acceptance arrangements will be made to commence the work as soon as possible.

A normal supply of electricity and water must be available at all times on site for Our Technician's use.

Please note that we realise that the bulk of our work is fairly disruptive, but we shall endeavour to keep the disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. However in order to reduce any inconvenience we would recommend the removal of all furniture, soft furnishing, carpets etc from the immediate working areas prior to the works commencing. We shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to items of furniture or personal belongings remaining in the immediate working areas.

Please note that should these works be subject to an insurance claim, we stress that our contract is with you and not the Insurance Company. Whilst we will assist you in your claim, under no circumstances are we prepared to wait until the Insurance Company settles your claim. In all cases our account should be settled within fourteen days as stipulated in our Terms and Conditions.

We enclose our invoice in relation to this inspection.

We trust that this is satisfactory however should you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact our Mr Laing.

Yours faithfully



STUART LAING
For Valentine Property Services Limited

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QUOTATION

RE: 7 FALA HILL COTTAGES HERIOT

For carrying out guaranteed remedial treatments for the eradication of Woodborer as specified in our report dated 17 May 2023 ...

£784 (Plus VAT at standard rate)
Seven hundred and eighty four pounds

STUART LAING
For Valentine Property Services Limited

Subject to the terms and conditions overleaf we will carry out remedial work and chemical treatment as above and as detailed in our attached Report and Schedule under the heading "Our Operatives".

To accept this Quotation please sign and return the attached Acceptance of Estimate Form.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This quotation shall only be binding upon the Company if accepted in writing within a period of 28 days from the date of issue.
2. The quotation exclusive of Value Added Tax which will be charged where applicable, at the appropriate rate.
3. The quotation is based on the report number quoted and refers only to the work detailed in such area as recommended in that report.
4. The Company shall be entitled at its discretion to alter or vary the specified materials or method of carrying out the work in whole or in part without increase in price to the client in the event of any such alteration or variation resulting in a substantial reduction in the cost of the work the Company will at its discretion make such allowance, if any, to the client as the company shall consider fair and reasonable.
5. Whilst the Company shall make every endeavour to start and complete the work by the dates indicated, it shall not be held responsible for any delays.
6. Payment is due nett on completion of the work, or if the work is done in stages, payment for any stage is due on completion of that stage of the work.
7. During the course of the contract the Company reserves the right to demand interim payments for work done. Failure to pay within seven days will result in withdrawal of labour until payment is received.
8. Except where occasioned by the negligence of the Company or its servants, the Company accepts no liability for loss, damage or injury, whether arising during or as a result of the work to the premises to be treated or any adjoining premises, or to any persons, or to any animal or plant life therein, or for any nuisance caused to the Owners or Occupiers of any such premises, and the client shall release and indemnify the Company from and against all claims by any person arising from such loss, damage or injury to the client for and the client will indemnify the Company against claims by any person for:-
 - (i) Damage to interior decoration and paint. Whilst the Company shall use its best endeavours to avoid any such damage there is always the risk of discolouration of ceilings, and particularly polystyrene tiles fixed to ceilings etc., arising through the treatment of ceiling joists. Redecoration should not be attempted until the preservation has dried thoroughly.
 - (ii) Collapse of insecure brickwork, stonework, cementwork, plasterwork, woodwork, etc., during or as the result of the Company's work. If after commencement of work unforeseen difficulties arise due to the collapse of insecure work or to irregular bonding thereof or any other cause the additional unforeseen work found to be necessary will be charged extra.
 - (iii) Damage arising as a result of the client's having:
 - (a) failed to remove from the premises any liquids or foodstuffs liable to contamination during the course of treatment.
 - (b) replaced carpets or floor coverings before the solvent has evaporated.
 - (c) layed 'vinyl' floor coverings on floors that have been treated, the client is advised not to lay such coverings without first obtaining the floor covering manufacturer's recommendations.
9. When chemical treatment is being carried out in any building which involves the use of any organic solvent material the electrical supply to the area being treated shall be switched off by the client in the interest of safety during treatment and for 48 hours after the conclusion thereof. Naked flames should not be permitted for the same period. However the client is required to provide a main electricity supply, free of charge, for lighting and power purposes.
10. On completion of the work and on payment of our account the Company shall issue a guarantee against re-infestation by the insects or fungi or the recurrence of rising damp as detailed in the areas treated in the Company's usual form a copy of which will be supplied on request. This guarantee is issued subject to the property being kept in a wind and water-tight condition with all water supply and waste disposal fittings being maintained in good condition.
11. The balance of our invoice to be paid in full within 14 days from date of invoice. If payment in full is not made the outstanding balance will be charged interest at 3% above bank base rate.

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Signed _____ Dated _____



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