

Home Report

for domestic properties for sale in Scotland

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SURVEY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

The Seller has engaged the Surveyors to provide the Single Survey Report (SS).
The Seller has also engaged the Surveyors to provide an Energy Report (EPC); and to assist in compiling the Property Questionnaire (PQ).

The Surveyors are authorised to provide a transcript Mortgage Valuation Report on to Lender specific pro-forma *¹. Transcript reports are commonly requested by Brokers and Lenders. The transcript report will be in the format required by the Lender, and will contain a concise version of the information contained in the Single Survey.

The Surveyors will decline any transcript request which requires the provision of information additional to the information in the 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, 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 to the Seller. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the amended Report is 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. *²

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 checking the adjacent box.

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

Compliance with these standards maybe subject to monitoring under RICS conduct and disciplinary regulations.

1 Lenders may operate a limited panel system which may require Purchasers or their agents to obtain a panel Surveyor Mortgage Valuation Report on their own account.

2 Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (the Red Book) and RICS Codes 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 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 do not include a generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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. *¹

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

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 this 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, from information in the 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.

a 'Generic Mortgage Valuation Report' means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format - but is not included with this pack.

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 of 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.

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, 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 fees).

Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a ‘refresh’ on the Single Survey Report after a period of 12 weeks to reflect changing circumstances in the market and/or in the physical condition of the Property.

2.8 EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

The following Specialisations are outwith the scope of the Home Information Pack (HIP) except where otherwise referred to with advice within the text of the report:

- Structural Engineer Reports where deemed necessary
- Legionella Reports including advice on treatment and control
- Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species reports, including control advice.
- Bat and Owl Survey Reports; Natterjack Toad Survey Reports
- Asbestos Survey Reports including Management Plans or advice on removal
- Flood Management Reports

The above are governed by Statutory bodies (e.g. Health and Safety Executive; SEPA; Scottish Natural Heritage; LA Environmental Health, etc) and rely on Specialists with specific qualifications. These are outwith our remit.

The Vendor and prospective purchasers should instruct any of the required Consultants to meet with any specific needs.

The individual Surveyor acts on behalf of the firm of A.H.R. Crossan and Co. and bears no individual liability in carrying out surveys and reporting same.

Property Questionnaire

A H R Crossan & Co

PROPERTY ADDRESS:	59 Main Street, Crossmichael, Castle Douglas. DG7 3AU
SELLER(S):	Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Rourke
COMPLETION DATE OF PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE:	23rd July, 2023.



PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE

NOTE FOR SELLERS

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

PROPERTY QUESTIONNAIRE
Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1. Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

Since April 2022

Council Tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

C (may
change after sale)

3. Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please indicate all that apply)

- Garage
- Allocated parking space
- Driveway
- Shared parking
- On street
- Resident permit
- Metered parking
- Other (please specify):

4. Conservation Area		
Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?		No
5. Listed Buildings		
Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?		No
6. Alterations / additions / extensions		
a.	<p>(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please describe the changes which you have made:</p> <p>Demolish porch and take down chimney heads; remove dining room/ kitchen and Living Room/ Hall partition; raise wallheads to rear extension; roof substantially rebuilt and extended; create room in roof refit; remove stair and fit new stair; refit Kitchen/Dining Room, Shower Room, Utility Porch; alter rear window to provide rear door; and all ancillary electrical, plumbing ,heating, redecoration works, etc.</p>	Yes
	<p>(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?</p>	Yes (completion certificate pending)

	<p><u>If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.</u></p> <p>If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent can arrange to obtain them.</p>	Yes
b.	<p>Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</u></p>	Yes
	<p>(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?</p>	No
	<p>(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?</p>	Yes
	<p>(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed)</p> <p>3 new doors; 2 new windows; completed June 2023</p> <p>Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.</p>	Yes

7. Central heating

<p>a.</p>	<p>Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property – the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes/partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there?</p> <p>(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please answer the 3 questions below:</u></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>ASHP central heating</p> <p>(electric)</p>
<p>b.</p>	<p>When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?</p>	<p>Installed as part of recent refurbishment</p>
<p>c.</p>	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance agreement:</p>	<p>Under warranty</p>
<p>d.</p>	<p>When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).</p>	<p>N/a</p>

8. Energy Performance Certificate

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

Yes

9. Issues that may have affected your property

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

No

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

N/a

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

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

10. Services

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

Services	Connected	Supplier
Gas	No	None
Water mains	Yes	Scottish Water
Electricity	Yes	Scottish Power
Mains drainage	Yes	Scottish Water
Telephone	No	N/a
Cable TV / satellite	No	N/a
Broadband	No	N/a

b.	<p>Is there a septic tank system at your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the two questions below:</p>	No
c.	<p>Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?</p>	N/a
d.	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p>	N/a
11. Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas		
a.	<p>Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details: Boundary fences and walls as described in title deeds</p>	Yes
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	No
c.	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	Yes
d.	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property - for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	No
e.	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	No

f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a Public Right of Way across any part of your property? (A Public Right of Way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	No
12. Charges associated with your property		
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please provide the name and address and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</p>	No
b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p>	N/a
	<p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?</p>	N/a
c.	<p>Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, e.g. to a Residents' Association, or maintenance or stair fund.</p>	None
13. Specialist Works		
a.	<p>As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property</p>	No

b.	<p>As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please give details Radon barrier plus horizontal dpm (which was returned 1.00m up walls all round existing) and overlapping dpc in new walls</p>	Yes
c.	<p>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.</p> <p>Guarantees are held by: N/a</p>	N/a

14. Guarantees

a.	<p>Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:</p>					
(i)	Electrical work	No				
(ii)	Roofing	No				
(iii)	Central heating	Yes			<p>manufacturer's warranty on ASHP</p>	
(iv)	NHBC /Equivalent/Professional Supervisory Certificate	No				
(v)	Damp course	No				
(vi)	<p>Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)</p>	No				

b.	<p>If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):</p> <p>ASHP</p>	
c.	<p>Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	<p>No</p>
<p>15. Boundaries</p> <p>So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p> <p>New boundary to North-by-North-West flank of site</p>		
Empty space for details		

16. Notices that affect your property

In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:

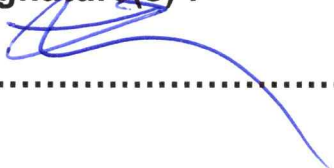
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	No
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	No

If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchase of your property.

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

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

Signature(s) :


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Date: 25.07.2023

A H R Crossan and Co

Survey Report

On

**59 Main Street,
Crossmichael,
Castle Douglas.
DG7 3AU**

Customer: Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Rourke

**Customer address: 59 Main Street,
Crossmichael,
Castle Douglas.
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Date of inspection: 23rd June, 2023

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1. INFORMATION AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION

This section tells you about the type, accommodation, neighbourhood, age and construction of the property. It also tells you about the extent of the inspection and highlights anything that the surveyor could not inspect.

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

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. were not inspected or reported on.

Description	A 5 Apartment 2 storey end terrace house on a medium sized site nearby the centre of Crossmichael village, near to the church and an inn.
Accommodation	Ground Floor:- Entrance to open plan Living Room with stair to first floor; Kitchen/ Dining Room; Utility Room; Shower Room with w.c.; First Floor:- Landing; 3 Bedrooms; Family Bathroom with w.c.; Externally:- there is a garden/drying area partly fenced and partly drystone dyke forming the boundaries; private car hardstanding to the front. There is a lawn and patio area at the rear.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	123.55

Neighbourhood and location	Built on a medium sized site in a popular, well established 'dormitory' village approx. six miles from Castle Douglas Town centre. Some local shopping, within a short walking distance.
Age	Built C1887. Remodelled and Refurbished 2022/23.
Weather	Bright; warm with some periodic showers.
Chimney stacks	None.
Roofing including roof space	Visually inspected externally from ground level; 'head and shoulders' internal inspection of roof space via surveyor's telescopic ladder. (two seperate ceiling hatches).
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected from ground level.
Main walls	Visually inspected from ground level. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed. A sample of windows were opened and closed. Doors and windows were not forced open.
External decorations	Visually inspected from ground level.
Conservatories / porches	None
Communal areas	None
Garages and permanent outbuildings	None

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected from ground/pavement level.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets/floor coverings were lifted. Sub-floor voids not readily accessible at time of inspection.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built in cupboards were inspected. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. No contents were removed during inspection.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None
Internal decorations	Visually inspected from floor level.
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. Services were off at the time of inspection, the surveyor did not turn them on.
Gas	None.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Visual inspection of the accessible pipework and fittings made without removing any insulation. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Heating and hot water

Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Drainage

Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

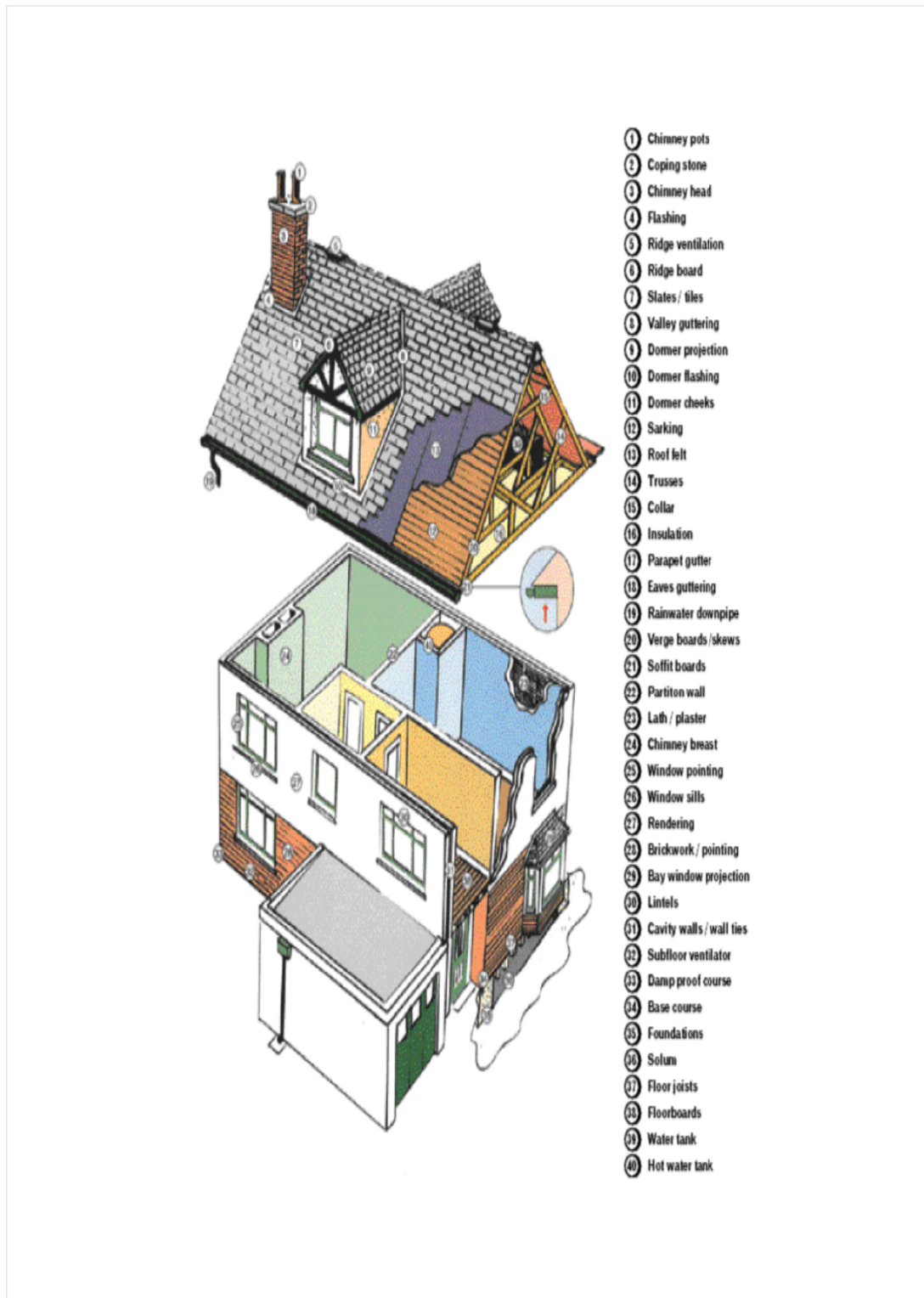
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. No comment is made as to the presence or otherwise of security installation(s).

Any additional limits to inspection:

No readily available access to sub-floor voids.






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 terms.

2. CONDITION

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

	Structural movement	
Repair category	Category 1	
Notes:	No major issues noted at time of inspection.	
	Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	Category 1	
Notes:	No rot or infestation encountered during our inspection.	
	Chimney stacks	
Repair category:	N/a	
Notes:	None.	
	Roofing including roof space	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	Natural slated pitch span roof; ridge tiles to match; 300mm of glass wool quilt between/over ceiling ties; structural timber trusses; treated softwood sarking, breathable membrane.	
	Rainwater fittings	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	Pvcu half round gutters at eaves and pvcu drop pipes. No adverse comments.	



Main walls

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	300 mm thick brick/ concrete new cavity block construction with roughcast outer face; plasterboard dry lined finish internally. 600mm thick solid stone walls lined internally with treated timber framing having 140mm Kingspan wall insulation between studs and 38mm insulated plasterboard across timbers. Plaster skim coat internally with emulsion paint finish.



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Double glazed pvcu casement type pvcu windows throughout, two of which are newly replaced to the rear bedrooms Matching sill boards and painted linings/facings. Two new insulated and double glazed single leaf doors and one two leafed double glazed doors to patio from dining area. White pvcu fascia/soffit boards.



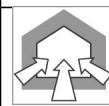
External decorations

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Good general decorative condition.



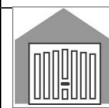
Conservatories / porches

Repair category:	N/a
Notes:	None.



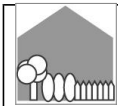
Communal areas

Repair category:	N/a
Notes:	None



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category:	N/a
Notes:	None.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Drive formed with compacted gravel at front; grass lawn/drying area to rear. There are slabs as a patio and paths; drying green at the rear. The rear garden is top-soiled and cultivated ready for planting in season.



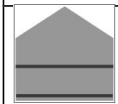
Ceilings

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Plasterboard and plaster in new condition, having painted finishes. Insulation is incorporated as sound deadening between first floor joists. No adverse comments.



Internal walls

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Timber stud partitions with plasterboard and skim coat plaster both sides. No adverse comments.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Suspended timber to first floor. Insulated concrete slab to ground floor, with underfloor heating pipes and screeded finish.




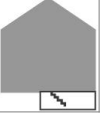




Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Internal doors are oak finished single leaf panelled generally; Kitchen units are modern and in new condition. Finishes are moulded section to match doors. Timber stair from ground floor to first floor landing with timber balustrade railing to open string.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category:	N/a
Notes:	None.

	Internal decorations	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	In good 'walk-in' condition.	
	Cellars	
Repair category:	N/a	
Notes:	None.	
	Electricity	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	<p>Mains 230 volt single phase supply. Power points flush mounted; MCB type consumers unit and meter in cabinet in outer corner of Living room.</p> <p>The IET recommends regular inspections and tests (e.g every 10 years or upon a change of occupancy). Only the most recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations that comply with current (18th Edition) IET Regs.</p>	
	Gas	
Repair category:	N/a	
Notes:	None.	
	Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	<p>Mains water; white sanitary ware; w.c', whb, bath with shower unit in first floor Family Bathroom; w.c .,whb and shower in ground floor Shower Room off Utility.</p> <p>Pipework mainly in copper, insulated as necessary.</p>	
	Heating and hot water	
Repair category:	Category 1	
Notes:	<p>Heating and hot water by electrical Air Source Heat Pump mounted externally to the rear of the Shower room. Radiators in first floor areas, mainly with thermostatic control valves; underfloor heating pipes in ground floor areas. Hot water cylinder located in first floor landing cupboard.</p>	

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Drainage

Repair category:	Category 1
Notes:	Waste and surface water drains in pvcu pipes. Soil and waste pipe above ground in pvcu. Connects to Scottish Water mains sewer. No adverse comments

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	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	1
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

Repair Categories

Category 3:
Urgent Repairs or replacement are needed now. Failure to deal with them may cause problems to other parts of the property or cause a safety hazard. Estimates for repairs or replacement are needed now.

Category 2:
Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.

Category 1:
No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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

3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

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

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

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

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 re-instatement cost for insurance purposes.

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Standard searches. Check boundaries against original titles.

Reinstatement Cost Assessment

Estimated at £420,000.00.

This estimates the anticipated cost of reconstructing a building for insurance purposes in the event of substantial damage or total loss which includes, among other things, for demolition and re-landscaping during the reconstruction period. This is not to be in any way taken as an indication of market value, having been prepared for insurance purposes only.

Valuation and market comments

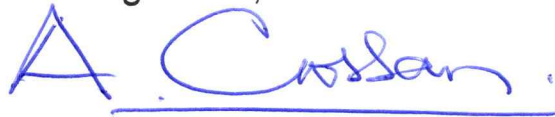
£ 235,000.00

Market conditions locally have been slow due to interest rate rises for several months and likely to continue for some months ahead.

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Date of report: 25th June, 2023

Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

BETTYKNOWES, 59 MAIN STREET, CROSSMICHAEL, CASTLE DOUGLAS, DG7 3AU

Dwelling type: End-terrace house
Date of assessment: 23 June 2023
Date of certificate: 20 July 2023
Total floor area: 128 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 181 kWh/m²/year

Reference number: 0110-2787-6060-2227-4675
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: Elmhurst
Main heating and fuel: Air source heat pump, underfloor, electric

You can use this document to:

- Compare current ratings of properties to see which are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly
- Find out how to save energy and money and also reduce CO₂ emissions by improving your home

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*

£8,319

See your recommendations report for more information

Over 3 years you could save*

£561

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

Very energy efficient - lower running costs



Current	Potential
70	80

Energy Efficiency Rating

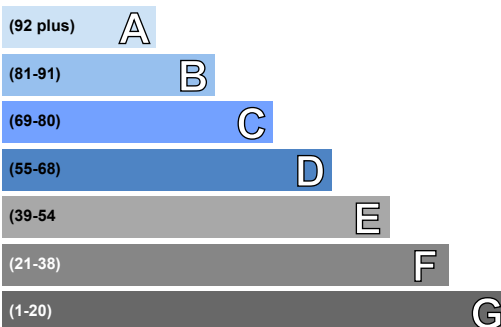
This graph shows the current efficiency of your home, taking into account both energy efficiency and fuel costs. The higher this rating, the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

Your current rating is **band C (70)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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

Not energy efficient - higher running costs

Very environmentally friendly - lower CO₂ emissions



Current	Potential
73	82

Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band C (73)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

Not environmentally friendly - higher CO₂ emissions

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£558.00
2 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels	£3,500 - £5,500	£1866.00

A full list of recommended improvement measures for your home, together with more information on potential cost and savings and advice to help you carry out improvements can be found in your recommendations report.

To find out more about the recommended measures and other actions you could take today to stop wasting energy and money, visit greenerscotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

THIS PAGE IS THE ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE WHICH MUST BE AFFIXED TO THE DWELLING AND NOT BE REMOVED UNLESS IT IS REPLACED WITH AN UPDATED CERTIFICATE

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

This table sets out the results of the survey which lists the current energy-related features of this home. Each element is assessed by the national calculation methodology; 1 star = very poor (least efficient), 2 stars = poor, 3 stars = average, 4 stars = good and 5 stars = very good (most efficient). The assessment does not take into consideration the condition of an element and how well it is working. 'Assumed' means that the insulation could not be inspected and an assumption has been made in the methodology, based on age and type of construction.

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, with internal insulation Timber frame, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★★ ★★★★★	★★★★★ ★★★★★
Roof	Roof room(s), insulated	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Solid, insulated	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Air source heat pump, underfloor, electric	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Main heating controls	Time and temperature zone control	★★★★★	★★★★★
Secondary heating	None	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★☆☆☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	★★★★★	★★★★★

The energy efficiency rating of your home

Your Energy Efficiency Rating is calculated using the standard UK methodology, RdSAP. This calculates energy used for heating, hot water, lighting and ventilation and then applies fuel costs to that energy use to give an overall rating for your home. The rating is given on a scale of 1 to 100. Other than the cost of fuel for electrical appliances and for cooking, a building with a rating of 100 would cost almost nothing to run.

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO₂ emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.


The impact of your home on the environment

One of the biggest contributors to global warming is carbon dioxide. The energy we use for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK's carbon dioxide emissions. Different fuels produce different amounts of carbon dioxide for every kilowatt hour (kWh) of energy used. The Environmental Impact Rating of your home is calculated by applying these 'carbon factors' for the fuels you use to your overall energy use.

The calculated emissions for your home are 31 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 3.9 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 1.1 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.




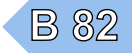
Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£5,991 over 3 years	£6,006 over 3 years	
Hot water	£1,803 over 3 years	£1,227 over 3 years	
Lighting	£525 over 3 years	£525 over 3 years	
Totals	£8,319	£7,758	

These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The potential savings in energy costs show the effect of undertaking all of the recommended measures listed below.

Recommendations for improvement

The measures below will improve the energy and environmental performance of this dwelling. The performance ratings after improvements listed below are cumulative; that is, they assume the improvements have been installed in the order that they appear in the table. Further information about the recommended measures and other simple actions to take today to save money is available from the Home Energy Scotland hotline which can be contacted on 0808 808 2282. Before carrying out work, make sure that the appropriate permissions are obtained, where necessary. This may include permission from a landlord (if you are a tenant) or the need to get a Building Warrant for certain types of work.

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£186		
2 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£622		

Choosing the right improvement package

For free and impartial advice on choosing suitable measures for your property, contact the Home Energy Scotland hotline on 0808 808 2282 or go to www.greenerscotland.org.



About the recommended measures to improve your home's performance rating

This section offers additional information and advice on the recommended improvement measures for your home

1 Solar water heating

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

2 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present:

- Air source heat pump

Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	9,470	N/A	N/A	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,864			

About this document

This Recommendations Report and the accompanying Energy Performance Certificate are valid for a maximum of ten years. These documents cease to be valid where superseded by a more recent assessment of the same building carried out by a member of an Approved Organisation.

The Energy Performance Certificate and this Recommendations Report for this building were produced following an energy assessment undertaken by an assessor accredited by Elmhurst (www.elmhurstenergy.co.uk), an Approved Organisation Appointed by Scottish Ministers. The certificate has been produced under the Energy Performance of Buildings (Scotland) Regulations 2008 from data lodged to the Scottish EPC register. You can verify the validity of this document by visiting www.scottishepcregister.org.uk and entering the report reference number (RRN) printed at the top of this page.

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Advice and support to improve this property

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

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