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Laurencekirk,
AB30 1AH

Home Report



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Single Survey



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Survey Report on:

Property Address	15 High Street, Laurencekirk, AB30 1AH
Reference	1732637
Customer Name	Michael Patterson
Date of Inspection	8th September 2026
Surveyor's name, qualifications and office	F Forbes-Davidson MA (Hons) MRICS DM Hall LLP Chartered Surveyors 4-5 Union Terrace Aberdeen AB10 1NJ Tel: 01224 594172 email: aberdeenresidential@dmhall.co.uk
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SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹ Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

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.

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 adviser or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.²

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

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

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 an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date, between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction, after proper marketing and where 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.

- 2.3.1** **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.
- 2.3.2** **Category 2:** Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
- 2.3.3** **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, they 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 reinstatement cost, as defined below.

"Market value" The estimated amount for which an asset or liability should exchange on the valuation date, between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's length transaction,

after proper marketing and where 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.

"Reinstatement 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 will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The property is a first and attic floor flat in a two storey and attic block with a vacant commercial premises on ground floor.
Accommodation	Ground Floor: Entrance Hallway and Stairs. First Floor: Landing, Living Room, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Kitchen and Bathroom. Attic Floor: Two Bedrooms and Store Room.
Gross Internal Floor Area (m2)	Approximately 132 m ² .
Neighbourhood and Location	The property forms part of a mixed residential and commercial area in the village of Laurencekirk. The surrounding properties in the immediate vicinity are generally of a differing style and use. A range of typical local amenities can be found within the village.
Age	Built around 1900.
Weather	It was sunny and dry, following a period of mixed weather conditions.
Chimney Stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. There are chimney stacks of brick and stone construction, externally pointed and rendered.

Roofing including Roof Space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. 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 is pitched and clad in slates. The ridge is formed in metal. There are slated dormer window projections to the front elevation. The roof spaces are accessed via a hatch in the first floor hallway and an eaves hatch in the attic floor store room. The roof is of a timber framed construction overlaid in timber sarking.
Rainwater Fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. There are half round, UPVC and cast iron gutters in place which connect to round UPVC and cast iron downpipes.
Main Walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected. The external walls are of traditional solid stone construction, externally pointed. The rear section appears to be of traditional solid stone and brick construction with an external render finish.
Windows, External Doors and Joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available. Random windows were opened and closed where possible. Doors and windows were not forced open. The windows are of a mixed style consisting of single and double glazed UPVC and timber units. There are some older single glazed cast iron skylights. The access doors are of a UPVC and timber panelled and double glazed design.

External Decorations	Visually inspected. The external timbers are painted.
Conservatories and Porches	There are no conservatories or porches.
Communal Areas	There are no communal areas.
Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	Visually inspected. There are outbuildings to the side elevation and to the rear of the courtyard, however ownership is not known. It seems likely that a proportion of these pertain to the flat, although this can be confirmed with reference to the Title Deeds.
Outside Areas and Boundaries	Visually inspected. There is a central courtyard accessed via the rear door which appears be shared with neighbouring premises along with an area of garden ground beyond the outbuildings which appears to pertain to the subject property. No access was gained to the garden ground as this appears to be accessed via the outbuildings which were locked. The garden ground, as viewed from the kitchen window, appears to be laid in grass and bounded by masonry walls.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. The ceilings are a mixture of lath and plaster, plastered on the hard and plasterboard. There are areas of timber panelling.
Internal Walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. The internal walls are a mixture of lath and plaster construction and plasterboard lined. There are areas of timber panelling.
Floors including Sub-floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted. 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.

	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. The ground floor is of solid concrete construction. The upper floors are of suspended timber construction. Due to the type of construction there is no subfloor area to inspect.
Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into, but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. The internal doors consist of a timber panel and timber-glazed type. The door facings and skirting boards are of a timber style. The kitchen is fitted with a range of base and wall mounted units with laminate worktops. The stairs are formed in timber with a timber and metal handrail to the lower staircase.
Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out. The original fireplace openings within the property have been removed.
Internal Decorations	Visually inspected. The internal walls and ceilings mainly have a papered and painted finish. There are internal surfaces clad with tiling.
Cellars	There are no cellars.
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 installed. The electricity fusebox is located in

	the first floor hallway cupboard. The electricity meter is located in the ground floor hallway cupboard.
Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. Mains gas supply installed. The exact position of the meter could not be determined. There is an external meter in a service box to the side elevation, although ownership is not known.
Water, Plumbing and 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. Water is connected to the mains supply. Visible pipework is made with copper and PVC materials. The bathroom is fitted with a WC, wash hand basin and bath with electric shower over. A composite sink unit is fitted within the kitchen.
Heating and Hot Water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. There is a gas fired "Worcester Greenstar 29 CDi Classic ErP" central heating boiler located within the kitchen cupboard. The boiler supplies a system of radiators and provides hot water.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested. Drainage is connected to the main sewer.
Fire, Smoke and Burglar Alarms	Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.

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.

Floor coverings have not been moved. These restricted the inspection of flooring. There are stored items in the some of the rooms.

The inspection of the roof spaces was limited to the eaves hatch in the store cupboard and the ceiling hatch in the first floor hallway. These areas were restricted by the limited space and presence of debris.

There are no sub floor areas to inspect.

No internal access was gained to any of the outbuildings or the garden ground.

The inspection of the roof covering was restricted from ground level and some parts were not visible. The surrounding buildings and site topography partially blocked sight lines.

Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.

We have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of

the valuation we have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns, you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.

Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.

Concealed areas beneath and around sanitary fittings were not visible. Due to the presence of water, there is an inherent risk of leakage and resultant damage to concealed areas which may only become apparent when the building fabric is opened up for examination.

The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.

Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is outwith the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.

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.

2. CONDITION

This section identifies problems and tells you about the urgency of any repairs by using one of the following 3 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	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.

Dampness, Rot and Infestation	
Repair Category	3
Notes	There is evidence of damp penetration in a number of areas throughout the property with associated damage to internal fabric, particularly around the gable, the stairwell, the rear first floor bedroom, the kitchen doorway/dining room chimney stack and the ground floor hallway. Corresponding external areas require checked at close quarters and all necessary repairs carried out to ensure they building is watertight. Upon completion of the external repairs the entire subjects require inspected by a firm of timber/damp proofing specialists and all necessary repairs carried out using guaranteed methods. There is evidence of woodworm to roof timbers. This requires treated by an appropriately qualified timber specialist using guaranteed methods. There is evidence of mice activity throughout the property.

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Chimney Stacks	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The render and pointing is damaged in places and a competent builder is required to inspect and implement all required repairs.

Roofing including Roof Space	
Repair Category	3
Notes	See comments under "Dampness, rot and infestation". There is daylight visible in the roof space at the rear elevation. There are various broken and missing slates together with extensive staining to sarking in the roof space. A roofing contractor is required to inspect with a view to implementing all necessary repairs. Inspection at close quarters may reveal more extensive deterioration, especially where materials are original. There is a cold water tank in the roof space which is assumed to be redundant.

Rainwater Fittings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Rainwater fittings are leaking in places and may be contributing to water ingress internally. These require repair to prevent further water ingress.

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Main Walls	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The render of outer walls is damaged. There is weathering to sandstone finishes. A building contractor can be asked to inspect and provide cost estimates for either repairing or replacing damaged areas.

Windows, External Doors and Joinery	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The handles to the upper floor windows have been removed and they have been temporarily secured with latches. There are failed sealed units to double glazed panes in areas. Repairs to double glazed windows are required. The older cast iron skylights are corroded and there are cracked glazing panes. Repair/replacement is required. There are older remaining single glazed timber casement windows. These will require increased repair and refurbishment. There has been damage to the entrance door and surrounding framework. Doors and random windows were tested at random but not all. The inspection can be restricted by window blinds, curtains, ornaments etc. Handles, locks and opening mechanisms can deteriorate through usage and repair or replacement can be anticipated on an ad hoc basis. No assurances can be provided that all window fittings are functional.

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External Decorations	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Outside paintwork has deteriorated and redecoration is now required. Regular re-painting of external joinery finishes will prolong their lifespan.

Conservatories and Porches	
Repair Category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Communal Areas	
Repair Category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	No internal access was gained to any of the surrounding outbuildings as these were locked. Externally the outbuildings show a variety of age related defects and repairs will be required.

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Outside Areas and Boundaries	
Repair Category	2
Notes	No access was gained to the assumed garden ground, however from the limited view the garden ground is very overgrown and lacking maintenance.

Ceilings	
Repair Category	3
Notes	There is a collapsed section of ceiling in the first floor rear bedroom and damage to the plaster finishes in other areas. See comments under "Dampness, rot and infestation". There is timber cladding to ceiling surfaces. This may represent a fire hazard.

Internal Walls	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There is damage to plaster finishes in areas. There is sagging to a section of coomb in an attic bedroom. See comments under "Dampness, rot and infestation". There are areas with timber cladding. This may represent a fire hazard.

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Floors including Sub-floors	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Sections of flooring are uneven and off level. See comments under "Structural movement". It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.

Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There is no banister fitted to the upper stairs and one requires installed for safety reasons. Glazed inserts to interior doors and fixed panels may not be of appropriate toughened glass or meet the recognised safety standards. There is localised damage and ill fitting sections of internal joinery.

Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	
Repair Category	1
Notes	Where fireplaces have been removed there is limited provision for ventilation. Unventilated chimney breasts can result in condensation.

Single Survey

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.

Internal Decorations	
Repair Category	2
Notes	There are damaged sections of internal decoration. The textured finishes may contain asbestos based material. See information on asbestos in the Limitations of Inspection section above.

Cellars	
Repair Category	N/A
Notes	Not applicable.

Electricity	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The electrical installation is dated including the older fuse box. There are ill fitting sockets. An NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician can be engaged to examine the system and implement all necessary upgrading works. The electricity supply has been shut off. Services should be tested and reinstated by a qualified NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician. It is recommended that electrical installations be checked every ten years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.

Single Survey

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Gas	
Repair Category	2
Notes	Gas services have been shut off. Services should be tested and reinstated by a Gas Safe registered contractor. Trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that gas appliances should be tested prior to change in occupancy and thereafter at least once a year by a Gas Safe registered contractor. It is assumed that gas appliances comply with relevant regulations.

Water, Plumbing and Bathroom Fittings	
Repair Category	2
Notes	The plumbing system appears to have been turned off. Defects can appear when services are reconnected. Reconnection and recommissioning of the system should be carried out by a qualified plumbing contractor. There is deterioration to sanitary fittings and evidence of previous leakage/spillage adjacent. Repairs and upgrading can be anticipated.

Single Survey

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Heating and Hot Water

Repair Category	2
Notes	The central heating system is shut down and drained. Services should be reinstated by a Gas Safe registered contractor. There are missing thermostatic radiator valves to a number of radiators. Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a Gas Safe registered engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation. It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been installed in accordance with all relevant regulations and thereafter maintained on a regular basis. A copy of any relevant documentation in this regard should be obtained.

Drainage

Repair Category	2
Notes	A section of waste pipe at the rear has been enclosed with material, the purpose of which is unclear. There is corrosion to waste pipes in other areas.

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 comments above for detailed information.

Structural Movement	1
Dampness, Rot and Infestation	3
Chimney Stacks	2
Roofing including Roof Space	3
Rainwater Fittings	2
Main Walls	2
Windows, External Doors and Joinery	2
External Decorations	2
Conservatories and Porches	N/A
Communal Areas	N/A
Garages and Permanent Outbuildings	2
Outside Areas and Boundaries	2
Ceilings	3
Internal Walls	2
Floors including Sub-floors	2
Internal Joinery and Kitchen Fittings	2
Chimney Breasts and Fireplaces	1
Internal Decorations	2
Cellars	N/A
Electricity	2
Gas	2
Water, Plumbing and Bathroom Fittings	2
Heating and Hot Water	2
Drainage	2

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property: In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair.

The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift.

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres: For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin operated machines.

1. Which floor(s) is the living accommodation on?	First
2. Are there three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property?	Yes ☒ No ☐
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes ☐ No ☒
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes ☐ No ☒
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes ☒ No ☐
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes ☐ No ☒
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes ☐ 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

The property forms part of a block of flats. It has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building, including any common repair matters detailed within this report, will be shared equitably between the co-proprietors. This matter, together with any factoring arrangements in place, should be confirmed.

Ownership of the outbuildings and garden ground is unclear. This requires confirmed with reference to the Title Deeds.

The former convenience store at ground floor level appears to be vacant. Ownership of the premises could not be confirmed.

We are unaware of any significant or recent alterations having been undertaken.

Estimated Reinstatement Cost (£) for Insurance Purposes

Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds:

£550,000

The reinstatement figure given is of the flat only as the extent of the outbuildings and boundaries could not be determined at the time of inspection.

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

It is prudent to keep the Estimated Reinstatement Cost for insurance under regular review to reflect inflationary effects. RICS guidance recommends that a reassessment be undertaken every three years, or sooner if significant alterations are made to the property.

Valuation (£) and Market Comments

Eighty Thousand Pounds:

£80,000

The valuation above is provided on the assumption that the category three repairs will not exceed £20,000.

The property market is performing adequately. Demand exists and transactions are taking place.

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Date of report:	8th September 2026

15 High Street, Laurencekirk,
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Mortgage Valuation Report



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Mortgage Valuation Report

Property Address: 15 High Street, Laurencekirk, AB30 1AH

Date of Inspection: 8th September 2026

Reference: 1732637

Location & Description

1. Location:

The property forms part of a mixed residential and commercial area in the village of Laurencekirk. The surrounding properties in the immediate vicinity are generally of a differing style and use. A range of typical local amenities can be found within the village.

2. Description:

The property is a first and attic floor flat in a two storey and attic block with a vacant commercial premises on ground floor.

3. Age:

Built around 1900.

4. Main Construction:

Walls: Solid stone.

Roof: Pitched and slated.

5. Accommodation:

Ground Floor: Entrance Hallway and Stairs.

First Floor: Landing, Living Room, Dining Room, Two Bedrooms, Kitchen and Bathroom.

Attic Floor: Two Bedrooms and Store Room.

6. Floor Area - excluding garages and outbuildings:

Gross internal floor area: 132

Gross external floor area:

7. Garage and Outbuildings:

Assumed share of outbuildings, to be confirmed.

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Services / Roads

8 Main Service:

Water:	Yes:	✓	No:
Electricity:	Yes:	✓	No:
Gas:	Yes:	✓	No:
Drainage:	Yes:	✓	No:

For comments on non-mains services, see section 15.

8a. Heating:

Gas fired boiler.

9. Roads - assumed adopted (If no see section 15. General Remarks)

Yes:	✓	No:
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General Condition

10. Essential Repairs - comments confined to defects which would materially affect the property and/or value/suitability for mortgage purposes.

There is evidence of damp penetration in a number of areas throughout the property with associated damage to internal fabric, particularly around the gable, the stairwell, the rear first floor bedroom, the kitchen doorway/dining room chimney stack and the ground floor hallway. Corresponding external areas require checked at close quarters and all necessary repairs carried out to ensure they building is watertight. Upon completion of the external repairs the entire subjects require inspected by a firm of timber/damp proofing specialists and all necessary repairs carried out using guaranteed methods.

Retention:	Yes:	✓	No:
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Retention amount: £20,000

11. Subsidence, Settlement and Landslip:

The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.

12. General Condition:

The property appeared to be in a condition generally consistent with its age and type. Some works of repair and maintenance are required and a degree of modernisation would be beneficial.

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Legal & Other Matters

13. Alterations: Has the property been extended/converted/altered? (If yes, see section 15)

Yes: No: ✓

14. Tenure - assumed ownership with marketable title (If no, see section 15)

Yes: ✓ No:

15. General Remarks:

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16. Comments on Mortgageability:

The property is located above a vacant commercial premises. The policies of mortgage lenders vary and a number of lenders do not accept such properties. The availability of mortgage finance should be confirmed before purchase.

Valuation & Insurance

17.1 Valuation in present condition (words and figures):

Eighty Thousand Pounds: £80,000

17.2 Valuation upon completion of any works required under section 10 (words and figures):

One Hundred Thousand Pounds: £100,000

17.3 Insurance reinstatement: Approximate current reinstatement cost including site clearance and professional fees, excluding VAT except on fees. (words and figures):

Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds: £550,000

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18. Declaration:

Signed:



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