

# HOME REPORT

FOR CLIENTS OF:



West Courtyard  
Balado  
KINROSS  
KY13 0NJ



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CHARTERED SURVEYORS

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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	West Courtyard, Balado, KINROSS, KY13 0NJ
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<b>Customer</b>	Sheila Dobie
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<b>Prepared by</b>	DM Hall LLP
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	18th January 2024
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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 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>	Detached cottage.
<b>Accommodation</b>	GROUND FLOOR : Entrance/reception hallway, lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen with dining area, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, three further bedrooms, shower room, utility room, cloak room with W.C.  In addition to this there is attic storage area to the main building.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	283m <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The subjects are situated within the grounds of Balado House a semi rural location to the west of the town of Kinross. There are a number of mixed style properties within the immediate vicinity. Local facilities and amenities are available close by within Kinross.
<b>Age</b>	Built approximately one hundred and thirty years ago but more recently altered and extended to provide the present accommodation.
<b>Weather</b>	There is a layer of snow to the ground with this restricting the inspection externally. The content of this report should be read in accordance with the weather conditions at the time of inspection.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b>  There are mixed style stacks located off the roof pitches with these rendered and roughcast finished with there being a mixture of cement pointing and metal work at the junction between these and the surrounding roof coverings.

<p><b>Roofing including roof space</b></p>	<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><b>Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p>The roof is of traditional pitched design overlaid in slater work with metal ridge and hip sections. Valley gutters have been created at the various inter sections of the roof pitches.</p> <p>There is a further flat platform roof over the utility room outshoot with this benefiting from a flat felted roof covering.</p> <p>Access to the roof spaces over the lounge and master bedroom extensions is via a hatch to the attic storage area and also to the main bedroom storage cupboard. The roof to these sections is of a timber framed construction overlaid with sarking boards. Quilt insulation has been laid between and over the ceiling joists limiting access to small areas surrounding the hatches only.</p> <p>The main loft space has been floored and lined with no access obtained to the majority of areas. Where seen it would appear that quilt insulation has been laid to the underside of the rafters.</p> <p>There is a further opening to the sitting room ceiling although this has been secured shut with no access obtained.</p>
<p><b>Rainwater fittings</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Rainwater goods are a mixture of PVC and cast iron units.</p>
<p><b>Main walls</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The main walls are a mixture of solid stone construction part pointed and part roughcast externally with additional areas of a cavity brick construction again roughcast externally.</p>
<p><b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b></p>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>Entry to the property is uPVC panel and double glazed doors to the reception hall and also to the rear utility area. uPVC framed double glazed French doors provide access to the garden from the kitchen. There is a further timber framed double glazed door from</p>

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<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p>the dining area. There was only a key available for the utility area door. The remaining doors were not able to be opened as no keys were available.</p> <p>The windows are of a mixture of uPVC framed double glazed and older timber framed double glazed units. There are Velux windows to the rear roof pitch.</p> <p>Fascia boards where present are a mixture of PVC and timber.</p>
<b>External decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>External timbers and metal rainwater goods have been painted.</p>
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Communal areas</b>	<p><b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Access to the property is via a shared drive with the neighbouring properties. This was covered with snow with no view obtained.</p>
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There is a double car garage attached to the side of the property. This is a mixture of block and stone construction roughcast externally under a pitched and slated roof. Access via the front is by an electronically operated double door with there being a further up and over door to the rear. Access to the garden is via a timber framed double glazed door. There is a further passage door providing access from the sitting room. The up and over doors were not tested as these had been locked.</p> <p>There is a further external store to the garden with this appearing to be of a block/ brick construction roughcast externally under a flat felted roof. Access is via a timber door. This was locked with no internal access.</p>
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>There are substantial garden plots to the front, side and rear finished in a mixture of grass, paving, stone chips and border areas. There are a number of mature and semi- mature trees within the boundaries and also close proximity to the building.</p> <p>The plots are part bound by timber fencing and hedges. Off-street parking for a number of cars is available.</p>
<b>Ceilings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p>Ceilings have been finished in plaster. Tongue and groove timbers have been installed to the ceiling of the kitchen.</p> <p>There are a number of ceiling which have had textured finishes.</p>

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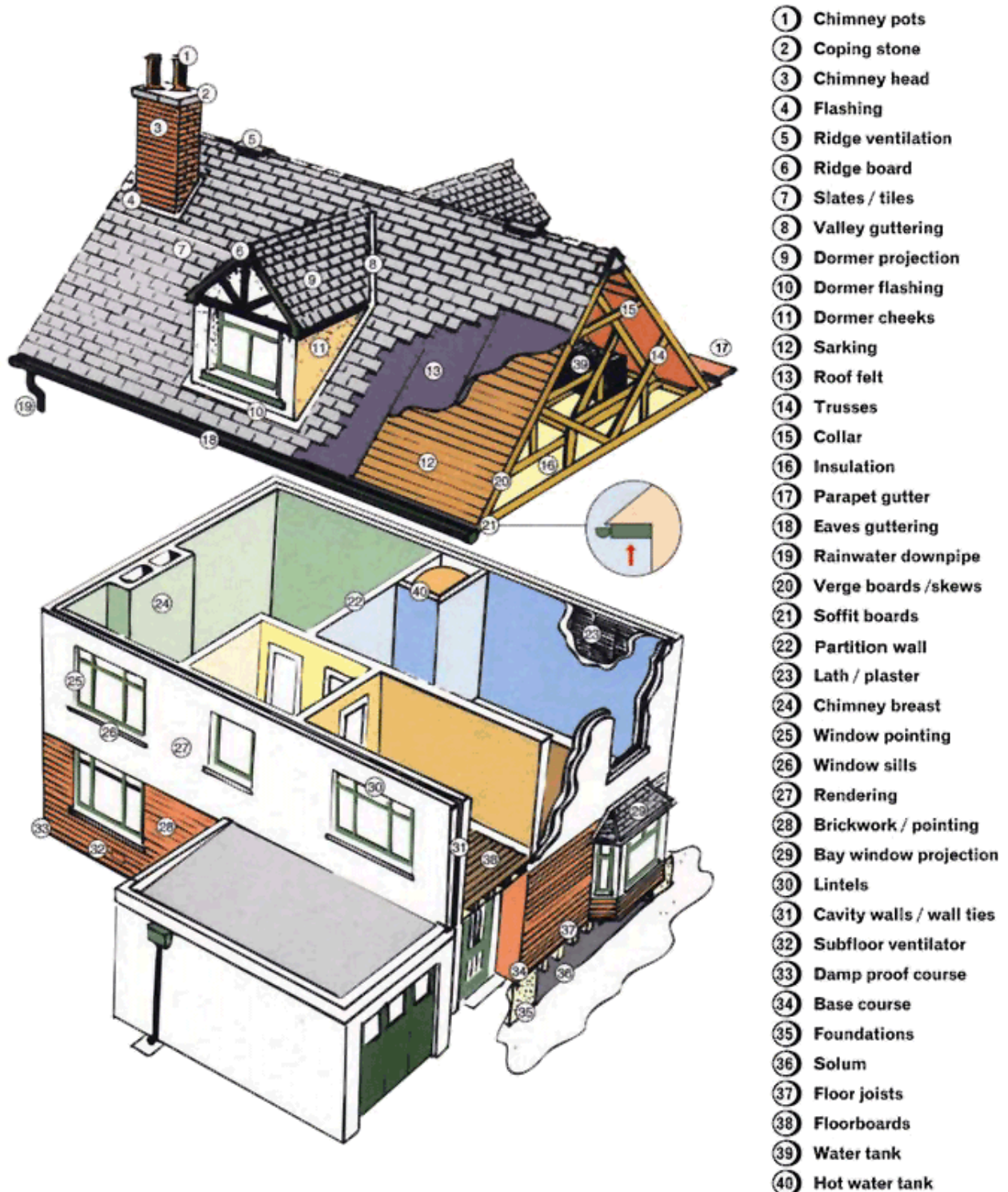
<b>Internal walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b></p> <p><b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b></p> <p>Internal walls are a mixture of solid on hard plaster and plasterboard. Partial tiling and wet wall finishing has been added to the shower room with the en-suite shower room benefiting from a fully tiled wall.</p> <p>There are glazed partitions to the attic storage areas.</p>
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<p>Flooring is of a suspended timber design overlaid with boarding. Floor coverings have been laid throughout with no access obtained to the flooring beneath of sub-floor sections.</p>
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<p><b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b></p> <p><b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b></p> <p>Internal doors are a mixture of panelled and glazed units. The kitchen and utility room house fitted floor and wall units.</p> <p>Access to the attic floor storage area is via a metal spiral staircase.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</b></p> <p>There is an open fireplace to the lounge vented via the chimney with there being a further enclosed wood burning stove to the sitting room again vented via the chimney.</p>
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Walls and ceilings have been finished in a mixture of wallpaper and paint.</p>
<b>Cellars</b>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<b>Electricity</b>	<p><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></p> <p>Electricity is from the mains supply with the consumer boards located to the entrance hallway off the utility area. Wiring where seen is of a PVC coated design connected to 13 amp sockets.</p>

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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>There is no gas to the property. There is an oil tank which fuels the heating system located within the garden plot.</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>Water is assumed to be from the mains supply although this should be confirmed. Visible pipework is a mixture of copper and PVC.</p> <p>The main shower room incorporates a walk shower unit, W.C. and wash hand basin. The en-suite houses a three piece bathroom suite with shower over the bath. There is an additional cloak room which benefits from a W.C. and wash hand basin.</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>Heating and hot water are available via a floor level oil fired boiler located to the garage. This is connected to radiators throughout.</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>Drainage is assumed connected to a septic tank. This should be confirmed.</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>Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.</p>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Any such materials should not be drilled or disturbed without prior advice from a licensed specialist.</p> <p>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.</p> <p>The property was fully furnished and all floors were covered. Floor coverings restricted my inspection of flooring.</p> <p>In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines I have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards). Floor coverings have not been moved.</p> <p>Personal effects in cupboards and fitted wardrobes were not moved and restricted my inspection.</p> <p>My physical inspection of the roof void area was restricted due to insulation material and no flooring to the lounge and master bedroom wings with access restricted to an area surrounding the hatches only. The main loft space has been floored with walls and ceilings boarded over. No access was therefore obtained to the timbers beneath. No access was obtained to the attic space over the sitting room as the ceiling hatch had been secured shut. I was not able to inspect the sub floor area.</p> <p>Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower tray and kitchen and utility units were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.</p> <p>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</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

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No obvious evidence of significant movement noted within the limitations of my inspection.



### Dampness, rot and infestation

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation to timbers within the original property and also to the garage roof.</p> <p>There are a number of stains to ceilings within the property although no adverse readings were obtained at the time of inspection.</p> <p>The external ground level is high in comparison to internal levels.</p> <p>There is evidence of vermin activity within the property.</p> <p>Further advice over the above should be obtained from a Timber and Damp Specialist.</p>



### Chimney stacks

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Cracked and damaged sections to the older stacks.



### Roofing including roof space

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	There is a layer of snow over the roof restricting any clear access. It would appear that sections have been re-laid during the course of conversion/upgrading a number of years ago however where seen there are a number of loose, chipped and uneven slates.



## Roofing including roof space

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is a flat platform roof over the utility area. This was covered in snow with no view obtained. Such roof coverings do however have a limited life expectancy with higher than average degrees of future maintenance anticipated.</p> <p>A restricted view was obtained of the gable most section of the roof to the garage due to climbing plants.</p> <p>There are a number of undulations to the roof pitches.</p> <p>A restricted view was obtained to the loft space with no view obtained of the main roof void due to the attic space being floored and lined.</p> <p>A licensed roofing contractor can inspect and advise further. Inspection at close quarters may reveal further deterioration/damage to roofing materials.</p>



## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>At the time of inspection the weather was dry and frosty. There is however evidence of spillage and staining to external walls indicating damaged and leaking units.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Sections of the stone pointing to the original cottage are showing signs of wear and damage with works of attention anticipated. In addition to this there is hairline cracking and damaged to sections of roughcast.</p>



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Part tested only.</p> <p>Signs of isolated decay noted to external timbers where accessed.</p> <p>There are a number of older timber framed double glazed units. Seals to older double glazed units sometimes fail resulting in condensation between the panes of glass. Failed sealed units can go undetected in certain weather/daylighting conditions and such failings are not considered to be significant because the window remains functional albeit not as double glazing. This can occur without warning and may only be seen in certain weather conditions.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	Some general weathering noted to areas. Regular re-painting of external joinery will prolong its life span.



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	None.



## Communal areas

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



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The doors were not tested as no keys were available. Stored items restricted a clear inspection. Some signs of cracking/ uneven walls noted to sections of stonework where accessed. No view was obtained to the external wall of the gable. Wood worm and staining to areas of the roof timbers.</p> <p>No access was obtained to the external store to the south most section of the plot. There benefits from a flat and felted roof. This was covered in snow with no view obtained. Such roof coverings have a limited life expectancy with higher than average degrees of future maintenance anticipated.</p>



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There is a snow layer to the external plot which restricted access. There are a number of semi mature and mature trees within the boundaries of the property with a number of the trees being close to the building. Further advice over their care should be obtained from a Tree Surgeon.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	The textured finishes may contain asbestos based material. See information on Asbestos in the Limitations of Inspection section above.



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Some uneven and damaged sections.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects evident. There is a patched section of wall to one of the bedrooms.



## Floors including sub-floors

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



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

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



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Flues should ideally be swept and tested on an annual basis. A multi fuel stove has been installed to the sitting room. It is assumed that the installation complies with the Building Standards



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is anticipated that any purchaser will redecorate to their own style.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	Not applicable.



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	No significant defects evident. The extractor fan to the cloakroom did not engage when the light was turned on.



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.  Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a Oftec registered contractor on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	It is assumed that drainage is connected to a septic tank. It should be confirmed if this is private or shared with neighbouring properties. It is assumed that the tank

# Single Survey



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	is registered with SEPA. Regular inspection and maintenance should be anticipated.

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

## Category 3

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

## Category 2

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

## Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

## 3. Accessibility information

### Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

*Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:*

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

<b>1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?</b>	Ground Floor
<b>2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?</b>	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 altered and converted from its original layout. There are date stones to the extensions which suggest that the property has been extended in 1996. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

Drainage is assumed connected to a septic tank. It is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. The position regarding age, location, condition and maintenance history should be clarified

Access to the property is via a shared access drive with the neighbouring properties to the immediate vicinity. It is assumed that there are rights of access to the property over this. Levels of liability should also be confirmed.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£1,100,000 ( One million one hundred thousand Pounds

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

### Valuation and market comments

£550,000 (Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds).

With changing economic circumstances it is not possible to predict how the property market will perform in the coming months although market conditions continue to be stable at present.

**Signed**

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Electronically signed

**Report author**

Peter Rasberry

**Company name**

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**Address**

27 Canmore Street, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7NU

# Single Survey

<b>Date of report</b>	22nd January 2024
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# Mortgage Valuation Report



## Property Address

Address West Courtyard, Balado, KINROSS, KY13 0NJ  
Seller's Name Sheila Dobie  
Date of Inspection 18th January 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:

External store of brick/block roughcast construction under a felt felted roof.

# 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:

Oil fired central system connected 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 subjects are situated within a semi rural location to the outskirts of Kinross. At the time of inspection the property was to be found in a condition commensurate with age having been adequately maintained. Whilst there are some items requiring attention these should be capable of remedy through routine maintenance work. Although not an exhaustive list the following observations were noted :- 1. There is evidence of wood boring insect infestation to timbers within the original property and also to the garage roof.

There are a number of stains to ceilings within the property although no adverse readings were obtained at the time of inspection.

The external ground level is high in comparison to internal levels.

There is evidence of vermin activity within the property.

Further advice over the above should be obtained from a Timber and Damp Specialist.

2. The property has been altered and converted from its original layout. There are date stones to the extensions which suggest that the property has been extended in 1996. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority and other consents have been obtained for alterations and the appropriate documentation, including Building Warrants and Completion Certificates issued. If any works did not require consent then it is assumed they meet the standards required by the Building Regulations or are exempt.

Drainage is assumed connected to a septic tank. It is assumed that the tank is registered with SEPA. The position regarding age, location, condition and maintenance history should be clarified

Access to the property is via a shared access drive with the neighbouring properties to the immediate vicinity. It is assumed that there are rights of access to the property over this. Levels of liability should also be confirmed.

in addition to the accommodation above the property benefits from a utility room.

## Essential Repairs

None evident that would affect the future mortgageability over the subjects.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

We can confirm that the property will provide suitable security for mortgage lending purposes.

## 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 [630365 = 9448 ]  
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Professional qualifications BSc MRICS

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Report date 22nd January 2024

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

WEST COURTYARD, BALADO, KINROSS, KY13 0NJ

**Dwelling type:** Detached bungalow  
**Date of assessment:** 18 January 2024  
**Date of certificate:** 19 January 2024  
**Total floor area:** 283 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 281 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

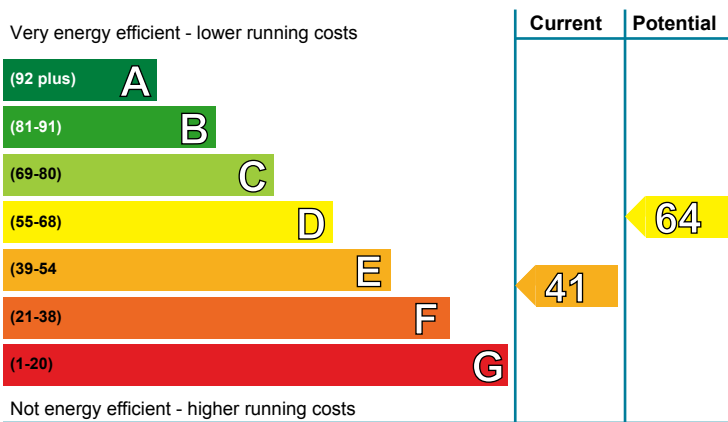
**Reference number:** 4314-7729-5000-0538-0296  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, oil

## You can use this document to:

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

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£15,921</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£5,073</b>	

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

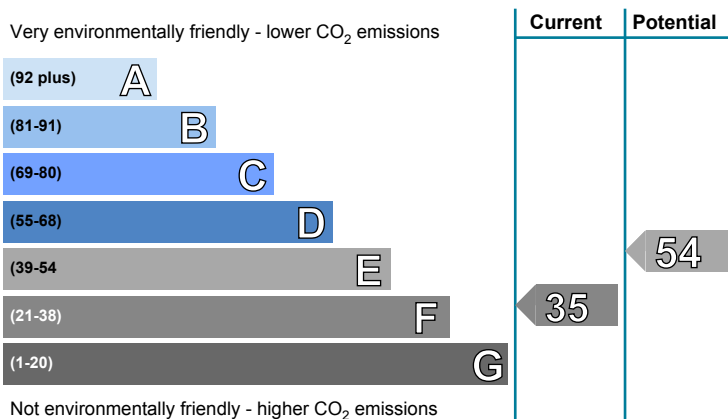


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band E (41)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



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

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

Your current rating is **band F (35)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

## Top actions you can take to save money and make your home more efficient

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£3204.00
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£1623.00
3 Low energy lighting	£35	£246.00

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	Sandstone or limestone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Pitched, insulated at rafters	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Pitched, 270 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
	Suspended, limited insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 59% 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 73 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 21 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 8 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.




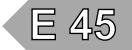



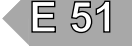


## Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£14,121 over 3 years	£9,333 over 3 years	
Hot water	£822 over 3 years	£822 over 3 years	
Lighting	£978 over 3 years	£693 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£15,921</b>	<b>£10,848</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 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1068		
2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£541		
3 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£35	£82		
4 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£498		

## 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 Internal or external wall insulation

Internal or external wall insulation involves adding a layer of insulation to either the inside or the outside surface of the external walls, which reduces heat loss and lowers fuel bills. As it is more expensive than cavity wall insulation it is only recommended for walls without a cavity, or where for technical reasons a cavity cannot be filled. Internal insulation, known as dry-lining, is where a layer of insulation is fixed to the inside surface of external walls; this type of insulation is best applied when rooms require redecorating. External solid wall insulation is the application of an insulant and a weather-protective finish to the outside of the wall. This may improve the look of the home, particularly where existing brickwork or rendering is poor, and will provide long-lasting weather protection. Further information can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)). It should be noted that a building warrant is required for the installation of external wall insulation. Planning permission may also be required and that building regulations apply to external insulation so it is best to check with your local authority on both issues.

### 2 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including [www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation](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.

### 3 Low energy lighting

Replacement of traditional light bulbs with energy saving bulbs will reduce lighting costs over the lifetime of the bulb, and they last many times longer than ordinary light bulbs. Low energy lamps and fittings are now commonplace and readily available. Information on energy efficiency lighting can be found from a wide range of organisations, including the Energy Saving Trust (<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/lighting>).

### 4 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

## Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

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

## Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	55,908	N/A	N/A	(12,876)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,568			

## Addendum

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

## About this document

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## Advice and support to improve this property

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

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# Property Questionnaire

<b>Property Address</b>	West Courtyard Balado KINROSS KY13 0NJ
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<b>Seller(s)</b>	Ms Sheila Dobie
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	21/01/2024
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## 1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

Not sure believe 1996-1998

## 2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

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## 3 Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please tick all that apply)

Garage

Allocated parking space

Driveway

Shared parking

On street

Resident permit

Metered parking

Other (please specify)

## 4 Conservation area

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

Don't know

## 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?

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

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

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

Yes

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

- (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?  
Yes
- (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?  
No
- (iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):

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).

Oil, combination boiler, radiators

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

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

January 2023

- (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:

- (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?

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

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:

There has been one instance of flooding to the main property. I do not know the date as it was before I became involved in my aunts affairs which was in 2012. During heavy rain on occasions there is slight run off into the garage causing a small, shallow puddle to the left side of the floor.

## 10 Services

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

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas or liquid petroleum gas	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Water mains or private water supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mains Water, Scottish Water
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ovo Energy
Mains drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Telephone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BT
Cable TV or satellite	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Broadband	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AOL

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

No

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

Don't know

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

No

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

Not sure if I have answered correctly. The property uses a shared septic tank but the tank is situated on a neighbouring property.

## 11 Responsibilities for shared or common areas

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

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

The main driveway (which may be classed as a private road?) is shared. When this was last resurfaced all residents agreed to split the cost but I do not know of any legal binding for this. The cost of emptying the septic tank is shared between 3 properties.

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

Not applicable

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

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:

I don't know, one wall of the garage is accessed from a neighbouring property, but as access has always been freely granted the issue of right of access has not arisen.

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:

Again as above a right of access issue has never arisen so I don't know.

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## **12 Charges associated with your property**

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

No

- b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

No

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

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

N/A

## **13 Specialist works**

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

No

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

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

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

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

Guarantees are held by:

## 14 Guarantees

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

(i) Electrical work

Don't know

(ii) Roofing

Don't know

(iii) Central heating

Yes

(iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)

Don't know

(v) Damp course

Don't know

(vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)

Don't know

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

This was installed in January 2023 and the boiler was registered for a guarantee. I don't have the paperwork with me to confirm the time period and will need to confirm this later

(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.