

Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	58 St. Swithin Street Aberdeen AB10 6XJ
Customer	Jean Fraser
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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 marking the adjacent box.

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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 Rules of Conduct.

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 Report².

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.

they assign the same to any other party in writing.

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

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

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments

being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use

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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.

Description	Mid-terraced two storey and attic townhouse.
Accommodation	<p>GROUND FLOOR: Entrance Vestibule, Hallway, Living Room, Dining Room, Sitting Room with Kitchen Annexe off.</p> <p>FIRST FLOOR: Landing, 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom (with W.C.).</p> <p>ATTIC FLOOR: Landing, 2 Bedrooms, Kitchenette and Boxroom.</p>
Gross internal floor area (m²)	212 m ² , or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The property is located in an established residential area to the west of Aberdeen City centre and locally there are adequate shopping, educational and facilities available.
Age	130 years.
Weather	Dry and sunny.
Chimney stacks	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Chimneys are of pointed stonework sealed at the roof by cement fillets and metal flashings.</p>

Roofing including roof space	<p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</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 roof areas over the main building and rear kitchen annexe are pitched and slated with metal valleys/flashings and cement skew/wall head fillets.</p> <p>Access was gained to the Apex of the roof by a small hatch in the ceiling of the upper stairwell and to part of the front and rear eaves areas by hatches in the linings of the boxroom and kitchenette. A limited inspection was possible of the roof void over the rear Annexe by an opening in the division wall between the kitchen and store building. The roofs are constructed from timber rafters and timber sarking boards.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Cast iron rainwater goods connected into the drainage system.</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 are of solid pointed granite stonework.</p>

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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 are mainly of a traditional timber sash and casement style fitted with single glazing, but with a timber casement single glazed window to the kitchen. Daylighting over the stairwell is by two single glazed metal rooflights and there are further metal skylights to the roof pitches of the kitchenette, boxroom and kitchen Annexe.</p> <p>Fascias and soffits are finished in painted timber.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Painted timbers externally.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>None.</p>
Communal areas	<p>None.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Integral with the rear annexe there is a store of mainly pointed stone and part brick construction under a pitched and slated roof. This would originally have been two separate stores but knocked into one internally.</p>
Outside areas and boundaries	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The house occupies a rectangular site fronting St. Swithin Street with pedestrian path access to the rear of the site. Outer boundaries are mainly marked by stone walls. There are concrete paths to the front and rear garden areas. The front garden area is otherwise laid in stone chips and the rear garden areas are in grass with some established vegetation.</p>
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>The ceilings throughout are lined in lath and plaster.</p>

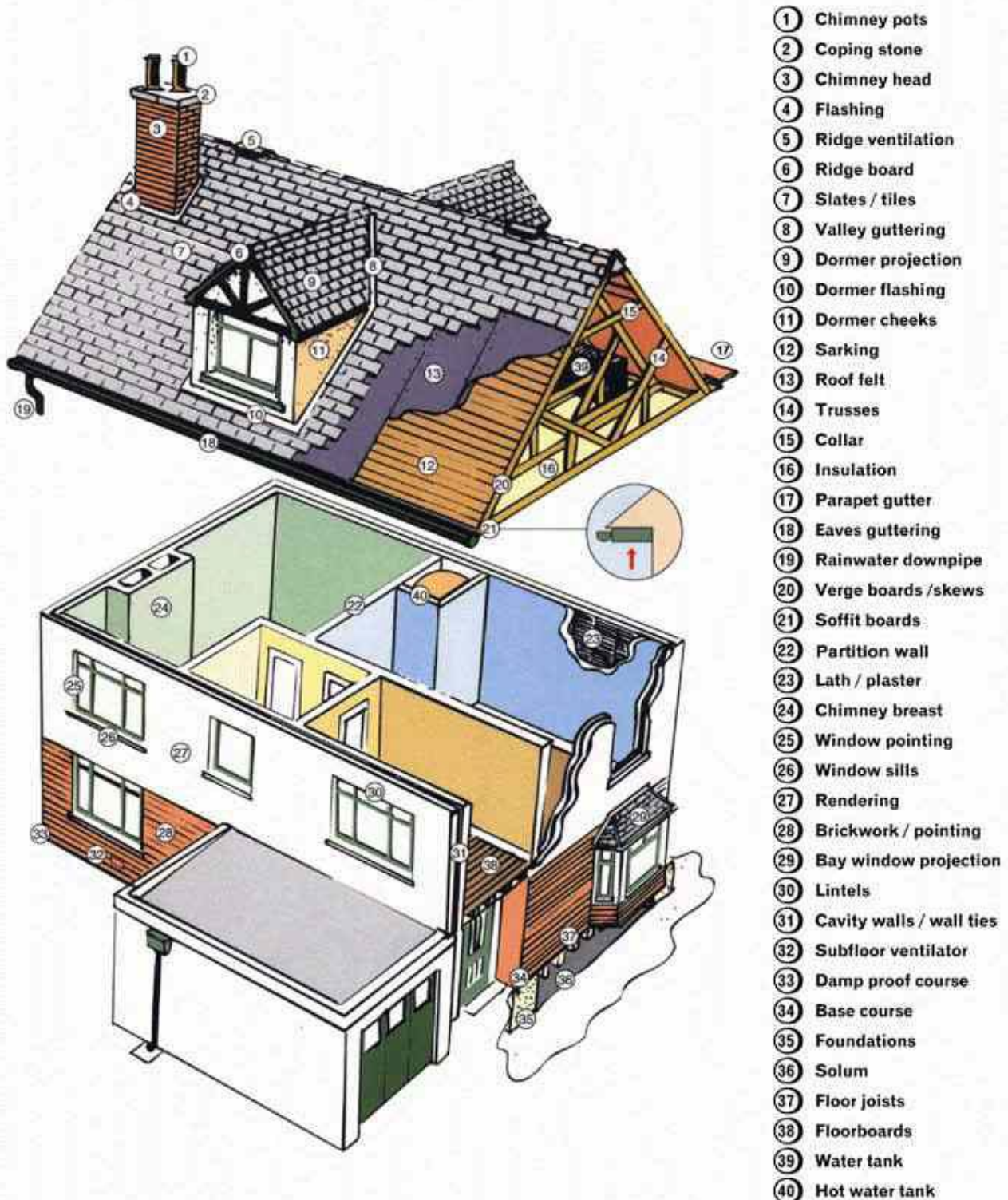
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>The main walls and internal partitions are lined in lath and plaster. There are some hardboard linings in the boxroom and rear wall of the kitchen to the store is plastered on the hard.</p>
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</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>Flooring throughout the main building is of suspended timber construction. Flooring in the rear kitchen annexe is of solid concrete. Inspection has been restricted due to fitted floor coverings.</p> <p>No sub-floor inspection has been possible and the sub-floor areas are assumed in a satisfactory condition.</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>Internal doors throughout are of a traditional timber panel type, part glazed to the vestibule door. The doors are finished in timber to the main hallway areas but otherwise painted. Skirtings and door facings are in timber, mainly painted but with wood finishes in the hallway areas.</p> <p>The kitchen is equipped with a stainless steel sink unit and there are an adequate provision of old fitted units. The attic floor kitchenette has a stainless steel sink unit and a limited provision of older units.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p> <p>There are tiled fireplaces to the ground floor public rooms and bedrooms 1/2 and the sitting fireplace has a back boiler. There is a cast iron fireplace to bedroom 3 although the hearth has been removed and this is not in use. Chimney flues have not been inspected.</p>

Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>Ceilings throughout are mainly finished in painted paper but with Artex coating to the kitchen ceiling. Walls are mainly finished in decorative wallpaper and painted paper. Joinery finishes are part painted.</p>
Cellars	None.
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 mains supplies. The meter and fuse are located in the living room cupboard recess. Electrical wiring where seen is mainly of PVC sheath cabling.</p>
Gas	No supply.
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. Internal plumbing, where seen, is of PVC waste pipes and copper supply pipes. It has been assumed that all original lead water supply pipes have been replaced although not confirmed.</p> <p>The bathroom is fitted with a three-piece traditional white suite. There is a shower cubicle in bedroom 2 with an electric shower fitting.</p>
Heating and hot water	<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>There is background heating by electric panel radiators to only part of the accommodation. Hot water is by electric immersion heater and stored in a twin insulated tank in the bedroom 2 cupboard recess. Hot water to the attic floor kitchenette is by an electric geyser over the sink unit.</p>

Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Drainage to the main public sewer.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. All Scottish homes require a smoke alarm to be installed in the room most frequently used for living purposes and in every circulation space on each floor. A heat alarm also needs to be installed in each kitchen. The alarms need to be ceiling mounted and interlinked. Where there is a carbon-fuelled appliance such as a boiler, open fire or wood burner, a carbon monoxide detector is also required. We have not assessed or tested any existing equipment and it is the purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of ownership.

Any additional limits to inspection	<p>For flats / maisonettes</p> <p>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</p> <p>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</p> <p>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</p> <p>At the time of inspection, the property was fully furnished and occupied. Inspection has been restricted due to the fitted floor coverings.</p> <p>No access was available to any sub-floor areas.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to flooring timbers beneath any sanitary fitting, kitchen appliances or other wet areas was possible. Timbers are assumed to be in a satisfactory condition.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p> <p>Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.</p> <p>No inspection has been possible to the north wall of the rear kitchen annexe, only possible from within an adjacent garden.</p>
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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2. Condition

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

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



Structural movement

Repair category	1
Notes	There was no evidence of significant structural movement within the limitations of our inspection.



Dampness, rot and infestation

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>Softening/decay was noted to the flooring and skirting at the northside of the bedroom 1 bay window and there is decay to the flooring adjacent to the hot water tank in the bedroom cupboard. There are infestations of woodworm to roofing timbers. Damp staining and high damp meter readings were noted to the south party wall in the upper stairwell.</p> <p>A firm of timber specialists should be employed to carry out a thorough inspection of the property prior to purchase including exposure of sub-floor timbers to confirm the full nature and extent of remedial repairs necessary.</p> <p>We have had sight of a brief timber report and from McKay Preservation quoting a likely cost at £15,000 excluding VAT but there have been no exposure works and there is no detailed specification. The valuation below assumes the cost of timber specialist remedial repairs do not greatly exceed the sum of £18,000 including VAT.</p>



Chimney stacks

Repair category	2
Notes	There is some plant growth to chimney heads and broken cement fillets. Cracked chimney cans were seen and chimney cans and haunchings should be checked as necessary. Our inspection has been restricted.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The slate roof coverings over the building are original with a number of slipped, chipped and missing slates seen and corrosion to slate fixing nails. Cement skew fillets are broken and there is plant growth to sections of cement skews. Some corrosion was noted to metal flashings and ridge fixing straps with a felt patch repair to the main ridge.</p> <p>The roof will require an overhaul and regular maintenance can be anticipated in view of the age of the building with a view to longer term reslating.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Rainwater goods require a complete overhaul. Cast iron rainwater goods are corroded with some staining to pipe joints and a leaking gutter to the rear which is off line, causing staining to the wall externally. Chipped PVC guttering was noted to the rear bay window.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>There are areas of weathered pointing noted to the front elevation with some open joints to stonework and some missing pointing at the southmost joint of the bay window.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The windows are mainly original, of a traditional timber sash and casement style with single glazing. There is decay to some window timbers and door post timbers requiring repair. Sash and case windows require above average maintenance. Decay was also noted to the timbers of dormers and fascias.</p> <p>The metal rooflights and skylights are corroded and single glazed only.</p>

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External decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	External decorations are weathered in places with some exposed timbers and some timbers are subject to decay. Joinery repairs will be required prior to redecoration as necessary.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	1
Notes	Infestations of woodworm were noted to roofing timbers. There is decay to joinery timbers.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There are cracked concrete paths to the front and rear garden areas.</p> <p>Mature trees/vegetation within the grounds of the property will require future ongoing professional maintenance by an experienced contractor.</p>



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	Some plaster cracking was noted to ceilings and cornices although typical for a building of this age and type. Some plaster repairs can be anticipated at the time of redecoration.

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Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted. There are some lightweight hardboard linings in the boxroom and should be relined in plasterboard for fire safety.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The concrete floor in the kitchen annexe is uneven. No sub floor inspection was possible. No comment can be made on the condition of the sub floor area.</p> <p>Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.</p>



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	Kitchen fittings are dated by current standards and have suffered general wear and tear. Refitting can be anticipated. Some wear and tear was noted to original timber finishes.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>All flue linings should be checked, repaired if necessary and swept prior to fires being reused.</p> <p>There is an old style back boiler to the sitting room fireplace and this should be checked prior to use. There is no hearth to the bedroom 3 fireplace which has been removed and the floor carpeted over.</p>

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Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The internal decoration will require to be upgraded dependent on individual taste. Decorations are generally dated by current standards.</p> <p>There is Artex to the ceiling of the kitchen. On rare occasions, these materials can have an asbestos content. We have not tested these materials nor carried out an asbestos survey however, until the material is professionally tested the linings should be left undisturbed and the material handled by a competent contractor only.</p>



Cellars

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	2
Notes	The electrical installation should be checked and upgraded as necessary to current IET standards by a qualified electrician incorporating circuit breakers.



Gas

Repair category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No tests have been undertaken of the system, however within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. No inspection has been possible to enclosed timbers beneath wet appliances and no comment has been made on the condition of unseen areas. Watertight seals will require to be regularly checked and replaced, to prevent water damage to adjoining areas.</p> <p>The cold water rising main was not fully inspectable.</p>

Single Survey



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	Limited background heating is provided by electric panel radiators with an immersion heater for hot water. The system was not tested. It is assumed the system has been installed, serviced and maintained to comply with all regulations. Any service/maintenance records should be sought prior to purchase.



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	All foul and surface water drainage is assumed to be to the main public sewer. The system was not tested.

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	3
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	2
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	N/A
Communal areas	N/A
Garages and permanent outbuildings	1
Outside areas and boundaries	1
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	1
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	2
Internal decorations	1
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	2
Gas	N/A
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 and second floors.			
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 kitchen window opening and lintel have been altered although apparently over 30 years ago. We are unaware of any recent alterations to the house which would have required Local Authority consents and warrant approvals. The property is located in a designated Conservation Area.

There is an unmade access path to the rear of the site. Roads and footpaths adjacent have been made up and adopted by the Local Authority.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialist's or contractor's advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

For Reinstatement Cost Assessment purposes, it is recommended that the subjects be insured for a sum of not less than £990,000 (NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY THOUSAND POUNDS).

This figure is the estimate of the cost of rebuilding the premises and bears no direct relationship to current market value.

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £382,000 (THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO THOUSAND POUNDS).

The valuation figure is on the assumption that the cost of Category 3 repairs does not greatly exceed £18,000. It should be appreciated that this is not an indication of costs and detailed reports and estimates should be obtained from all appropriate contractors and specialists to establish the full extent of the works.

Signed	<i>Kevin Angus</i> Electronically signed :- 20/06/2024 21:14
Report author	Kevin Angus
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors

Single Survey

Address	35 Queen's Road Aberdeen AB15 4ZN
Date of report	28/05/2024

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Property Address

Address 58 St. Swithin Street, Aberdeen, AB10 6XJ
Seller's Name Jean Fraser
Date of Inspection 28/05/2024

Property Details

Property Type ☒ House ☐ Bungalow ☐ Purpose built maisonette ☐ Converted maisonette
☐ Purpose built flat ☐ Converted flat ☐ Tenement flat ☐ Flat over non-residential use
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 ☐ Other

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:

Integral store of stone and slate construction.

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Construction

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

Special Risks

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

Service Connections

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:

Electrical panel heaters.

Site

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

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

Location

☐ Residential suburb ☒ Residential within town / city ☐ Mixed residential / commercial ☐ Shared service connections
☐ 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

At the time of inspection, the property was found to be in a fair order for a building of this age and type although will require full modernisation and repairs to the external fabric of the building.

1. The slate roof coverings over the building are original with a number of slipped, chipped and missing slates seen and corrosion to slate fixing nails. Cement skew fillets are broken and there is plant growth to sections of cement skews. The roof will require an overhaul and regular maintenance can be anticipated in view of the age of the building with a view to longer term reslating. Rainwater goods require complete overhaul.
2. The windows are mainly original, of a traditional timber sash and casement style fitted with single glazing. There is decay to some external joinery. External decorations are weathered.
3. The electrical installation should be checked and upgraded as necessary to current IET standards by a qualified electrician incorporating circuit breakers.
4. Kitchen and sanitary fittings are dated by current standards.

Essential Repairs

Softening/decay was noted to the flooring and skirting at the northside of the bedroom 1 bay window and there is decay to the flooring adjacent to the hot water tank in the bedroom cupboard. There are infestations of woodworm to roofing timbers. Damp staining and high damp meter readings were noted to the south party wall in the upper stairwell.

A firm of timber specialists should be employed to carry out a thorough inspection of the property prior to purchase including exposure of sub-floor timbers to confirm the full nature and extent of remedial repairs necessary. We have had sight of a brief timber report and from McKay Preservation quoting a likely cost at £15,000 excluding VAT but there have been no exposure works and there is no detailed specification. The valuation below assumes the cost of timber specialist remedial repairs do not greatly exceed the sum of £18,000.

Estimated cost of essential repairs

Retention recommended? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Retention amount

Comment on Mortgageability

The property forms suitable security for mortgage purposes subject to the specific lending criteria of any mortgage provider.

Valuation

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

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Declaration

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