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Scottish Single Survey

Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	36 Howard Place, Warriston, Edinburgh, EH3 5JY
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Customer	Mr I Allan & Mrs G Allan
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Customer address	The Steading Angus Stepp, Kippen, Stirling, FK8 3EW
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Prepared by	J & E Shepherd
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Date of inspection	8th September 2023
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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.

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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 main door flat within a five storey block.
Accommodation	Ground Floor: Entrance hall, living room, dining room, master bedroom with en-suite shower room,two further bedrooms, kitchen and family bathroom
Gross internal floor area (m²)	157 m2 approx.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are situated in an established residential area of mixed style properties lying within the Inverleith area of Edinburgh and convenient for local shopping, educational and social facilities.
Age	1880 approx.
Weather	Dry and sunny.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Masonry type chimney stacks present.
Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so. The roof is pitched and slated with flat sections clad with felt.

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Roofing including roof space	The roof is pitched and slated with flat sections clad with felt.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Cast iron gutters and downpipes. A parapet gutter is present to the front elevation.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected. The main walls are built of traditional solid stonework pointed externally.
Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open. The windows throughout are of a mixed type with both timber single glazed type units and timber double glazed type units. The front access door is of a timber type.
External decorations	Visually inspected. Painted timber.
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected. None.
Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected. No access gained to common stair.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. None.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. The vendor has informed us that the property does not benefit from any garden ground. The boundaries are defined by masonry walls and metal fencing. Retaining walls are present to the rear elevation.

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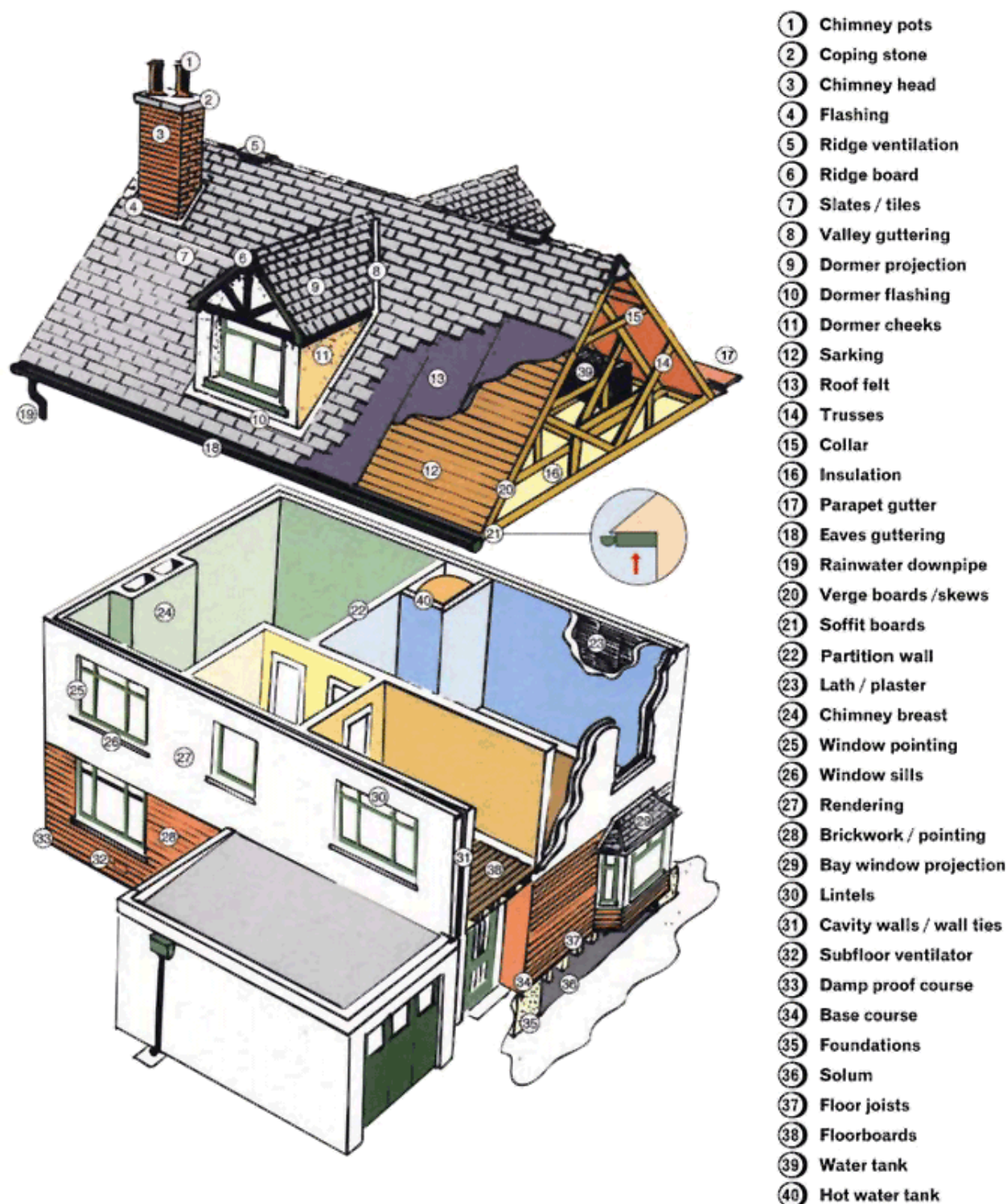
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. Plaster finishes noted.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. Plaster finishes noted.
Floors including sub floors	The floors throughout have fitted floor coverings and exposed floor boards.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. The kitchen fittings are of wall and base type. The internal doors, skirtings and facings are of a timber variety.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out. Fireplaces are present within the subject property.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected. Papered and painted throughout.
Cellars	Visually inspected where there was a safe and purpose-built access. None.
Electricity	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. Mains supply.
Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. Mains supply.

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Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Water is from the mains supply. The plumbing, where seen, is of copper supply pipes and PVC waste pipes, however, due to the age of the subject property it is possible that lead plumbing exists. The sanitary fittings are located within the bathroom and en-suite shower room. A fibre glass cold water storage tank is present to the cupboard within the internal bathroom.
Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. The property benefits from a gas fired central heating system with the gas boiler located within the kitchen cupboard. Hot water is via the hot water cylinder located in the hall cupboard.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Presumed to main public sewer.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Where not already present, we recommend that compliant smoke alarms be installed. 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.
Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected. If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation. The building containing the flat, including any external

Any additional limits to inspection	communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance. The property was partially floor covered at the time of inspection. The property was furnished at the time of inspection. Stored goods were present within the subject property at the time of inspection. The cupboards were full of possessions at the time of inspection. No access was gained to any sub floor areas. No access was gained to the below the sanitary fittings. No access was gained to any roof deck or roof void due to the lack of an access hatch. The roof decks and chimneys were seen from restricted ground floor views only. The roof and rainwater goods were not monitored under wet weather conditions. At the time of inspection conditions were dry. The services were not tested. The heating system was not tested. No access was gained to the communal access stair and limited sight was made of the rear elevation. 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.
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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	More than typical structural movement was noted to the subject property, in particular in the form of slopes/steps to the floors and internal door frames together with distortions and cracking to the external/internal walls. We have had sight of a structural engineer's report dated 4th May 2023 detailing that no remedial works are necessary and the movement noted is non progressive and longstanding.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	1
Notes	Random damp meter readings were taken throughout using a moisture meter but no significant recordings were noted. For the purposes of this report we presume that those areas not inspected are free of defects.



Chimney stacks

Repair category	2
Notes	Weathering noted to the chimney stacks. Ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	Loose and cracked slates noted. The flat roof deck will have a limited life span. Ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated and advice should be from a Roofing Contractor in accordance with good practice.



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	Corrosion noted to the rainwater goods. Remedial works required including repairs to adjacent areas if necessary. We presume the parapet gutter has been maintained on a regular basis and is free of defects as parapet gutters can be a source of timber decay and dampness



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	Weathering and cracking noted to sections of the external stonework, however, sections of the stonework have been refurbished at some point in the past. Maintenance and repair required.



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	Ongoing maintenance to the windows should be anticipated in accordance with good practice and a precautionary check of all windows is recommended prior to purchase.



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Ongoing maintenance to the external decoration should be anticipated in accordance with good practice.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Communal areas

Repair category	-
Notes	No access gained to common stair.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	The boundary walls, fencing and retaining walls will require ongoing maintenance and repair.



Ceilings

Repair category	2
Notes	Plaster cracking noted to the ceilings and decorative corning. Staining was noted to the ceiling in the front living room. The vendor has informed us that the leak is historic. These areas should be monitored.



Internal walls

Repair category	2
Notes	Plaster cracking noted to internal walls.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	2
Notes	Uneven and sloped/stepped floors noted.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	The kitchen fittings are dated. Minor refitting required to internal doors.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	Prior to use any fireplace, flue or chimney should be checked and made good by a suitable contractor.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Minor aesthetic defects noted.



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Electricity

Repair category	2
Notes	A precautionary check of the electrical wiring system is recommended in accordance with good practice as surface sockets were noted.



Gas

Repair category	1
Notes	We presume the gas supply is free of defects, however, the system has not been tested.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	The sealants around the sanitary fittings would benefit from upgrading and the adjacent areas checked and made good as necessary prior to purchase as these areas are prone to leakage. We presume that any lead plumbing has been replaced.

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Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	We presume the gas fired central heating system and hot water system have been checked by a suitable contractor and are free of defects. A precautionary check is recommended prior to purchase.



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	We presume the drainage system is free of defects, however, the system has not been tested.

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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	2
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	2
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	2
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	1
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	-
Electricity	2
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. Accessibility information

Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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 ☒	No ☐
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes ☐	No ☒
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes ☐	No ☒
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes ☒	No ☐
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes ☒	No ☐
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes ☐	No ☒
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes ☒	No ☐

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 presumed all documentation is available for alterations to the internal layout of the subject property, in particular the internal bathroom and internal shower room. We presume the replacement windows are compliant with current regulations.

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 £700,000 (Seven Hundred 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 £550,000 (Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds Sterling)

Market conditions are steady at the present time.

Signed

Security Print Code [513952 = 7751]
Electronically signed

Report author

D Lewis

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J & E Shepherd

Address

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Date of report

8th September 2023

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Property Address

Address 36 Howard Place, Warriston, Edinburgh, EH3 5JY
Seller's Name Mr I Allan & Mrs G Allan
Date of Inspection 8th September 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) 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:

Gas fired with steel 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

1. It is presumed all documentation is available for alterations to the internal layout of the subject property, in particular the internal bathroom and internal shower room. We presume the replacement windows are compliant with current regulations. 2. More than typical structural movement was noted to the subject property, in particular in the form of slopes/steps to the floors and internal door frames together with distortions and cracking to the external/internal walls. We have had sight of a structural engineer's report dated 4th May 2023 detailing that no remedial works are necessary and the movement noted is non progressive and longstanding. 3. Repairs and maintenance are required to the external fabric, in particular the main walls, roof, chimneys and rainwater goods. 4. A precautionary check of the electrical wiring system is recommended in accordance with good practice.

The roof is pitched and slated with flat sections

Essential Repairs

None.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £

Retention recommended? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount £

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Comment on Mortgageability

As per the structural engineer's report dated 4th May 2023, the property appears to form suitable security for mortgage purposes, subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

Valuations

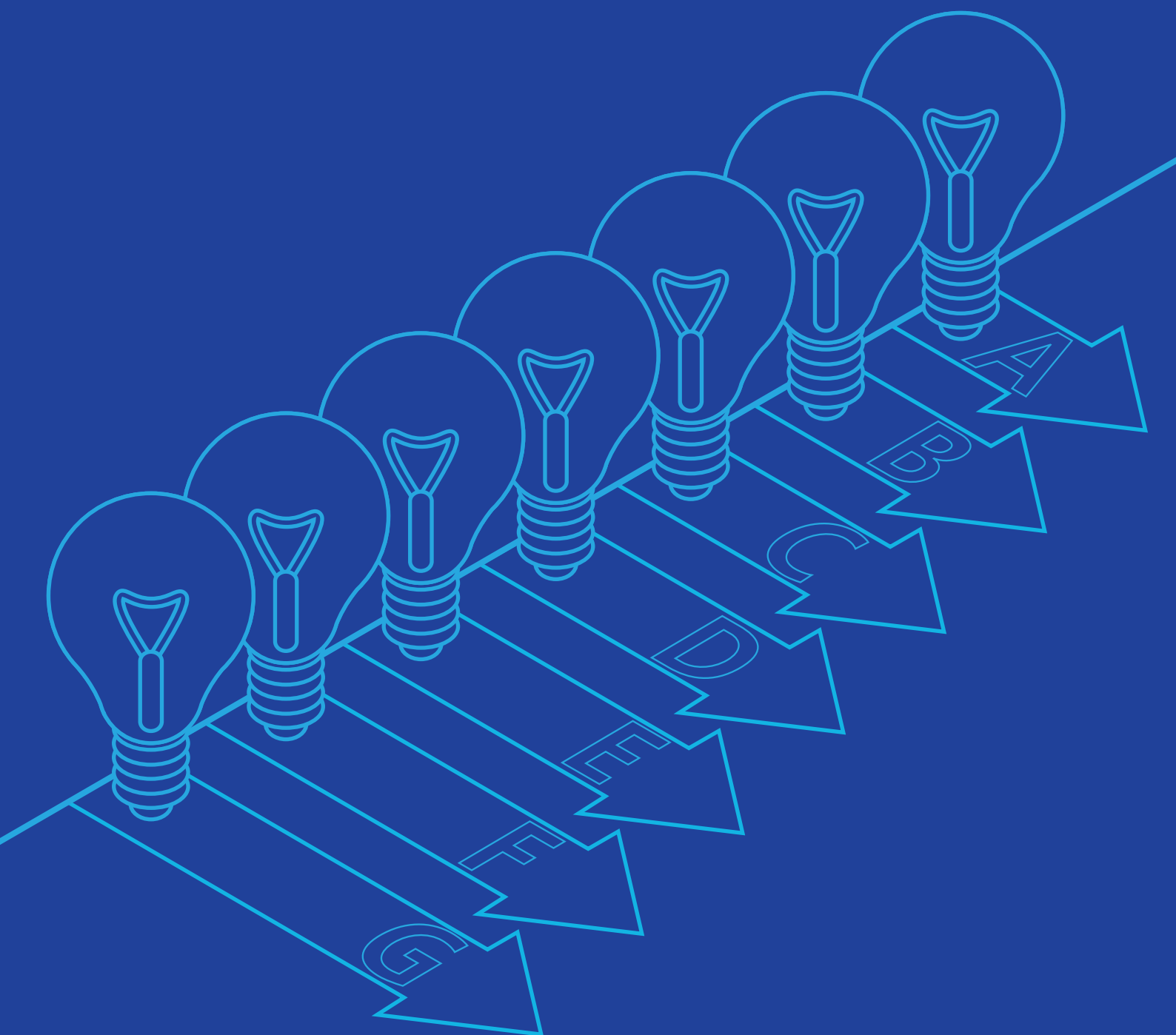
Market value in present condition	£	550,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs	£	n/a
Insurance reinstatement value (to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£	700,000
Is a reinspection necessary?	☐ Yes	☒ No

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 [513952 = 7751] Electronically signed by:-
Surveyor's name	D Lewis
Professional qualifications	BSC MRICS
Company name	J & E Shepherd
Address	12 Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh, EH3 8HA
Telephone	0131 225 1234
Fax	0131 220 3178
Report date	8th September 2023



Energy Performance Certificate

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

36 HOWARD PLACE, WARRISTON, EDINBURGH, EH3 5JY

Dwelling type: Ground-floor flat
Date of assessment: 20 April 2023
Date of certificate: 08 May 2023
Total floor area: 157 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 263 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 1317-0024-3000-0120-6226
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains gas

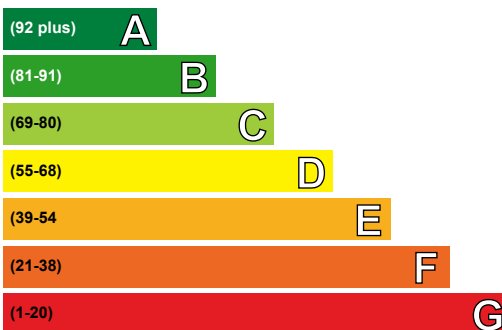
You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£10,485	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£5,241	

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Current	Potential
63	80

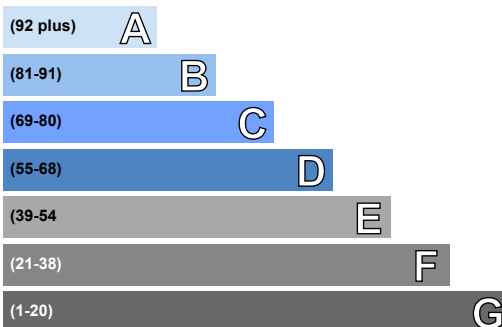
Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band D (63)**. 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.

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Not environmentally friendly - higher CO₂ emissions

Current	Potential
54	79

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 E (54)**. 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	£3468.00
2 Low energy lighting	£30	£168.00
3 Condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£1611.00

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	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	(another dwelling above)	—	—
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Partial double glazing	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	None	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 67% 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 46 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 7.3 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 3.9 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	£8,301 over 3 years	£3,729 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,341 over 3 years	£882 over 3 years	
Lighting	£843 over 3 years	£633 over 3 years	
Totals	£10,485	£5,244	

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	£1156		
2 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£30	£56		
3 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£537		

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- Biomass boiler (Exempted Appliance if in Smoke Control Area)
- Air or ground source heat pump
- Micro CHP

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 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>).

3 Condensing boiler

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

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)	17,746	N/A	N/A	(7,859)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,850			

Addendum

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

About this document

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

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), 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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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, 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.

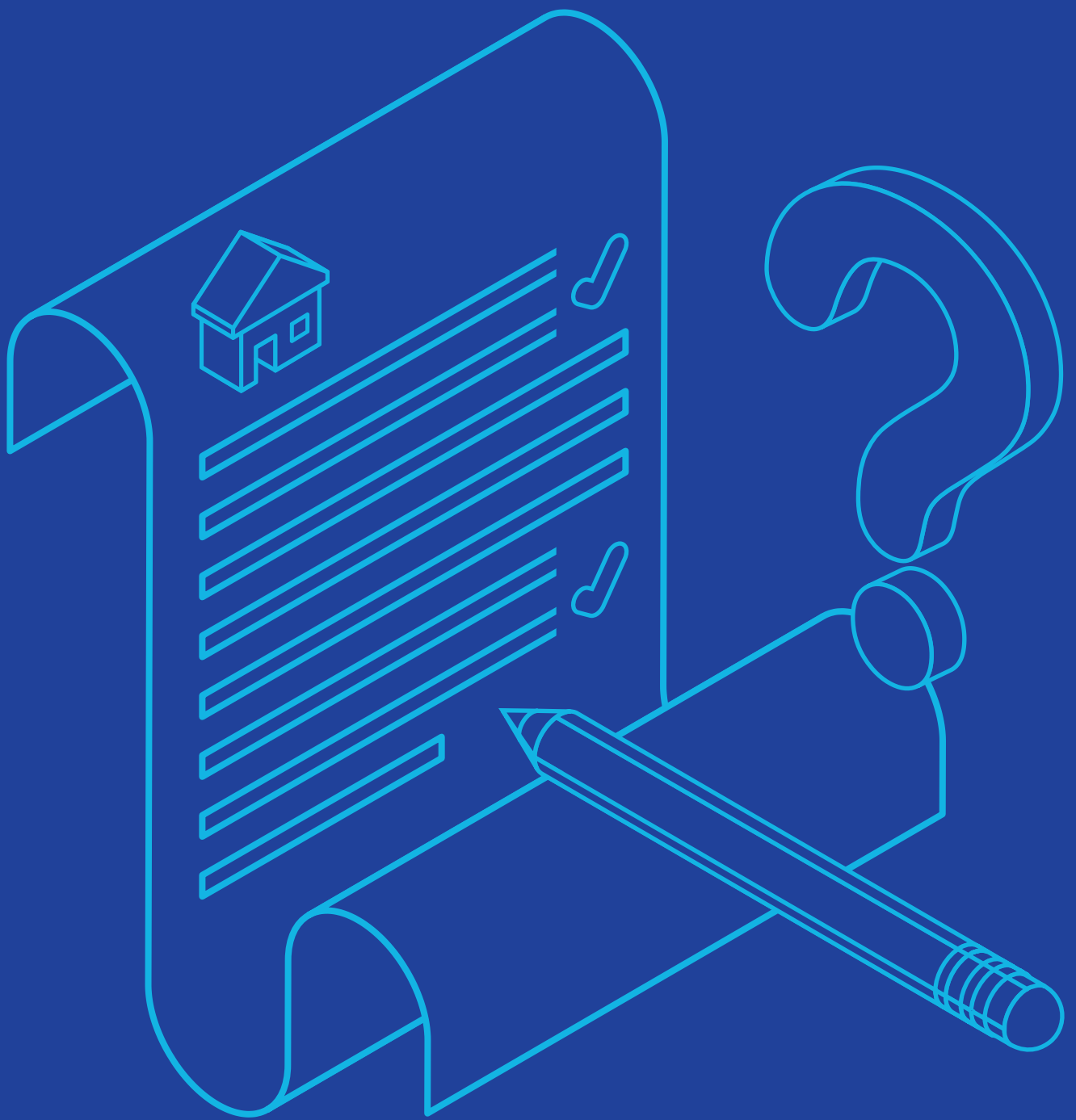
Advice and support to improve this property

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

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Property Questionnaire

Property Questionnaire

Property Address	36 Howard Place, Inverleith Edinburgh EH3 5JY
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Seller(s)	Mr Iain Allan Mrs Grace Allan
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Completion date of property questionnaire	30/05/2023
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1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

Since 2006

2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

F

3 Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please tick all that apply)

Garage ☐

Allocated parking space ☐

Driveway ☐

Shared parking ☐

On street ☒

Resident permit ☐

Metered parking ☐

Other (please specify)

4 Conservation area

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

Yes

5 Listed buildings

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

No

6 Alterations/additions/extensions

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

Yes

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

Alteration of cupboards / storage area to create en-suite shower room off master bedroom

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

Yes

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:

Can make plans and completion certificate available to solicitor/ estate agent.

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

Yes

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

- (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?
Yes
- (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?
No
- (iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):
Windows at front and side replaced with new double glazed wooden sash and case windows. Rear windows extensively reburbished. All in keeping with local conservation requirements. Work completed September 2022
Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.

7 Central heating

- a. Is there a central heating system in your property?
(Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).
Yes
If you have answered yes or partial — what kind of central heating is there?
(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).
Gas-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?
Not known
 - (ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?
No
If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:
Central heating system regularly maintained by qualified operatives provided through Care & Repair Edinburgh
 - (iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?
(Please provide the month and year).
01/2023

8 Energy Performance Certificate

Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?
No

9 Issues that may have affected your property

- a. Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?
No
If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?
- b. Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?
No
If you have answered yes, please give details:

10 Services

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

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas or liquid petroleum gas	☐	
Water mains or private water supply	☒	Scottish Water
Electricity	☒	SSE?
Mains drainage	☒	Scottish Water
Telephone	☒	Talktalk
Cable TV or satellite	☐	
Broadband	☒	Talktalk

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

No

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

No

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

No

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

11 Responsibilities for shared or common areas

a. Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Retaining wall down Eildon Street

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

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Roof, guttering, chimneys shared across 9 households

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

Yes

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Shared work on replacing broken roof slates undertaken in May 2022. Shared cost across 9 households came to £305 each. Further work on shared chimneys identified and planned for repair in autumn 2023 at a cost of £710 per household

e. As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

- f. As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

12 Charges associated with your property

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

No

- b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

No

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

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

13 Specialist works

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

No

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

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

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

Guarantees are held by:

14 Guarantees

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

- (i) Electrical work
No
- (ii) Roofing
No
- (iii) Central heating
No
- (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)
No
- (v) Damp course
No
- (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)
No
- b. If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):
 - (i) Electrical work
 - (ii) Roofing
 - (iii) Central heating
 - (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)
 - (v) Damp course
 - (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)
- c. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?

If you have answered yes, please give details:

15 Boundaries

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

16 Notices that affect your property

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

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

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

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For the attention of Mr David Elder

Dear Mr & Mrs Allan

Inspection at 36 Howard Place, Edinburgh

In accordance with your instruction, we have carried out a structural inspection of the above property. This report is based on a walk-over survey made on 3rd May 2023. No investigations were carried out as to the strength of individual structural members nor was any site investigation work or inspection of the foundations undertaken. No specific inspection was made in relation to timber decay or infestation. We have not inspected woodwork or other parts which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect. The front and rear elevations were inspected from ground level.

The property is a ground floor apartment within a four storey plus attic floor tenement style block, taken to be approximately 150 years old and assumed to be facing west on to Inverleith Row/Howard Place at its junction with Eildon Street. It is of traditional construction with loadbearing masonry walls as well as supporting suspended timber joisted floors and roof structures and there is likely to be a number of lighter timber framed walls within the upper apartments. The roof is part pitched and slated, with a central flat deck. Whilst the roof was not inspected, responsibility for its maintenance and upkeep will typically be a shared obligation between the co-proprietors.

Internal Observations

Hall:

- Applied timber flooring with minor deviations from level.
- Stepped crack (short and narrow) above right-hand corner of door to bedroom.
- Varying steps in level to enter rooms and one step up to area outside second bedroom and bathroom.
- Minor elderly cornice cracks with some slight unevenness to ceiling.

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Dining Room:

- Slight step down into room – to account for different floor finishes.
- Distortion in line of ornate cornice at north-east corner of room (opposite to and facing door) accompanied by unevenness to ceiling across width.
- Other minor elderly cornice cracks.
- Exposed floorboards running front to back.
- Slight rise in floor level to north gable.
- Replacement (recent?) conservation style cavity glass within timber frames; still appearing in good order.

Bedroom/Study:

- Window to north gable facing Eildon Street.
- Shrinkage type cracks at junction of timber linings over former fireplace corner wall and internal brick wall to rear lounge.
- Step up into slightly raised (re-levelled) floor.
- Cornicing generally intact but one or two elderly ceiling cracks.

Lounge:

- Ornate cornicing with deviations from line and level; most apparent along west wall but also evident along rear (east) wall. Distortion, however, appears longstanding, with no damage evident through current decorations.
- Other minor elderly cornice cracks.
- Step of slight varying height leading into slightly raised (and re-levelled) floor.
- Ceiling intact.

Front Bedroom:

- Reflection of cracking within hall above left-hand corner of door with some uneven plaster over.
- En-suite off.

Kitchen:

- Tiled floor acceptably level.
- Single glazed sash and case window to rear (recent replacement).
- Rectilinear cracks to ceiling; likely occurring at joints between plasterboard, assuming that ceiling may have been replaced.

Rear Bedroom:

- Accessed from hall floor with step up.
- Nothing of structural significance.

Bathroom:

- Further step up into floor of internal room; likely also to accommodate drainage.
- High level Georgian wire glass window to common stair.
- Nothing of structural engineering concern.

External Observations

Howard Place Elevation (Front, Facing West):

- Stone repairs undertaken under and over windows to south side of entrance (front bedroom at ground floor level).
- Undulation in alignment of stonework at eaves level suggests extent of previous movement.
- Small number of loose or damaged roof slates.
- Stone repairs undertaken under ground floor dining room bay window.
- Gable wall not truly plumb but deviation tolerable.
- Entrance 'bridge' over lightwell to lower ground floor apartment (no 36a) rebuilt using steel beams and permanent shuttering. Some early onset corrosion to the two steel edge beams and applying a protective paint coating after cleaning would be desirable.
- Inclined stone retaining walls to both Howard Place and Eildon Street.

Eildon Street Elevation:

- Drainage goods require cleaning and repainting.
- Stonework replaced (thirty years ago?) around study/bedroom window.
- Chimneys rendered.
- Small number of loose slates to slated mansard.
- Boundary wall curves (in plan) outward to south beyond rear corner.
- Vertical crack line to front of gable window openings with sealing/repointing required.
- Crack to base of render to frontmost chimney.
- Front elevation appears plumb.
- Some refacing work undertaken to a number of stones; including at low level.

Rear:

- Restricted access to view from Eildon Street.
- External drainage goods require cleaning and repainting.
- A number of refacing repairs undertaken to lintels and some other stone elements.
- Retaining wall to Eildon Street (responsibility for maintenance to be clarified) bulges inwards.
- Slight outward bulge to rear gable with maximum displacement at ground floor level.
- Lintel over rear door cracked at its bearing.
- Some slopings to lintels and cills but within tolerable limits.
- Stonework in acceptable order commensurate with age.
- No signs of recent movement.

Discussion

This is a property that has experienced some significant structural movement at some point in its past against which, remedial action has been taken in rebuilding some of the external stonework on the line of the greatest twist. The distortion remains evident to the highest level projecting string course at the eaves level along the front elevation.

It is reported that this property was at least partially underpinned around forty years ago as part of a major repair to arrest this movement and whilst we do not have details of this treatment it seems clear that it has been successful. It is also known that there is underground drainage from the Botanic Gardens that traverses Inverleith Row and continues down Eildon Street before turning south in this vicinity, and it possible that issues arose with that historically.

The differences in floor level and the steps within the ground floor are to some extent a legacy of this historic damage, but they also exist due to different applied finishes and in the case of the bathroom the need to accommodate drainage.

In this respect, the floor slopings may be categorised now as aesthetic issues related to the history of the property and some areas have been addressed by applying raised finishes. The remainder of the cracking noted internally is not structurally significant and warrants only decorative repair.

We undertook an inspection to an upper flat within this block over four years ago and can discern no significant worsening of the situation over the intervening period. It does, however, remain a block with elevated vulnerability and hence susceptibility to slight movements, which may lead to fine cracking occurring from time to time but in the absence of any readily identifiable cause or key initiator, we assess the likelihood of major damage occurring being very small. Conversely, fine cracks are likely to return over time and require periodic maintenance. Externally, cracks and open joints should be filled and repointed to guard against the deleterious effects of moisture ingress.

Our observations also highlight the need for some external fabric maintenance, with the drainage goods requiring preventive action by cleaning and repainting them to seek to prolong their life. Similarly, the corrosion to the steels forming the principal support to the entrance bridge could have their life extended by judicious cleaning and applying a protective paint covering.

Summarising, this is a block to which structural movements have been experienced but it is our opinion that this has been addressed. It is, however, a building with increased vulnerability and one can anticipate that external fabric maintenance costs will be above average and some fine cracking may be experienced internally.

In conclusion, we believe that the building is stable at present and do not foresee any requirement for major structural repairs. We are of the opinion that the property should provide suitable security for mortgage loan purposes.

We trust this is sufficient for your present purposes but should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact us.

We enclose our note of fee in the agreed sum and look forward to early receipt of payment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ken Donald', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Ken Donald
Director
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