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Home Report

36 Northfield Cottages
West Calder
West Lothian
EH55 8EE

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Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	36 Northfield Cottages, WEST CALDER, West Lothian, EH55 8EE
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Customer	Mr D Brown & Mrs C Brown
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Customer address	C/O Sneddon Morrison, 36-46 North Bridge Street, Bathgate, West Lothian, EH48 4PP
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Prepared by	Allied Surveyors Scotland Ltd
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Date of inspection	26th February 2025
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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 two-storey mid-terraced house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR - Entrance porch/hallway, living room, kitchen. FIRST FLOOR - Landing, two bedrooms, family bathroom with WC.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	The gross internal floor area is approximately 81m ² .
Neighbourhood and location	The subject property is situated in an established residential area originally built for the Local Authority within the commuter village of West Calder. A range of local amenities, facilities and transport links are available within the village. Further amenities and facilities can be found in the nearby town of Livingston.
Age	Estimated 1975.
Weather	The weather was overcast with light rainfall on the day of the inspection.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are constructed of masonry with a render finish. Flashings are formed from lead.
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

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Roofing including roof space	<p>being from a 3m ladder within the property.</p> <p>If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.</p> <p>The main roof is pitched and is covered in concrete tile.</p> <p>The roof covering is fixed to sarking boards.</p> <p>The roof structure is formed from timber trusses.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The gutters and downpipes to the property are formed from PVC.</p>
Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main walls to the property are of cavity masonry construction with a render finish.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows and doors are formed from PVC with double-glazed units.</p> <p>The windows and doors are replacements.</p> <p>There are timber fascia boards to parts of the building.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a painted finish to external joinery and render.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a porch to the front of the property which is constructed of rendered masonry walls under a flat roof covered in felt.</p>
Communal areas	<p>None.</p>

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Garages and permanent outbuildings	None.
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>There are gardens to the front and rear of the property. Boundaries are generally formed from timber fences.</p> <p>There is a timber felt-roofed shed in the rear garden.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings are formed from plasterboard.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The internal walls are lined with plasterboard.</p> <p>There are partly tiled walls in the bathroom and kitchen.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</p> <p>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</p> <p>The flooring is of suspended timber construction.</p> <p>The floors are covered throughout and therefore could not be inspected.</p> <p>There was no access into any sub-floor space.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>There are timber skirting boards, joinery and doors throughout the property.</p> <p>The staircase and balustrading are formed from timber.</p> <p>The kitchen comprises fitted floor and wall units with work surface and tiled splashbacks. The units also incorporate a stainless steel sink, gas hob, electric oven, washing machine and an integral fridge.</p>

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There is an electric fireplace in the living room.</p>
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The internal decorations have a mostly papered and painted finish.</p> <p>There is a textured finish to some ceilings.</p>
Cellars	<p>None.</p>
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Electricity is from the mains supply. The electrical distribution board has circuit breakers and is located within the under-stairs cupboard alongside the electric meter.</p>
Gas	<p>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.</p> <p>Gas is from the mains supply. The gas meter is located within the external enclosure on the front elevation.</p>
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is from the mains supply. Plumbing, where visible, is a mixture of copper and PVC.</p> <p>The bathroom comprises a three-piece suite with a wall-mounted electric shower draining into the bath.</p>

Heating and hot water	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Space heating and hot water is provided by the gas fired central heating boiler which is located within the front bedroom cupboard.</p> <p>The boiler is connected to a series of radiators throughout the property which are mostly fitted with individual thermostatic valves.</p> <p>There is a separate room thermostat within the living room for overall temperature control of the system.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Drainage is assumed to be connected to the mains sewer.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The new Fire and Smoke Alarm Standard came into force in February 2022. This new standard requires 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.</p>
Any additional limits to inspection	<p>There were fully fitted floor coverings present at the time of the inspection.</p> <p>There were restricted sightlines of the roofs and chimney stacks. This limited the inspection of these areas.</p> <p>The roof void inspection was limited to head and shoulders level from the ceiling hatch. A thick layer of insulation was laid over the ceiling and joists. Aspects were therefore hidden from view.</p> <p>Inspection of external timber joinery was undertaken from ground level. Areas of timber decay may be hidden by paint finishes or only visible when closely inspected.</p> <p>We do not carry out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed, which 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. We have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor. If it exists, removal must be undertaken in a controlled manner by specialist contractors. This can prove to be expensive.</p>

Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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2. Condition

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

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



Structural movement

Repair category	1
Notes	There is evidence of settlement noted which appears consistent with the age and type of property, and on the basis of a single visual inspection appears to be longstanding and non-progressive.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	1
Notes	No evidence of significant dampness, timber decay or infestation was noted within the areas of the property that were readily accessible at the time of inspection.



Chimney stacks

Repair category	1
Notes	This was generally noted to be in fair order consistent with age.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>From ground level, the roof coverings were seen to be in a condition consistent with age and tiles were generally intact.</p> <p>Roofs are prone to water penetration during adverse weather but it is not always possible for surveyors to identify this likelihood in good or dry weather. All roofs should be inspected and repaired by reputable tradesmen on an annual basis and especially after storms.</p> <p>Flat roof coverings have a limited lifespan and can fail without warning. They generally require a higher than average level of maintenance. On-going maintenance and repairs should be anticipated.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Where inspected the gutters and downpipes appeared to be running true with no obvious signs of any major leakage or deterioration. Wet weather conditions may reveal localised leaks.</p> <p>Rainwater fittings should be cleaned out regularly to help prevent defects occurring.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>From ground level the main walls were seen to be in fair order.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>These were generally seen to be in fair order.</p> <p>Whilst there was no obvious defect on the date of our inspection, it should be appreciated that double-glazed sealed units do have a limited life expectancy and defective seals can lead to condensation between the panes, necessitating in replacement of the units. This can sometimes only be obvious during adverse weather conditions.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Some external decorative finishes would benefit from general overhaul and redecoration as necessary.</p>



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Cracking was noted to the render finishes. Repairs are required.</p>



Communal areas

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Defective timber fencing requires repair.</p> <p>General maintenance is required to boundary walls, fences and gates.</p> <p>You should verify with your conveyancer the extent of the boundaries pertaining to the subject property.</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Ceilings were generally found to be in fair order, however some plaster repair or filling may be required as part of normal redecoration.</p> <p>Earlier forms of artex finish sometimes used asbestos based bonding materials. Specialist advice would be advised before removal of the ceilings.</p>



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	Internal walls were generally found to be in fair order, however some plaster repair or filling may be required as part of normal redecoration.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	Flooring throughout is generally level and firm to the tread. No obvious defects were noted.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	The kitchen fittings are dated, however they are generally fit for purpose. There are however some areas of minor damage and loose doors were noted. An above average level of maintenance should be anticipated.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	The electric fireplace should be checked and tested by a competent certified electrician prior to use.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	Internal decorations were generally seen to be reasonable order having regard to age.



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	None.



Electricity

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Elements of the electrical installation were noted to be dated, and it is recommended that the system be inspected and tested by a competent electrician with a view to upgrading to modern standards as necessary.</p> <p>The trade bodies governing electrical installations currently advise that these should be tested prior to a change of occupancy and, thereafter, at least once every five years, by a competent Electrician.</p> <p>The electrical wiring system should therefore be checked, tested and upgraded if necessary by an NIC/EIC Registered electrician. Any recommendations made with regard to the safety of the installation should be undertaken.</p>



Gas

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that these should be tested prior to a change of occupancy and, thereafter, at least once per year, by a Gas Safe Registered Contractor.</p> <p>The gas system should therefore be checked and tested by a Gas Safe registered contractor.</p>



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>Internal pipework, where seen, was noted to be of modern copper and PVC type.</p> <p>The sanitaryware is somewhat dated, however it is generally in satisfactory condition. An above average level of maintenance and repair should be anticipated.</p> <p>Flooring beneath and adjacent to the bathroom fittings was not inspected. Over time, the effects of condensation and leakage together with spillage through normal use can lead to deterioration of flooring and wall linings and repairs in this regard should be anticipated and budgeted for as part of a normal on-going maintenance programme.</p> <p>Services and sanitary fittings were not tested.</p>



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The subjects benefit from a gas fired central heating system. This was not tested at the time of inspection, however in the interest of safety, it is advised that all gas appliances be inspected and serviced by a competent Gas Safe engineer prior to initial occupancy.</p> <p>It has been assumed that the heating installation has been regularly serviced and that recent service history records will be made available.</p>



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No surface evidence of leakage or defect was noted at the time of our inspection however it should be appreciated that the system was not tested.</p>

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

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	1
Chimney stacks	1
Roofing including roof space	1
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	1
Windows, external doors and joinery	1
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	2
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
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 & First Floor.	
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The property has been extended to the rear by way of a small single storey extension. We believe that this extension is more than twenty years old.

Replacement windows have been provided.

Access roads and footpaths adjoining the property are assumed to be made up and adopted by the Local Authority. This should be confirmed by your legal advisor.

The property is situated in a known coal mining area. Our valuation is on the basis that a satisfactory mining report from the Coal Authority will be provided with no adverse findings.

Normal maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a Category 1 rating is used this means that the building must continue to be maintained in the normal way. It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified within this report that interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs or the extent of works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase. We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this should be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate.

Absolute Ownership has been assumed.

Normal maintenance is not treated as a repair for the purposes of the Single Survey. When a Category 1 rating is used this means that the building must continue to be maintained in the normal way. It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified within this report that interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs or the extent of works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

The estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes is TWO HUNDRED AND FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS (£205,000) STERLING.

This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction, on a reinstatement basis, assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Finishings and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during reconstruction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers are advised. The figure should be reviewed annually and in light of any future alterations or additions.

Valuation and market comments

The market value of the property described in the report is ONE HUNDRED & TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS (£120,000) STERLING.

This figure assumes vacant possession and that the property is unaffected by any adverse planning proposals, onerous burdens, title restrictions or servitude rights.

Signed

Security Print Code [494665 = 5833]
Electronically signed

Single Survey

Report author	Gareth Meardon
Company name	Allied Surveyors Scotland Ltd
Address	66 South Bridge Street, Bathgate, EH48 1TL
Date of report	27th February 2025

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Property Address

Address 36 Northfield Cottages, WEST CALDER, West Lothian, EH55 8EE
Seller's Name Mr D Brown & Mrs C Brown
Date of Inspection 26th February 2025

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) 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
☐ Solid ☒ Cavity ☐ Steel frame ☐ Concrete block ☐ Other (specify in General Remarks)

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

Special Risks

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

Service Connection

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

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

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General Remarks

The property was in a condition which was generally consistent with age and type, however some elements are ageing. On-going maintenance and repairs will be required.

The property has been extended to the rear by way of a small single storey extension. We believe that this extension is more than twenty years old.

Replacement windows have been provided.

Access roads and footpaths adjoining the property are assumed to be made up and adopted by the Local Authority. This should be confirmed by your legal advisor.

There is evidence of settlement noted which appears consistent with the age and type of property, and on the basis of a single visual inspection appears to be longstanding and non-progressive.

The property is situated in a known coal mining area. Our valuation is on the basis that a satisfactory mining report from the Coal Authority will be provided with no adverse findings.

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Essential Repairs

None

Estimated cost of essential repairs £

Retention recommended? ☐ Yes

☒ No

Amount £

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Comment on Mortgageability

In our opinion, the subjects form suitable security for normal lending purposes although as lender's requirements differ you should confirm with your mortgage provider that the property meets their lending criteria.

Valuations

Market value in present condition £ 120,000

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value £ 205,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)

Is a reinspection necessary? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Buy To Let Cases

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

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

Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [494665 = 5833]
Electronically signed by:-

Surveyor's name Gareth Meardon

Professional qualifications BSc MRICS

Company name Allied Surveyors Scotland Ltd

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Report date 27th February 2025

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

36 NORTHFIELD COTTAGES, WEST CALDER, EH55 8EE

Dwelling type: Mid-terrace house
Date of assessment: 26 February 2025
Date of certificate: 26 February 2025
Total floor area: 81 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 299 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 2560-1012-8202-3005-7204
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*	£4,314	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£1,131	

* 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	83

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
61	82

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 D (61)**. 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 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£372.00
2 Party wall insulation	£300 - £600	£249.00
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£264.00

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	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Timber frame, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Roof	Pitched, 200 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
	Flat, limited insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, electric	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 45% 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 52 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 4.2 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 2.0 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.


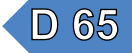










Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£3,495 over 3 years	£2,631 over 3 years	
Hot water	£429 over 3 years	£300 over 3 years	
Lighting	£390 over 3 years	£252 over 3 years	
Totals	£4,314	£3,183	

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 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£124		
2 Party wall insulation	£300 - £600	£83		
3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£88		
4 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£30	£39		
5 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£44		
6 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£394		

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.

- External insulation with cavity wall insulation

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 Cavity wall insulation

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

2 Party wall insulation

Party wall insulation, to fill the cavity of a wall separating a dwelling from another building with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of thermal comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the party wall, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work. This work has to comply with building regulations, including that installation will not adversely affect the performance of the existing wall in respect of noise transmission. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

3 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

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

4 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>).

5 Solar water heating

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

6 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present: There are none provided for this home

Your home's heat demand

In this section, you can see how much energy you might need to heat your home and provide hot water. These are estimates showing how an average household uses energy. These estimates may not reflect your actual energy use, which could be higher or lower. You might spend more money on heating and hot water if your house is less energy efficient. The table below shows the potential benefit of having your loft and walls insulated. Visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/energy-at-home> for more information.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	12,393	N/A	(1,518)	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,141			

Addendum

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.

Assessor's name:	Mr. Gareth Meardon
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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

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

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	36 NORTHFIELD COTTAGES WEST CALDWELL WEST LOTHIAN EH55 8EE
SELLER(S):	DAVID BROWN
COMPLETION DATE OF PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE:	26/02/2025

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE FOR SELLERS

- **Please complete this form carefully. It is important that your answers are correct.**
- **The information in your answers will help ensure that the sale of your house goes smoothly. Please answer each question with as much detailed information as you can.**
- **If anything changes after you fill in this questionnaire but before the Date of Entry for the sale of your house, tell your solicitor or estate agent immediately.**

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1. Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property? 18 YEARS

2. Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

☒ A

B

C

D

E

F

G

H

3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please indicate 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 (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?		Yes/No/ Don't know
5. Listed Buildings		
Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?		Yes/No
6. Alterations / additions / extensions		
a.	<p>(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)?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please describe the changes which you have made:</u></p>	Yes/No
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?	Yes/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 can arrange to obtain them.

b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?	Yes/No
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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/No
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(ii)	Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes/No
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(iii)	Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):
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Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.

7. Central heating

a.	<p>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).</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes/partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there?</p> <p>(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please answer the 3 questions below:</u></p>	Yes/No/ Partial
b.	<p>When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?</p> <p>10 YEARS AGO</p>	
c.	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:</p> <p>STARK HEATING AND GAS (GENERAL SERVICE)</p>	Yes/No
d.	<p>When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).</p> <p>SINCE JAN 2021</p>	

8. Energy Performance Certificate

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

Yes/No

9. Issues that may have affected your property

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

Yes/No

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

Yes/No

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

Yes/No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

10. Services

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

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas / liquid petroleum gas	✓	OVO ENERGY
Water mains / private water supply	✓	SCOTTISH WATER
Electricity	✓	OVO ENERGY
Mains drainage	✓	
Telephone	✓	BT
Cable TV / satellite	X	X

Broadband	✓	BT
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b.	<p>Is there a septic tank system at your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the two questions below:</p>	Yes/No
c.	<p>Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?</p>	Yes/No/ Don't Know
d.	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p>	Yes/No

11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas

a.	<p>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?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	Yes/No/ Don't Know
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	Yes/No/ Not applicable

c.	Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?	Yes/No
d.	<p>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?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No
e.	<p>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?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No
f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property? (A Public Right of Way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes/No
12. Charges associated with your property		
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</u></p>	Yes/No

b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?</p>	<p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p> <p>Yes/No/ Don't know</p>
c.	<p>Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Residents' Association, or maintenance or stair fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">N/A</p>	
13. Specialist Works		
a.	<p>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?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, 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</p>	Yes/No
b.	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	Yes/No

	<u>If you have answered yes, please give details</u>	N/A
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c.	<p><u>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</u></p> <p><u>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.</u></p> <p>Guarantees are held by:</p>	Yes/No N/A
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14. Guarantees

a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:					
(i)	Electrical work	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(ii)	Roofing	No	Yes	Don't Know	With title deeds	Lost
(iii)	Central heating	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(iv)	NHBC	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(v)	Damp course	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost

(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
b.	<p><u>If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):</u></p>					
c.	<p>Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>					Yes/No
15. Boundaries						
<p>So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>						Yes/No/ Don't Know

16. Notices that affect your property		
In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:		
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes/No/ Don't know
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes/No/ Don't know
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes/No/ Don't know
<p><u>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 purchase of your property.</u></p>		

Declaration by the seller(s)/or other authorised body or person(s):

I / We confirm that the information in this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.

Signature(s) :

.....*David Brown*.....

Date:24/01/2025.....