

# HOME REPORT

CORNMILL CROFT AUCHLEVEN

INSCH  
AB52 6QD



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# ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE



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# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

**CORNMill CROFT, AUCHLEVEN, INSCH, AB52 6QD**

**Dwelling type:** Detached house  
**Date of assessment:** 08 November 2023  
**Date of certificate:** 14 November 2023  
**Total floor area:** 147 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 325 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

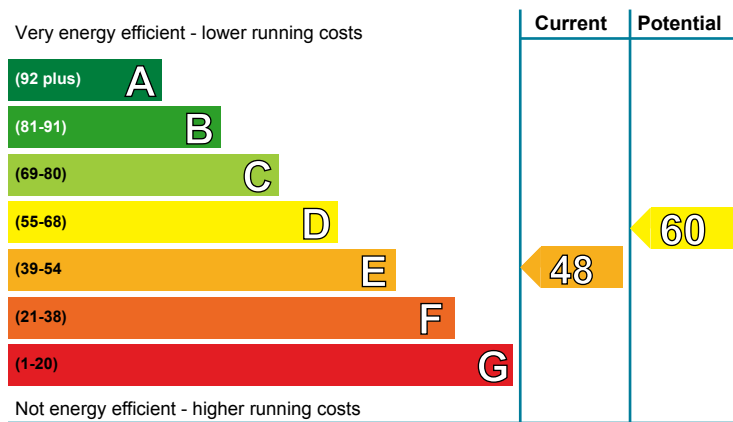
**Reference number:** 0080-1915-5209-8277-1204  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, electric

## You can use this document to:

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

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£17,202</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£1,452</b>	

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

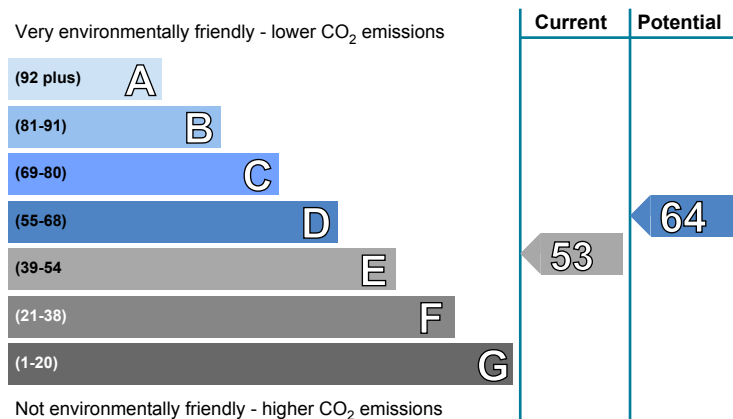


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band E (48)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



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

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

Your current rating is **band E (53)**. 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 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£390.00
2 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£1062.00
3 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels	£3,500 - £5,500	£1695.00

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	Granite or whinstone, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Pitched, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Roof room(s), insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Solid, insulated (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, electric	★☆☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Main heating controls	Time and temperature zone control	★★★★★	★★★★★
Secondary heating	None	—	—
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 55 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 8.1 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 1.5 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.

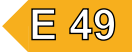
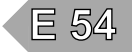




### Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£14,079 over 3 years	£13,773 over 3 years	
Hot water	£2,532 over 3 years	£1,386 over 3 years	
Lighting	£591 over 3 years	£591 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£17,202</b>	<b>£15,750</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 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£130		
2 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£354		
3 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£565		

### 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 Floor insulation (solid floor)

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

### 2 Solar water heating

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

### 3 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

## 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)	12,660	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,299			



## About this document

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

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

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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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# SINGLE SURVEY



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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	CORNMILL CROFT AUCHLEVEN INSCH AB52 6QD
<b>Customer</b>	Ms Jane Copus
<b>Customer address</b>	c/o Peterkins 3 The Square Huntly AB54 8AE
<b>Prepared by</b>	DM Hall LLP
<b>Date of inspection</b>	8th November 2023



## 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 Sellers 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.

To date, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in the 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.

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

# Terms and Conditions

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. 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<sup>2</sup> will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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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

## 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 they assign the same to any other party in writing.

## 1.7 PAYMENT

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

## 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

## 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

## 1.10 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;



- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

## PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

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

### **WARNING:**

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" 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. 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 subjects comprise a DETACHED ONE AND A HALF STOREY DWELLING HOUSE, understood to be converted from a previous mill.
<b>Accommodation</b>	GROUND FLOOR: Entrance vestibule, lounge, bedroom, sitting room, kitchen, shower room.  FIRST FLOOR: Landing, two bedrooms, bathroom.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	147 sq.m, approximately.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The subject property is located within the commuter village of Auchleven. Locally, although there are a limited range of services available within the immediate vicinity, a wider range can be found within the nearby towns of Huntly and Inverurie. The City of Aberdeen is also within convenient commuting distance.
<b>Age</b>	It is understood the property was originally constructed around 1900, however, has substantially been altered and extended to form the current layout from a former mill building to residential use in recent years.
<b>Weather</b>	It was dry and bright at the time of inspection, following a period of mixed weather.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  The chimney stacks are of solid stonework construction, pointed externally.

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<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p><b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>The roof is pitched and slated. The ridge is tiled.</p> <p>No access was possible to the roof space at the time of inspection, due to the attic floor being fully converted to provide for additional habitable accommodation, and lack of accessible ceiling hatches or wall access hatch points for the roof space entry.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>The rainwater goods are formed in PVC sections.</p>
<b>Main walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The main walls appear to be of traditional solid stonework construction, pointed externally. The main walls of the front entrance porch appear to be of traditional concrete blockwork construction.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>The windows are of a modern timber casement type, double glazed. There are sections of accommodation incorporating double glazed velux roof lights and double glazed sky lights.</p> <p>The entrance doors are of a timber design with double glazed inserts.</p>
<b>External decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>External decorations are mainly of a painted timber finish or stained finish.</p>
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<p>There are no conservatories or porches.</p>
<b>Communal areas</b>	<p>There are no communal areas.</p>

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<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<p>There are no garages or permanent outbuildings, however, there is adequate space for the erection of a garage onsite.</p>
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>The property has garden ground to the front, side and rear. The full extent of the Feu can be determined by reference to the Title Deeds.</p>
<b>Ceilings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>The ceilings are of suspended plasterboard lined design.</p>
<b>Internal walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p><b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b></p> <p>The internal walls are of timber stud construction, lined with plasterboard.</p>
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<p><b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b></p> <p>The flooring is of a mix of solid concrete construction and suspended timber construction, overlaid with fitted floor coverings.</p> <p>No access was possible to the sub floor areas, due to the presence of fitted floor coverings at the time of inspection.</p>
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p> <p>The interior doors are of a timber design.</p> <p>Internal joinery is of a timber finish.</p> <p>The kitchen consists of a range of floor and wall mounted units, with a stainless steel sink unit and drainer fitted.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>There are no chimney breasts or open fireplaces. Any original fireplaces have been blocked over and removed.</p>

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<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  Internal decorations are mainly of a painted finish, with the exception of the kitchen and bathroom areas which have tiled features.
<b>Cellars</b>	There are no cellars.
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b>  The property is connected to the mains electricity supply, with the electricity meter being located within a cupboard in the entrance vestibule, and the consumer unit being located within a hatch within the ground floor living room. Where visible, the wiring is of PVC coated cabling with 13amp sockets.
<b>Gas</b>	There is no gas connection.
<b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b>	<b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b>  <b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b>  The property is connected to the mains water supply.  Internal plumbing, where visible, is of PVC waste pipes and copper supply pipes.  The ground floor shower room consists of a mixer shower compartment, WC, and wash hand basin.  The bathroom consists of a three piece suite with mixer shower over bath, WC, and wash hand basin.
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b>  <b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b>  Heating is provided by an electric wet central heating system. The boiler serves a series of steel panelled radiators fitted with thermostats throughout the accommodation, whilst the hot water is provided by the pressurised hot water cylinder located within the first floor landing cupboard. An immersion heater is fitted.

<p><b>Drainage</b></p>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>It is understood the property is connected to a private septic tank located within the garden grounds.</p>
<p><b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Smoke detection is installed.</p> <p>The smoke detection system has been upgraded to the latest interlink system.</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>
<p><b>Any additional limits to inspection</b></p>	<p>At the time of inspection, the property was vacant, unfurnished, and floored throughout. This consequently restricted the internal inspection.</p> <p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</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>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.</p> <p>In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines I have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards). Floor coverings have not been moved.</p> <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>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</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</p>



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	<p>the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</p> <p>No roof space access was possible.</p> <p>No sub floor access was possible.</p> <p>I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</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	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	There may have been remedial treatment work undertaken to the timbers during the renovation process. In the event that timber treatment work has been undertaken to the property in the past, copies of all relevant documentation and guarantee reports should be transferred upon completion of sale.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	No evidence of significant defects.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>One or two chipped slates were noted at the time of inspection. It is not unreasonable to anticipate ongoing maintenance given the age of the roof coverings.</p> <p>Natural slates have an expected lifespan of up to 100 years or more depending on slate quality, source, thickness and cutting skill of the slate. Slates will deteriorate over time; nail fixings will corrode and loosen resulting in on-going maintenance requirements. Close quarter and disruptive inspections may reveal damage to roofing materials, especially where these are original. Regular maintenance should be anticipated particularly after adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>No comment can be made as to the condition of the roofing timbers, due to no</p>

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	access at the time of inspection.
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## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The rainwater goods appear functional, however, can only be adequately tested during periods of heavy rainfall.



## Main walls

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



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No evidence of significant defects.</p> <p>Windows units/ access doors have been replaced in the past. Random windows and doors are opened but not all and inspections can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fittings are functional.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Ongoing maintenance will be required to preserve and prolong the appearance of the external timbers, and to maintain an attractive appearance.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	There are no conservatoires or porches.



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	There are no communal areas.

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## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	There are no garages or permanent outbuildings.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The full extent of the Feu can be determined by reference to the Title Deeds.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Staining was noted to the ceiling linings within the ground floor hall, adjacent to the shower room. This tested high at the time of inspection. A heating engineer could advise further.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	See comments under 'Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings' condition section below.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No evidence of significant defects.  It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.








## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

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



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Uncapped and unventilated chimney breasts can lead to dampness and condensation issues.

 Internal decorations	
<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Areas of blemishes and marking were noted to the internal decorations. It is not unreasonable to anticipate an incoming purchaser may wish to selectively redecorate in accordance with personal taste and requirements if desired.
 Cellars	
<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	There are no cellars.
 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>	-
<b>Notes</b>	There is no gas connection.
 Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>As mentioned previously, high moisture meter readings were noted to the staining to the ceiling linings within the ground floor hall adjacent to the shower room. It appears that this has resulted from a previous plumbing leak. A heating engineer could advise further.</p> <p>High moisture meter readings were noted to a section of wall linings adjacent to the shower cubicle within the ground floor shower room. This is indicative that the shower seal has failed. A heating engineer could advise further.</p> <p>The sealant/grouting around sanitary fittings and kitchen fittings should be examined regularly, together with adjacent floor areas and walls, as such areas are prone to damage by hidden leakage.</p>

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## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The system has not been checked or inspected. No obvious evidence of chokage or leakage was noted.

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



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## 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
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 is assumed the property will be sold with vacant possession, and that the tenure is absolute ownership.

It is understood that the property was previously a mill building, however, was converted to residential use in recent years. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority and other consents were obtained, and appropriate documentation, including warrants and Completion Certificates have been issued. If any works were exempt, then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations.

Double glazed replacement windows have been installed, and it is assumed that these comply with appropriate Building Standards.

It has been advised that drainage is to a private septic tank. The system has not been inspected, and condition, legal, and environmental issues have not been investigated. For the purpose of the valuation, all are assumed to be satisfactory.

The subjects are served a private access road from the nearest publicly maintained road. Although unmade, the access is considered adequate for the expected traffic flow and maintenance liabilities could be established. It is assumed that all necessary rights of access are reserved in favour of the subjects within the Title Deeds.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£515,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN THOUSAND POUNDS).

It should be noted this sum is an estimate calculated by using a rate per square metre based on information provided by Building Cost Information Service (BCIS).

### Valuation and market comments

The Market Value as at the date of inspection is £280,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

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

<b>Signed</b>	Security Print Code [380030 = 6494 ] Electronically signed
<b>Report author</b>	JAMES STRUTHERS
<b>Company name</b>	DM Hall LLP
<b>Address</b>	64 Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3XN

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<b>Date of report</b>	14th November 2023
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# Mortgage Valuation Report



## Property Address

Address CORNMILL CROFT, AUCHLEVEN, INSCH, AB52 6QD  
Seller's Name Ms Jane Copus  
Date of Inspection 8th November 2023

## 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)  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.

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## Construction

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

## Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement?  Yes  No

If Yes, is this recent or progressive?  Yes  No

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

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

## Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Electric wet central heating system.

## Site

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

Rights of way  Shared drives / access  Garage or other amenities on separate site  Shared service connections  
 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

The subject property is located within the commuter village of Auchleven. Locally, although there are a limited range of services available within the immediate vicinity, a wider range can be found within the nearby towns of Huntly and Inverurie. The City of Aberdeen is also within convenient commuting distance.

It is assumed the property will be sold with vacant possession, and that the tenure is absolute ownership.

It is understood that the property was previously a mill building, however, was converted to residential use in recent years. It is assumed that all necessary Local Authority and other consents were obtained, and appropriate documentation, including warrants and Completion Certificates have been issued. If any works were exempt, then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations.

Double glazed replacement windows have been installed, and it is assumed that these comply with appropriate Building Standards.

It has been advised that drainage is to a private septic tank. The system has not been inspected, and condition, legal, and environmental issues have not been investigated. For the purpose of the valuation, all are assumed to be satisfactory.

The subjects are served a private access road from the nearest publicly maintained road. Although unmade, the access is considered adequate for the expected traffic flow and maintenance liabilities could be established. It is assumed that all necessary rights of access are reserved in favour of the subjects within the Title Deeds.

At the time of inspection, the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with age and type of construction.

Some items of minor routine repair and maintenance were noted, which will be required to be attended to in due course.

## Essential Repairs

None apparent within the limitations of inspection.

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

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## Comment on Mortgageability

Subject to comments contained within our report, and individual lending requirements, we would confirm that the property forms suitable security for normal mortgage loan purposes.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £ 280,000  
Market value on completion of essential repairs £ -  
Insurance reinstatement value £ 515,000  
(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 [380030 = 6494 ]  
Electronically signed by:-  
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Professional qualifications MRICS MA  
Company name DM Hall LLP  
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Report date 14th November 2023





# PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE



**DM HALL**  
CHARTERED SURVEYORS



# Property Questionnaire



**Property address:** Cornmill Croft  
Auchleven  
Insch  
United Kingdom  
AB52 6QD

**Seller:** Jane Copus

**Date completed:** 16/10/2023

## ○ Contents

1. Length of Ownership
2. Council Tax
3. Parking
4. Conservation Area
5. Listed Buildings
6. Alterations / Additions / Extensions
7. Central Heating
8. Energy Performance Certificate
9. Issues that may have affected your property
10. Services
11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas
12. Charges Associated With Your Property
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14. Guarantees
15. Boundaries
16. Notices that affect your property

## 1. Length of Ownership

How long have you owned this property?

17 years

## 2. Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

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## 3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

in the driveway

## 4. Conservation Area

Is your property in a designated Conservation Area?

No

## 5. Listed Buildings

Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one?

No

## 6. Alterations / Additions / Extensions

### Structural Alterations

During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions?

Yes

Please describe the changes which you have made

With planning permission turned into a domestic dwelling from an empty mill building

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

Yes

Do you have all of these documents yourself?

Yes

### Replacement Windows and Doors

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

Yes

Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?

Yes

Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?

Yes

Please describe the changes which you have made (with approximate dates)

Windows were opened by a stone mason in several places. Eg kitchen bathroom bedroom and reception rooms.

## 7. Central Heating

Is there a central heating system in your property?

Yes

Is it full or partial?

Full

What kind of central heating is it?

Small electrical radiator boiler

When was it installed?

At the time of conversion.

Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating?

No

## 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

Structural Damage

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

No

Asbestos

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

No

## 10. Services

Connected services

Gas/Liquid Petroleum Gas

No

Water mains/private water

Yes

Supplier



**Electricity**

**Supplier**

**Mains Drainage**

**Telephone**

**Cable TV/Satellite**

**Broadband**

**Septic Tanks**

**Is there a septic tank system at your property?**

**Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?**

**Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?**

## 11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas

**Joint responsibilities**

**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?**



## Common Areas

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

Yes

Please give details

The property is a free standing house in it's own grounds.

## Major Repairs to the Roof

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

Yes

Please give details

The agricultural corrugated roof was removed as well as the A frames and new A frames put in and slate tiles laid on the roof..

## Rights of Access to Neighbouring Property

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

## Maintenance Access Rights of Neighbours

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

## Rights of Way

As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property?

No

# 12. Charges Associated With Your Property

Is there a factor or property manager for your property?

No

Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

Yes

Is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?

Don't know

Are there any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works?

No

## 13. Specialist Works

### Treatment

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

### Preventative Work

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

### Guarantees

Do you have any guarantees relating to the treatment or preventative work described above?

No

## 14. Guarantees

Select those applicable

**Electrical work**

No

**Roofing**

No

**Central heating**

No

**NHBC (National House-Building Council)**

No

**Damp Course**

No

**Any other work or installations (e.g. cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)**

No

**Outstanding claims**

**Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?**

No

**15. Boundaries**

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

No

**16. Notices that affect your property**

**In the last 3 years have you ever received a notice:**

**Advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?**

No

**That requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?**

No

**That affects your property in some other way?**

No

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**Comments**

Property is on small business, non domestic rates with exemption at present. The property is currently a holiday let with Cottages.com. Do not know the Council tax banding.





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