survey report on:

Property address	Letters Farm Strathlachlan Cairndow PA27 8BZ
Customer	Mr Tim Allan
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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.



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 <u>Category 3:</u> 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 <u>Category 2:</u> 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

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.

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Description	The subjects comprise of a relatively modern two-storey detached villa.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Entrance Hallway, Living Room with Utility Room off, Bedroom 1 with En Suite Shower Room, Bedroom Two and Bathroom.
	FIRST FLOOR: Landing, Large Bedroom/Reception Room and Bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	188m² or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The property within the semi-rural village of Strachur in Argyll where surrounding properties vary in age and character. Limited local shopping, amenities and public transport can be found nearby with a more extensive range to be found in Dunoon.
Age	The property was likely constructed circa 2008.
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Weather	Dry/dull.
Chimney stacks	None noted.
Cilling Stacks	None noted.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally. Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property. If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof
	space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so. The roof covering is pitched, assumed to be timber framed, overlaid with tiles and surmounted with a tiled ridge. There is no access to any rood void areas and accordingly we cannot comment upon the condition.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Mainly formed in PVC materials.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
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Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected. There is a single integral car garage pertaining to the subject property. Access is via a timber door to the front. The door was locked at the time of inspection and accordingly, we have not carried out an inspection internally. Vehicle access is not currently possible until a driveway is constructed to the doors.
Communal areas	None.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	None.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. There are plots of garden grounds to the front, side and rear elevations. Boundaries are defined by a combination of stone walls and timber fencing. The garden grounds are unfinished to areas and will require landscaping. There is a small stream/burn to the left hand gable side elevation. The road and footpath adjoining the site are made up and are assumed to be adopted by the Local Authority.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. Plasterboard.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. Plasterboard.

Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. 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.
	Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.
	Flooring throughout the property is mainly of suspended timber/chipboard.
	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.
	No sub-floor inspection has taken place.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Internal doors are of timber panel. Kitchen fittings comprise a range of modern floor and wall mounted units.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None noted.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Mainly paper/paint finishes to internal wall and ceiling surfaces. Tiled finishes also observed.
Cellars	None.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. Mains supply.

Gas	None.
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains supply.
	Plumbing, where seen, was found to be a mixture of copper and plastic.
	The main bathroom fittings comprise a bath, WC and wash hand basin each. The en suite comprises a shower cubicle, WC and wash hand basin.
Heating and hot water	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	There is a wet electric type boiler system located within the utility room area. A hot water tank was noted adjacent. The heating and hot water system has not been checked, inspected or tested in any way.
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Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	It is understood that drainage is private by means of shared septic tank. Rights of way, SEPA consents and maintenance liabilities should be confirmed.

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 carbonfuelled 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

ownership.

purchasers responsibility to confirm that the property will comply with these standards following a change of

Any additional limits to inspection

For flats / maisonettes

Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.

If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.

The building containing the flat, including any external 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.

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.

The property had fitted floor coverings, therefore no detailed inspection was possible of the floors and accordingly, no comment can be made on their condition. Internal cupboards were generally filled with storage items. No access was available beneath sanitary or kitchen fittings.

Windows and external doors were not all fully opened or tested.

No access was available to any sub-floor areas.

Full and safe access was not available to the roof void area.

Some areas of the external building fabric including some roof pitches/elevations were not fully or closely visible from the surrounding ground level, due to the confines of the site.

Wall panelling to areas prevented accurate damp readings being taken.

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.

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.

- 1) Chimney pots
- 2) Coping stone
- 3) Chimney head
- (4) Flashing
- 5) Ridge ventilation
- 6 Ridge board
- 7 Slates / tiles
- 8 Valley guttering
- 9 Dormer projection
- 10 Dormer flashing
- 11) Dormer cheeks
- (12) Sarking
- (13) Roof felt
- (14) Trusses
- (15) Collar
- 16) Insulation
- 17) Parapet gutter
- 18) Eaves guttering
- (19) Rainwater downpipe
- 20) Verge boards/skews
- 21) Soffit boards
- 22) Partition wall
- 23) Lath / plaster
- 24) Chimney breast
- 25) Window pointing
- 26) Window sills
- 27) Rendering
- 28) Brickwork / pointing
- 29 Bay window projection
- (30) Lintels
- (31) Cavity walls / wall ties
- 32) Subfloor ventilator
- (33) Damp proof course
- 34) Base course
- (35) Foundations
- 36) Solum
- Floor joists
- 38) Floorboards
- 39) Water tank
- 40) Hot water tank

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

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

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	Damp meter readings were taken where considered appropriate within the property and moisture levels were found to be within an acceptable range.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	1
Notes	The roof covering is original and showing signs of typical weathering with moss growth observed requiring clearance. No significant defects were noted at the time of inspection. Roofing contractors recommend that roof coverings are inspected regularly in order to ensure they remain watertight.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection rainwater goods were seen to be free from significant defect. We would highlight that it was not raining at the time of our inspection and
	we would recommend that all rainwater fittings be inspected during heavy rainfall in order to ensure they are free from defect.

Main walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted, however normal levels of maintenance are recommended.
	Re-sealant to the movement joint at the rear to some parts would be prudent. This has only been partially completed.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	1
Notes	Windows serving the property are now of an age where regular ongoing maintenance including attention to framework and other components should be expected.
	Windows were not all fully opened or tested, and it should be appreciated that some defects are only evident during certain weather conditions. Within the limitations of our inspection, no significant defects were noted.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Paint finished and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Communal areas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	No internal inspections have been carried out. Vehicular access is not currently possible due to the garden grounds.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	The garden grounds would benefit from finishing works and landscaping to areas. Any prospective purchaser should fully satisfy themselves in this regard. General wear and tear was noted to the stone boundary walls which are older. Boundary walls and fences should be regularly checked and maintained as necessary.
	It is assumed that there has been no previous flooding events from the small burn/stream at the side.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.

Internal walls	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Due to fitted carpets and floor coverings no detailed inspection of floors was possible and accordingly no comment can be made on their condition.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations of our inspection no significant defects were noted.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property was found to be well presented.

Cellars	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Electricity	
Repair category	1
Notes	The Institution of Engineering Technology recommends that inspections and testings are undertaken at least every five years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.

Gas	
Repair category	N/A
Notes	None.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings		
Repair category	1	
Notes	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.	

Heating and hot water		
Repair category	1	
Notes	It is assumed that the central heating system has been properly installed, updated and maintained to meet with all current regulations and standards with particular regard to fluing and ventilation requirements. Service records should be obtained and checked. In the absence of service documentation further advice should be obtained from a qualified heating engineer to ascertain the condition, efficiency, and life expectancy of the system.	

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is understood that drainage is private by means of shared septic tank. Rights of way, SEPA consents and maintenance liabilities should be confirmed.

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

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

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

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.

The property is likely comprise a self build constructed within the last 15/20 years. It is assumed that all necessary planning permissions and local authority documentation are available for the construction of the property. Furthermore, it is assumed that the construction of the property was supervised by a suitably qualified professional and architect certificate or similar is available.

It is understood that drainage is private by means of shared septic tank. Rights of way, SEPA consents and maintenance liabilities should be confirmed.

Rights of way and maintenance liabilities for the driveway area at the side should be confirmed.

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 £550,000 (FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

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

Valuation and market comments

Having considered matters, taking account of our general observations on site, we are of the opinion that the Market Value of the subjects in their present condition and with the benefit of vacant possession may be fairly stated in the sum of £320,000 (THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Signed	Michael McDade Electronically signed :- 23/05/2024 19:08
Report author	Michael McDade
Company name	J & E Shepherd Chartered Surveyors

Address	28 Westburn Street Greenock PA15 1RY
Date of report	22/05/2024



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Property Address	
Address Seller's Name Date of Inspection	Letters Farm, Strathlachlan, Cairndow, PA27 8BZ Mr Tim Allan 22/05/2024
Property Details	
Property Type X House Purpose built flat	Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use Other (specify in General Remarks)
Property Style X Detached Back to back	Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace High rise block Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)
Does the surveyor believe that the military, police? Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on what Approximate Year of Construction	property was built for the public sector, e. g. local authority, No. of floors in block No. of units in block 2008 No. of units in block
Tenure	
X Absolute Ownership	Other
Accommodation	
Number of Rooms 1 Living room 3 Bathroom(s	
Gross Floor Area (excluding garage	es and outbuildings) 188 m² (Internal) 211 m² (External)
Residential Element (greater than 4	0%) X Yes No
Garage / Parking / Outbuildings	
X Single garage Double gal	rage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? X Yes	☐ No
Permanent outbuildings:	
None.	

Construction	
Walls	,
Special Risks	
Has the property suffered structural movement?	No
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?	No
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in \square Yes \boxtimes the immediate vicinity?	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 the supply in General Remarks	and locationof
Drainage Mains X Private None Water X Mains Private Electricity X Mains Private None Gas Mains Private Central Heating X Yes Partial None	
Brief description of Central Heating and any non mains services:	
Wet Electric central heating system. It is understood that drainage is private by means of shared septic tank. Rights of way, SEPA consents and maintenance liabil confirmed.	ities should be
Site	
Apparent legal issues to be verified by the conveyancer. Please provide a brief description in General	Remarks
X Rights of way X Shared drives / access Garage or other amenities on separate site X Shared service connect X Ill-defined boundaries Agricultural land included with property Other (specify in General connection)	tions
Location	
Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Shared service commuter village Isolated rural property Other (specify in 0	onnections General Remarks)
Planning Issues	
Has the property been extended / converted / altered? Yes X No If Yes provide details in General Remarks.	
Roads	
X Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted	Unadopted

General Remarks

The subjects comprise a relatively modern two storey detached villa located within the village of Strachur in Argyll. an established residential area where surrounding properties vary in age and character. Limited local shopping, amenities and public transport can be found nearby with a more extensive range found in Dunoon.

At the time of inspection, the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with age and type. It should be appreciated that ongoing maintenance to the building fabric will be required. Internally, the property was found to be well presented.

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Essential Repairs			
None.			
Estimated cost of essential repairs	N/A		
Retention recommended?	Yes X No		
Retention amount	N/A		
Comment on Mortgageabilit The property forms suitable security for	y r mortgage purposes subject to the specific lend	ing criteria of any mortgage provider.	
Valuation			
Market value in present condition	า	£	320,000
Market value on completion of es	ssential repairs	£	
Insurance reinstatement value		£	550,000
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)			
Is a reinspection necessary?			Yes X No

Declaration

Signed Michael McDade

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