

# espc::home report



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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	Flat 4, 31 Kingsknowe Road North, Kingsknowe, Edinburgh, EH14 2BN
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<b>Customer</b>	Mr C Searle
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	26th February 2024
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**GRAHAM + SIBBALD**

## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property<sup>1</sup>.

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

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

### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

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

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The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

## 1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in the expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to:

- the Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular, the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

## 1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

## 1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.<sup>2</sup>

## 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

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they assign the same to any other party in writing.

## 1.7 PAYMENT

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

## 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

## 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

## 1.1 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;

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- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

## PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" *The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein*

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

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

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

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

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

## 1. Information and scope of inspection

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

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

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

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

<b>Description</b>	The subject comprise a purpose built, self contained first floor flat forming part of a four storey detached block of 12 flats.
<b>Accommodation</b>	First Floor: Entrance Hallway, Living Room with Balcony off, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchen and Shower Room with WC
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	69 or thereby
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The property is located within an established mixed residential/commercial area to the south west of Edinburgh city centre. Surrounding properties vary in terms of age, type and character. Local shopping and public transport amenities are available in the general area.
<b>Age</b>	Built circa 1965
<b>Weather</b>	Dry and sunny
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p><b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</b></p> <p>The roof is of shallow pitched butterfly and part flat design presumably overlaid in a bituminous based roofing felt and incorporating assumed sections of valley guttering. Due to the nature of construction there is no roof space to inspect.</p>

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<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  There are assumed to be cast iron rainwater units run internally.
<b>Main walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  <b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b>  The main walls appear to be of cavity brick construction with a mixture of pointed brick and render finishes. Cavity wall insulation has been installed.
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b>  <b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b>  <b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b>  Window units within the subject flat are of replacement uPVC double glazed design. The property is accessed by a composite door. There is a further uPVC double glazed patio door to the balcony.
<b>External decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  External decorations are a mixture of PVC, painted and preservative finishes.
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b>  There is a communal entrance hallway with associated solid stairwell and landing. There is an electric door entry system. The subjects benefits from the use of an allocated store cupboard located at ground floor level within the common entrance hallway. This is accessed by a timber door.
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b>  There is a communal bin chute accessed on the upper levels of the block and also externally at ground level by timber doors. The access door was locked on the subject flat's landing at the time of inspection.

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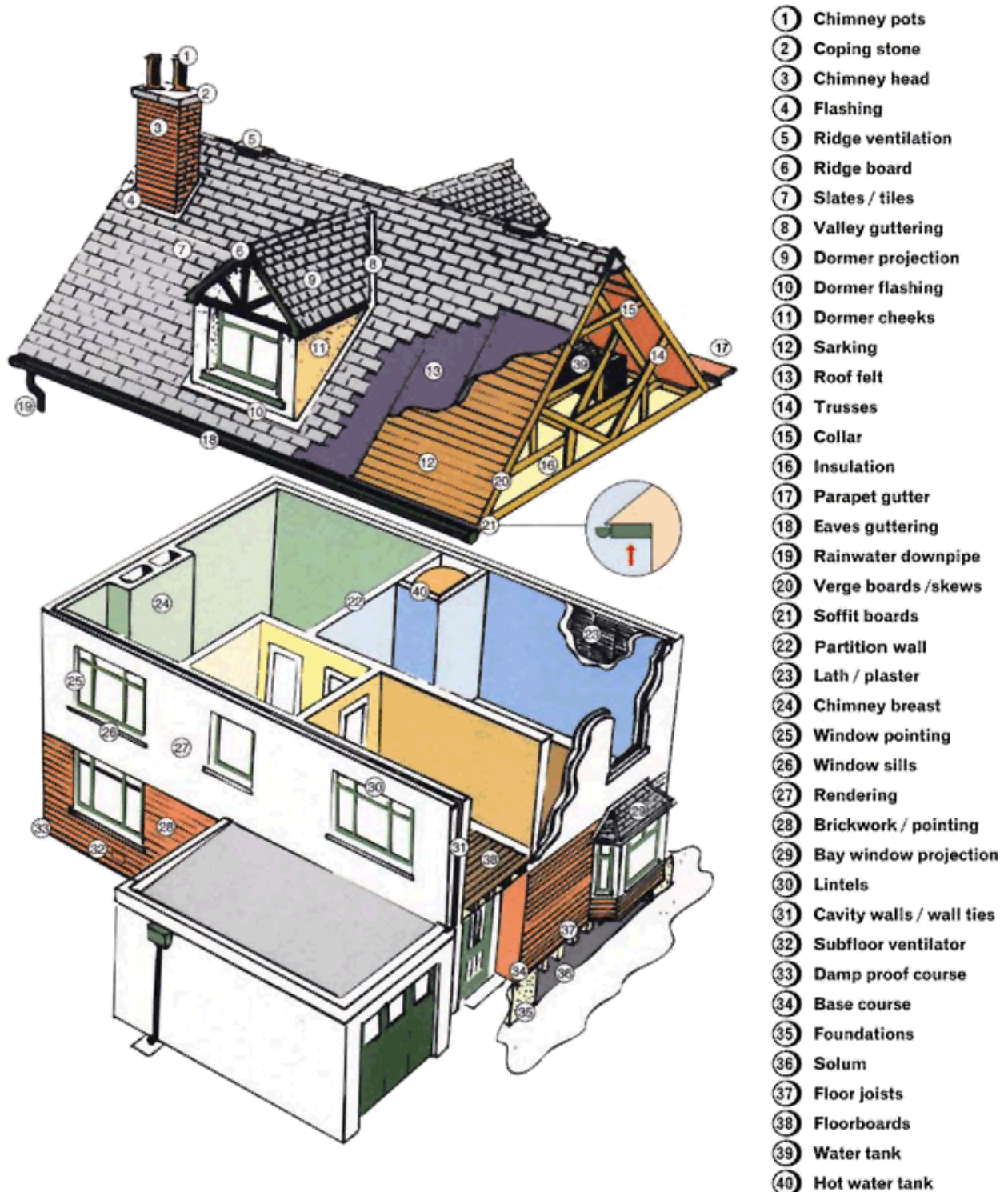
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> There are communal grounds around the block, boundaries being formed by metal fencing and brick walling. There is a private balcony.
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> Ceilings appear to be mixture of solid and plasterboard lined construction.
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> <b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b> Internal walls are plastered and plasterboard lined.
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	Flooring appears to be of suspended timber construction.
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b> <b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b> Internal joinery is of timber with timber internal pass doors, door facings and skirtings. The kitchen is fitted with floor and wall mounted storage units.
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> Internal decoration is a mixture of papered, painted, tiled and decorative lined finishes.
<b>Cellars</b>	NOT APPLICABLE
<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> Mains supply. The electrical switchgear is located within a hallway cupboard.

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<b>Gas</b>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p> <p>Mains supply. The gas meter is located within a kitchen cupboard.</p>
<b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b>	<p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Mains water supply. Where seen, plumberwork is formed in a mixture of copper and PVC materials. There is a standard kitchen sink unit. The shower room comprises a three piece suite. Any cold water storage tank relating to the subject property was unseen at the time of inspection.</p> <p>It should be appreciated that concealed areas beneath and around baths and shower trays could not be inspected. Water spillage in these areas can result in dampness/decay and no comment can be made on inaccessible areas.</p>
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>There is a wall mounted gas fired central heating boiler located within a kitchen cupboard. This supplies steel panelled radiators and also provides domestic hot water via an insulated water storage cylinder located within a hallway cupboard. This cylinder is fitted with an electric immersion heater.</p>
<b>Drainage</b>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be connected to the main public sewer.</p>
<b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>New smoke alarm standards were introduced in Scotland in February 2022 and it is likely that some properties may require additional works to meet these standards. In instances where alarms are in place, no tests whatsoever have been carried out and we cannot confirm if the system complies with the most recent regulations. Any potential purchaser should satisfy themselves as to whether the current system meets with regulations or otherwise.</p>

<p><b>Any additional limits to inspection</b></p>	<p><b>For flats / maisonettes</b></p> <p><b>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</b></p> <p><b>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</b></p> <p><b>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</b></p> <p>It is outwith the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>No inspection for Japanese Knotweed was carried out and unless otherwise stated for the purpose of this report, it is assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or neighbouring properties.</p> <p>Our inspection was restricted to the exposed and accessible surface fabric.</p> <p>It should be appreciated that the Home Report inspection is a non-disruptive visual inspection of the property as at the date of inspection and that we are unable to inspect parts of the property which are concealed or covered by floor coverings or contents in place at that time. Once vacant, defects may be apparent that could not be detected during our survey. Changing weather conditions can also affect aspects of the property which would not be apparent at the time of inspection.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the roof construction, there is no common roof void area inspect. No view was possible of the shallow pitched/flat roof coverings nor of any central valley gutter features.</p> <p>At the time of inspection the subjects were unoccupied, furnished and floors throughout were covered. The services were not tested.</p> <p>Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection was possible of the floor timbers and accordingly we cannot guarantee their soundness or otherwise.</p> <p>Restricted inspection in cupboards due to storage items.</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	At the time of our inspection there was no evidence of significant structural movement noted to affect the property within the limits of our inspection.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	There was no evidence found of significant dampness, rot or infestation within those areas of the property available for inspection.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	-
Notes	NOT APPLICABLE

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The roof inspection was carried out from ground/street level with flat/shallow pitch roof coverings being unavailable for inspection.</p> <p>It should be appreciated that flat roof coverings have a limited life only and require above average maintenance. Any information as to their last renewal date should be obtained, if available.</p> <p>No view was possible of any sections of valley guttering from ground level. These should be checked and maintained on a regular basis as gutters of this type can be a source of water ingress and resultant defects. It would be prudent to have an annual roofing inspection carried out.</p>



## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	At the time of our inspection there was no evidence of damp staining/ water staining on wall surfaces which would indicate leakage. It should be noted that it was not raining at the time of our inspection.



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	There are sections of hairline cracked and chipped render. Deterioration was noted to some facing brickwork. Cracking was noted to the living room window sill.



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The external joinery is weathered and affected by timber decay.</p> <p>Windows generally appeared in fair order consistent with age.</p> <p>Windows can be problematic and over time the operation of the windows can be affected and opening mechanisms damaged. It is therefore likely that maintenance/ repair will be required as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.</p> <p>Double glazed windows may be prone to misting/interstitial condensation which can be more evident and can change in certain temperatures/weather conditions.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The external decorations are generally in fair order. Regular repainting will be required if these areas are to be maintained in satisfactory condition.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	NOT APPLICABLE



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	There is some staining on a mid floor landing however this was dry where tested. Communal areas serving the property require repair and redecoration.



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The ground floor communal bin chute cupboard generally appeared in fair order consistent with age.



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	There is some uneven paving. Outside areas will require ongoing repairs and maintenance.  Ongoing maintenance should be anticipated to the balcony with a drainage channel/hole noted to be blocked and with some cracking noted to concrete elements.  There are trees in close proximity to the property. While no associated damage was noted, trees can cause problems to the structures and services in shrinkable sub-soils. Outside areas will require ongoing repairs and maintenance.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Typical plaster blemishes were noted consistent with the property age.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Within the limits of our inspection these generally appeared in fair condition consistent with age. During redecoration some plaster filling/ repair may be required.

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## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There are sections of creaking flooring.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The kitchen fittings are generally in adequate condition for their age and type.</p> <p>The internal joinery is generally in keeping with the age and type of property and appeared in fair condition consistent with age.</p>



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	NOT APPLICABLE



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The property is generally in fresh decoration throughout.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	NOT APPLICABLE



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The electrical system is on mixed lines and as such we recommend that it be checked and upgraded as necessary by an NICEIC/SELECT registered Electrical Contractor.</p> <p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspections and testing are undertaken at least every ten years and on a change of ownership. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.</p>



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	In the interest of safety all gas appliances should be checked by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The sanitary fittings are of modern style and type.</p> <p>The plumbing and fittings appear of copper/ pvc piping where seen and appeared in serviceable condition but was not tested.</p>



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There is a gas fired central heating system and gas fittings and these should all be checked and serviced in the normal manner. In the interests of safety it would be prudent to have all gas appliances checked by a Gas Safe registered tradesman.



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The property is thought to be connected to a main sewer. There was no surface evidence to suggest the system is choked or leaking.

# Single Survey

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

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

Absolute ownership assumed. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified, particularly categorised as a 2 or 3, interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs and the extent of the works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

We assume that the carriageways etc. , ex adverso the subjects are the responsibility of the Local Authority.

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

The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and have full certification where appropriate. While not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the installation of double glazed windows units and double glazed patio doors.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

It is assumed that insurance cover is obtainable on normal terms. The guidance figure is the estimate of costs for reinstating the subjects as at the date of inspection based on information provided by the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS). It is recommended that this figure is kept under regular review to ensure that you have adequate insurance cover. We are of the opinion that the subjects should be insured for buildings reinstatement purposes for a sum of not less than £200,000 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING)

### Valuation and market comments

We are of the opinion that the market value of the subjects all as previously described and on a vacant possession basis be fairly stated in the region of £135,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING)

**Signed**

Security Print Code [481518 = 2763 ]  
Electronically signed

**Report author**

Zoe Gardner

**Company name**

Graham & Sibbald

# Single Survey

<b>Address</b>	40 Torphichen Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8JB
<b>Date of report</b>	28th February 2024

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## GRAHAM + SIBBALD

### Property Address

Address Flat 4, 31 Kingsknowe Road North, Kingsknowe, Edinburgh, EH14 2BN  
Seller's Name Mr C Searle  
Date of Inspection 26th February 2024

### Property Details

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

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

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police?  Yes  No

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

Approximate Year of Construction

### Tenure

Absolute Ownership  Leasehold Ground rent £  Unexpired years

### Accommodation

Number of Rooms  Living room(s)  Bedroom(s)  Kitchen(s)  
 Bathroom(s)  WC(s)  Other (Specify in General remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings)  m<sup>2</sup> (Internal)  m<sup>2</sup> (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%)  Yes  No

### Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

Shared bin chute cupboard

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Construction

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

Roof  Tile  Slate  Asphalt  Felt  
 Lead  Zinc  Artificial slate  Flat glass fibre  Other (specify in General Remarks)

## Special Risks

Has the property suffered structural movement?  Yes  No  
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?  Yes  No  
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity?  Yes  No  
If Yes to any of the above, provide details in General Remarks.

## Service Connection

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

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

Water  Mains  Private  None  
Gas  Mains  Private  None

Brief description of Central Heating:

Gas fired boiler to radiators.

## Site

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

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

## Location

Residential suburb  Residential within town / city  Mixed residential / commercial  Mainly commercial  
 Commuter village  Remote village  Isolated rural property  Other (specify in General Remarks)

## Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered?  Yes  No

If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

## Roads

Made up road  Unmade road  Partly completed new road  Pedestrian access only  Adopted  Unadopted

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## General Remarks

The property is located within an established mixed residential/commercial area to the south west of Edinburgh city centre. Surrounding properties vary in terms of age, type and character. Local shopping and public transport amenities are available in the general area.

The subjects appear to have been maintained in a condition generally commensurate with age, type and construction. There is a degree of wear to some items however this ought to be capable of remedy during the course of routine care and maintenance. The need for ongoing maintenance/repair should be anticipated to the external building fabric including the roof.

The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and have full certification where appropriate. While not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the installation of double glazed windows units and double glazed patio doors.

At the time of inspection the subjects appeared unoccupied, was furnished and the floors were covered. The services were not tested.

There is no common roof void area to inspect. Roof coverings were unseen from ground level.

Our inspection was restricted to the exposed and accessible surface fabric.

## Essential Repairs

None apparent.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

In our opinion the property forms suitable security for loan purposes subject to the specific lender's criteria which may vary.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value £   
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)

Is a reinspection necessary?  Yes  No

## Buy To Let Cases

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

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

## Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [481518 = 2763 ]  
Electronically signed by:-  
Surveyor's name Zoe Gardner  
Professional qualifications MA (Hons) MRICS  
Company name Graham & Sibbald  
Address 40 Torphichen Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8JB  
Telephone 0131 225 1559  
Fax 0131 226 3754  
Report date 28th February 2024

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

FLAT 4 , 31 KINGSKNOWE ROAD NORTH, KINGSKNOWE, EDINBURGH, EH14 2BN

**Dwelling type:** Mid-floor flat  
**Date of assessment:** 26 February 2024  
**Date of certificate:** 28 February 2024  
**Total floor area:** 69 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 198 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

**Reference number:** 0160-2416-2120-2124-2745  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, mains gas

## You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years\*

£3,051

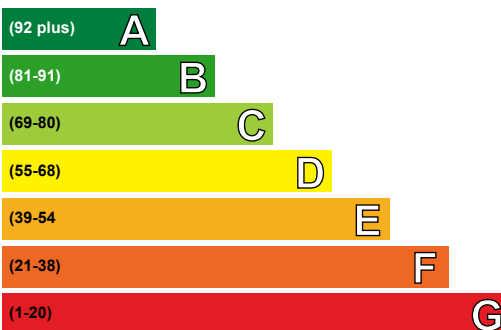
See your recommendations report for more information

Over 3 years you could save\*

£402

\* 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
74	77

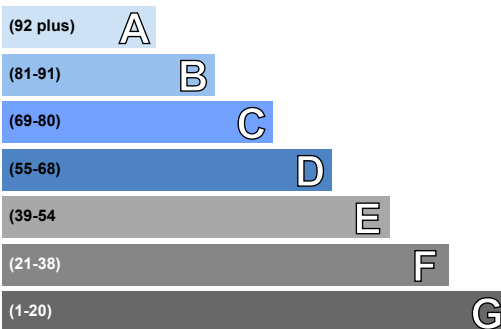
## Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band C (74)**. 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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



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

Current	Potential
74	78

## 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 C (74)**. 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 (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£240.00
2 Replacement glazing units	£1,000 - £1,400	£165.00

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	Cavity wall, filled cavity Solid brick, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★★☆☆ ★★☆☆☆	★★★☆☆ ★★☆☆☆
Roof	(another dwelling above)	—	—
Floor	(another dwelling below) To unheated space, no insulation (assumed)	— —	— —
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
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 92% of fixed outlets	★★★★★	★★★★★

### The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.


### The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 35 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 2.4 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 0.4 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.





### Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£2,040 over 3 years	£1,632 over 3 years	
Hot water	£690 over 3 years	£696 over 3 years	
Lighting	£321 over 3 years	£321 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,051</b>	<b>£2,649</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 (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£80		
2 Replacement glazing units	£1,000 - £1,400	£55		

### 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 (suspended floor)

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

### 2 Replacement glazing units

Replacing existing double-glazed units with new high-performance units. Building regulations require that replacement glazing is to a standard no worse than previous; a building warrant is not required. Planning permission might be required for such work if a building is listed or within a conservation area so it is best to check with your local authority.

## 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)	6,198	N/A	N/A	(483)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,565			

## About this document

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

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

Assessor's name:	Ms. Zoe Gardner
Assessor membership number:	EES/016133
Company name/trading name:	Graham & Sibbald
Address:	40 Torphichen Street Edinburgh EH3 8JB
Phone number:	0131 225 1559
Email address:	<a href="mailto:edinburgh@g-s.co.uk">edinburgh@g-s.co.uk</a>
Related party disclosure:	No related party

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

### Use of this energy performance information

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

## Advice and support to improve this property

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

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

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# Property Questionnaire

<b>Property Address</b>	31/4 Kingsknowe Road North Edinburgh EH14 2BN
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<b>Seller(s)</b>	Mr Craig Searle
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	22/02/2024
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## 1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

Since March 2021.

## 2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

A

## 3 Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please tick all that apply)

- |                         |                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Garage                  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Allocated parking space | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Driveway                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Shared parking          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| On street               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Resident permit         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Metered parking         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Other (please specify)

There is a car park at the front of the building containing 6 spaces, spaces are unallocated and free for use by all occupiers of the building.

## 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)?

No

## 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)?

No

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

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

No

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

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

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

No

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

- (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?

No

- (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):

N/A

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 boiler system.

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

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

Unknown

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

No

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

N/A

- (iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?

(Please provide the month and year).

## **8 Energy Performance Certificate**

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

Yes

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

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

No

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

No

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## **10 Services**

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

<b>Services</b>	<b>Connected</b>	<b>Supplier</b>
Gas or liquid petroleum gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OVO Energy.
Water mains or private water supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Water Mains, Edinburgh Council.
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OVO Energy
Mains drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Edinburgh council
Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Cable TV or satellite	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Broadband	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

No

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

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

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

## **11 Responsibilities for shared or common areas**

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

There is a shared garden outside the property, the upkeep of this is currently maintained by Edinburgh Council at no cost to occupiers or owners.

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 maintained by all owners. Roof repairs have been booked and paid for by current owners as a shared repair. Work is due to start in March and will take one week to complete. No current water ingress or damage but a building survey was carried out last year that highlighted a need for some areas of roof to be re-sealed and some wooden cladding at top of building replaced.

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

No

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 12 Charges associated with your property

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

No

- b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

No

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

No

- 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.

Stair cleaning contract, one weekly clean at £96 per year per flat.

Edinburgh council currently pays for garden upkeep and have no plans to change this.

## 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?

No

If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself 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?

No

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.