

# HARVEY DONALDSON & GIBSON

CHARTERED SURVEYORS

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- 1. Single Survey
- 2. Energy Report
- 3. Property Questionnaire



### survey report on:

Property address	8 Castle Street, Findochty, Buckie, AB56 4RF
Customer	Mr & Mrs N Atkinson
Customer address	Auchanachie House, Tillynaught, Portsoy, AB45 2YQ



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Date of inspection	10th June 2019
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#### **PART 1 - GENERAL**

#### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The ultimate holding company of Harvey Donaldson & Gibson is Countrywide plc. In Scotland, Countrywide plc also own Slater Hogg & Howison and Countrywide North. A full list of estate agents owned or under franchise to Countrywide plc is available on request. Harvey Donaldson & Gibson trades as an entirely separate company and has no financial interest whatsoever in the disposal of the property being inspected.

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

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

The Surveyors will not provide an amended Report on the Property, except to correct factual inaccuracies.

The Report will identify the nature and source of information relied upon in its preparation.

The Surveyor shall provide a Market Value of the Property, unless the condition of the Property is such that it would be inappropriate to do so. A final decision on whether a loan will be granted rests with the Lender who may impose retentions in line with their lending criteria. The date of condition and value of the property will be the date of inspection.

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Codes of Conduct.

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

contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.<sup>2</sup>

#### 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless they assign the same to any other party in writing.

#### 1.7 PAYMENT

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

#### 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

#### 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

#### 1.1 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Which shall be in accordance with the current RICS Valuation Standards (The Red Book) and RICS Rules of Conduct

- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;
- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

#### PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

#### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

#### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

researched.

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

#### 2.3 THE REPORT

The Report will be prepared by the Surveyor who carried out the property inspection and will describe various aspects of the property as defined by the headings of the Single Survey report with the comments being general and unbiased. The report on the location, style and condition of the property, will be concise and will be restricted to matters that could have a material effect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

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

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

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

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

#### 2.4 SERVICES

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

#### 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

#### 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

#### 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

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

- There are rights of access and exit over all communal roadways, corridors, stairways etc. and to use communal grounds, parking areas, and other facilities;
- There are no particularly troublesome or unusual legal restrictions;
- There is no current dispute between the occupiers of the flats or any outstanding claims or losses; and the costs of repairs to the building are shared among the co-proprietors on an equitable basis.

Any additional assumption, or any found not to apply, is reported.

"Re-instatement cost" is an estimate for insurance purposes of the current cost of rebuilding the Property in its present form unless otherwise stated. This includes the cost of rebuilding the garage and permanent outbuildings, site clearance and professional fees, but excludes VAT (except on the fees).

Sellers or prospective Purchasers may consider it prudent to instruct a reinspection and revaluation after a period of 12 weeks (or sooner if appropriate) to reflect changing circumstances in the market and/or in the physical condition of the Property.

#### 1. Information and scope of inspection

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

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

The inspection is carried out without causing damage to the building or its contents and without endangering the occupiers or the surveyor. Heavy furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved. Unless identified in the report the surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

Services such as TV/cable connection, internet connection, swimming pools and other leisure facilities etc. will not be inspected or reported on.

Description	The subjects comprise a two storey detached house which we understand was built in 1904.
	The property is currently configured to comprise two self-contained flats, each with separate entrances.
Accommodation	The property comprises the following:
	Ground Floor: Hallway, two bedrooms, living room, rear porch, kitchen, shower room, w.c.
	First Floor: Assessed via external steps to: porch, hallway, living room, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	119
Neighbourhood and location	The neighbourhood is mainly residential on the edge of a coastal village, comprising a street of similar properties.
Age	115 years.
Weather	It was over cast and dry at the time of the inspection with light showers prior.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	The chimneyheads are of stone construction.
	The single chimney to the rear extension is brick.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.
	Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.
	If this is not possible, then physical access to the roof space may be taken by other means if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so.
	The roof is pitched and covered with slates.
	The main roof space is accessed via a hatch in the landing ceiling.
	There is a water cylinder in the roof space, although we were unable to determine if it is functional.
	Roof space inspection was limited to a head and shoulders view only as the roof space is not boarded underfoot.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Rainwater discharge is via uPVC and metal gutters and downpipes.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
	The main walls are of traditional Scottish construction having mainly solid stone outer walls, part rendered.
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.
	Windows are single glazed timber units; some have secondary glazing.
	Doors are timber units.
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External decorations	Visually inspected.
	External surfaces are painted, where applicable.
Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
	There is a porch attached to the rear of the main dwelling; this is of
	a timber construction and has a flat roof covered in polycarbonate sheeting.

Communal areas	None.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	No garages or outbuildings.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	There are garden grounds to the rear of the property, suitably bounded.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level
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	The ceilings are mainly lath & plaster; some may be plaster and/or fibre board.
	Laths are thin timber strips nailed to the underside of timber joists with a gap of around 1cm (1/2 inch) between each strip. Plaster is the applied to the laths and pushed up between them to stick the plaster into place. With time the plaster tends to crack where it has been forced between the laths, cracks and will eventually collapse. This is a slow ongoing process taking decades or centuries. Some ceilings fail within 60 years whilst others may last in excess of 200 years. The rate of deterioration depends on the quality of the ceiling, the rigidity of the ceiling joists and the amount of disturbance and vibration in the property.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls and partitions are finished mainly in lath and plaster; some may be plaster and/or fibre board.
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.
	Floors are suspended timber and solid.
	There is no apparent means of sub-floor access.
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Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Internal doors are timber.
	Door surrounds, skirting boards and stair are timber.
	Kitchen fittings consist of floor and wall mounted units.
	There are various built-in timber cupboards.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	The chimney breasts are plastered masonry.
	It is understood that additional fireplaces were an original feature of the building; however, these have been blocked up, the surrounds removed and are no longer operational. It is assumed that any unused flues are suitably vented.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Papered and painted walls and ceilings, glossed internal woodwork, etc.
Cellars	No cellar.
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 electricity is installed.
	A modern consumer unit and meter is located in a ground floor bedroom cupboard. We understand that the upper flat's meter is also contained within this cupboard. The switch and socket outlets are plastic and the wiring is sheathed with PVC, where visible.
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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.
	A mains supply of gas is connected, the gas meter located

Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Water is supplied from the mains.
	The shower room has a shower unit
	The bathroom has a bath with shower over, basin and w.c.
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.
	Heating and hot water for the ground floor is provided by a wall-mounted, combination/condensing gas-fired boiler in the kitchen.
	The first floor is unheated.
Drainage	Drainage covers etc were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains drainage is understood to be connected.
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	The property has smoke detectors, although the detector to the first floor is damaged and appears to be inoperative
Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes
	Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.
	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
	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

#### Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



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

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

#### 2. Condition

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

Category 3	Category 2	Category 1
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 movemen	it
Repair category	1
Notes	There is evidence of previous movement in the form of localised hairline cracking to the external building fabric. The movement is considered to be longstanding in nature with no indication of recent structural deterioration. On the basis of a limited single inspection, no further significant movement is anticipated.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	3
Notes	Woodworm infestation was noted to timbers in the roof space. Treatment works should be implemented by a reputable firm of timber specialists. It is also advised that the aforementioned firm carry out an inspection of all accessible timbers and should further infestation be encountered, this should also be treated accordingly.  Evidence of rising dampness was noted to various lower wall surfaces.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Flashings are weathered, pitted and old.  Flashings are formed in cement, which is an inferior material with a limited life expectancy.

Roofing including roof space		
Repair category	3	
Notes	Active damp penetration was noted at various locations throughout the roof space, and it should be fully appreciated that timbers in contact with dampness are prone to decay.	
	The property is covered with its original slated roof, nearing the end of its performance life, and a number of slates were noted to be loose, missing and/or broken. In the absence of complete stripping and re-covering, this roof structure will be an increasingly frequent source of maintenance expenditure.	
	Mortar between the skews and slates has deteriorated.	
	Slate roof coverings commonly have a life expectancy of around 100 years although this can vary by a couple of decades depending on several factors such as the degree of exposure and the quality of the nails holding the slates in place. With time the nails rust and break. The slates may also often tear around the nail holes. With age slates begin to slip. They can be repaired periodically for some years as and when slates slip. The frequency of slippage inevitably increases until repair becomes impractical and then the roof has been stripped and recovered.	

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Cast iron components show signs of corrosion.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Open jointing, cracking and stone spalling are evident to stonework in various locations.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Window timbers show signs of weathering and deterioration. Rotted, defective and leaking external window timbers can lead to decay and damage to the internal structure. It is often found that outbreaks of rot to flooring timbers in window areas has occurred directly as a result of leakage from, or decay of, older window timbers which permits water penetration to occur behind window linings and into the masonry which holds and supports the floor joists.  Condensation and black spot mould was noted around window frames, attributable to inadequate heating and ventilation.

External decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathering / peeling paintwork was noted to external timbers.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	2
Notes	The rear porch is of a very basic construction with minimal insulation qualities. It is likely to need replacing soon.

Communal areas	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	-
Notes	No garages or outbuildings - not applicable.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Some walkways are off level and cracked.
	A boundary fence to the rear has weathered and leans slightly.

Ceilings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Plaster cracking and deterioration was noted to ceiling surfaces, consistent with age. As age increases, it is not unusual for the plaster to lose its key with the timber lathing, and such defects are only revealed when decorative surfaces are stripped to allow redecoration to take place.  The sloping ceiling to the ground floor w.c. has a bulge.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Internal wall finishes are saturated where rising dampness has been identified.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	1
Notes	Floors appear satisfactory within the limitations of the inspection, if a little uneven in places.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	
Repair category	2
Notes	Kitchen fittings are dated and display signs of wear and tear.
	Some joinery displays signs of wear and tear.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces		
Repair category	1	
Notes	The chimney breast and fireplace appear satisfactory.	
	No inspection of inner flue linings was possible.	
	As a matter of best practice, any blocked chimneys/fireplaces require to be vented in order to avoid a build up of condensation dampness.	

Internal decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes Internal decorations are dated and show evidence of wear and tear.	

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.

Electricity		
Repair category	1	
Notes	It is likely that only properties recently constructed or rewired will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations introduced in 2017.  It is recommended good practice that all electrical installations should be checked periodically, approximately every ten years or when a property changes hands. This should be regarded as a routine safety and maintenance check.  The electrical system to the ground floor is relativity modern and there is evidence of a recent test.	

Gas	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects noted. All gas appliances should be tested and thereafter regularly maintained by a Gas Safe registered contractor.

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings		
Repair category	1	
Notes	Sanitary fittings, whilst functional, are dated.  The plumbing in the majority of properties built before 1945 was carried in lead.  Given the age of the property, there is a risk that there could be lead piping in concealed locations. Should this be encountered, it would be essential to have this replaced, on health grounds.	

Heating and hot water		
Repair category	1	
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the heating system or hot water system, although these have not been tested.	

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the drainage system, within the limitations of the inspection.

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

Structural movement	1
Dampness, rot and infestation	3
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	3
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	2
Conservatories/porches	2
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	-
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	2
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	1
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	2
Cellars	-
Electricity	1
Gas	1
Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	1
Heating and hot water	1
Drainage	1

#### **Category 3**

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

#### Category 2

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

#### Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

#### Remember

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

#### Warning

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

#### 3. Accessibility information

#### Guidance notes on accessibility information

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

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

Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:

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

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

#### 4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

#### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The tenure is understood to be Outright Ownership.

In line with our normal practice, it is specifically assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a competent Completing Solicitor by a local search and replies to the usual enquiries, or by any statutory notice and planning proposal.

During the inspection it was noted that internal alterations and external extensions have taken place to form two separate flatted properties; in this regard it is assumed that, if required, all necessary Local Authority Consents and Certifications have been granted or will be made available.

Estimated	l reinstatemer	nt cost for	insurance	purposes

£280,000 (Two hundred and eighty thousand pounds).

#### Valuation and market comments

In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 10th June 2019 is £150,000 (one hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling).

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Report author	Mark McClelland-Jones	
Company name	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson	
Address	Park House, South Street, Elgin, Moray, IV30 1JB	
Date of report	14th June 2019	



Address 8 Castle Street, Findochty, Buckie, AB56 4RF Mr & Mrs N Atkinson Date of Inspection 10th June 2019  Property Details  Property Type   House   Bungalow   Purpose built maisonette   Converted maisonet		
Seller's Name Date of Inspection 10th June 2019    Property Details	Property Address	
Property Type	Seller's Name	Mr & Mrs N Atkinson
Purpose built flat   Converted flat   Tenement flat   Flat over non-residential use   Other (specify in General Remarks)	<b>Property Details</b>	
Back to back  High rise block  Low rise block  Other (specify in General Remarks)  Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police?  Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located  No. of floors in block  Lift provided? Yes No No. of units in block  No. of units in block  No. of units in block  Approximate Year of Construction  No. of units in block  No. of units	Property Type	Purpose built flat Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use
e.g. local authority, military, police?  Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located	Property Style	
Approximate Year of Construction 1904  Tenure    Absolute Ownership   Leasehold   Ground rent £   Unexpired years	Does the surveyor be e.g. local authority, m	elieve that the property was built for the public sector, Yes X No nilitary, police?
Tenure  X Absolute Ownership Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years  Accommodation  Number of Rooms 2 Living room(s) 3 Bedroom(s) 2 Kitchen(s) 2 Bathroom(s) 2 WC(s) 0 Other (Specify in General remarks)  Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) 119 m² (Internal) 140 m² (External)  Residential Element (greater than 40%) X Yes No  Garage / Parking / Outbuildings  Single garage Double garage Parking space X No garage / parking space / parking space  Available on site? Yes X No  Permanent outbuildings:	Flats/Maisonettes on	
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Available on site? Yes X No  Permanent outbuildings:	Garage / Parking /	Outbuildings
No permanent outbuildings	Permanent outbuildin	ngs:
	No permanent outb	uildings

Construction							
Walls	Brick	X Stone	Concrete	Timber frame	Other	r (specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Roof	Tile	X Slate	Asphalt	Felt	Other	r (specify in Gen	eral Remarks)
Special Risks							
Has the property s	suffered struc	ctural moveme	ent?			X Yes	□No
If Yes, is this rece						Yes	X No
	history, or re		ipate subsidenc	e, heave, landslip o	or flood in the	Yes	X No
If Yes to any of the	e above, pro	vide details in	General Remar	ks.			
Service Connec	etion						
Based on visual ir	nspection onl	y. If any servi	ces appear to be	e non-mains, pleas	e comment c	on the type ar	nd location
of the supply in Go Drainage	X Mains	Private	None	Water	X Mains	Private	None
Electricity	X Mains	Private	None	Gas	X Mains	Private	None
Central Heating	Yes	X Partial	None	Cuo	[A] Iviali15	i iivate	None
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Brief description of		ating:					
Heating fuel: Ga							
Heating type: Ra	adiators						
Site							
Apparent legal iss	ues to be ve	rified by the c	onveyancer. Ple	ase provide a brief	description i	n General Re	emarks.
X Rights of way	X Shared dri	ves / access	Garage or other	r amenities on separate	e site Shar	ed service conn	ections
Ill-defined boundar	ies	Agricul	tural land included v	vith property	Othe	er (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Location							
Residential suburb	Re	esidential within to	own / city Mix	xed residential / comme	rcial Main	ly commercial	
X Commuter village	Re	emote village	Iso	lated rural property	Othe	er (specify in Ge	neral Remarks)
Planning Issues	5						
Has the property b	peen extende	ed / converted	/ altered?	Yes X No			
If Yes provide deta			_				
Roads							
X Made up road	Unmade roa	ad Partly	completed new roa	d Pedestrian a	access only	Adopted	Unadopted

Comment on Mortgagea	bility					
The property affords adequate security for loan purposes based on the valuation figure subject to the ne essential repairs. Costed estimates should be obtained, as retentions based on estimates produced will						
Valuations						
Market value in present cor Market value on completion Insurance reinstatement va (to include the cost of total Is a reinspection necessary	n of essential repairs lue rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)	£ 150,000 £ 155,000 £ 280,000				
What is the reasonable rangementh Short Assured Tenal	ge of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 ncy basis?	£				
	here there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type?	Yes No				
Declaration						
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Surveyor's name Professional qualifications	Electronically signed by:- Mark McClelland-Jones AssocRICS					
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### **Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)**

Dwellings

### **Scotland**

#### 8 CASTLE STREET, FINDOCHTY, BUCKIE, AB56 4RF

Dwelling type:
Date of assessment:
Date of certificate:
Total floor area:

Detached house
10 June 2019
113 m<sup>2</sup>

Primary Energy Indicator: 442 kWh/m²/year

**Reference number:** 7611-8026-9000-0910-8996 **Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling

Approved Organisation: Elmhurst

Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, mains

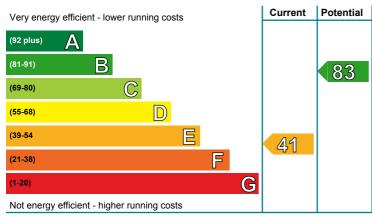
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#### You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£6,171	See your recommendations
Over 3 years you could save*	£3,480	report for more information

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

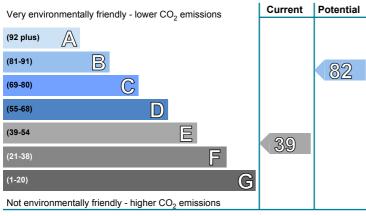


#### **Energy Efficiency Rating**

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

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

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



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

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ ) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band E (39)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£855.00
2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£120.00
3 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£1548.00

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	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	***	***
Roof	Pitched, no insulation Pitched, no insulation (assumed)	*	★☆☆☆☆ ★☆☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed) Solid, no insulation (assumed)	_ _	_ _
Windows	Single glazed	****	****
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	****	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	****	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, electric	_	_
Hot water	From main system	****	<b>★★★</b> ☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 33% of fixed outlets	***	***

#### The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, running costs and the savings possible from making improvements.

#### The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 77 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 8.8 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 6.1 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	£5,448 over 3 years	£2,220 over 3 years	
Hot water	£312 over 3 years	£222 over 3 years	You could
Lighting	£411 over 3 years	£249 over 3 years	save £3,480
Totals	£6,171	£2,691	over 3 years

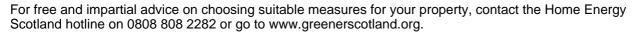
These figures show how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. This excludes energy use for running appliances such as TVs, computers and cookers, and the benefits of any electricity generated by this home (for example, from photovoltaic panels). The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

December ded massives		Indicative cost	Typical saving	Rating after improvement		
Recommended measures		indicative cost	per year	Energy	Environment	
1	Increase loft insulation to 270 mm	£100 - £350	£285	E 49	(E 46	
2	Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation	£850 - £1,500	£40	E 50	E 47	
3	Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£516	D 65	D 64	
4	Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£112	D 68	D 67	
5	Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£40	£46	C 69	D 68	
6	Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£31	C 70	C 70	
7	Replace single glazed windows with low- E double glazed windows	£3,300 - £6,500	£131	C 74	C 74	
8	Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£299	B 83	B 82	

#### Choosing the right improvement package





#### 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 Loft insulation

Loft insulation laid in the loft space or between roof rafters to a depth of at least 270 mm will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation should not be placed below any cold water storage tank, any such tank should also be insulated on its sides and top, and there should be boarding on battens over the insulation to provide safe access between the loft hatch and the cold water tank. The insulation can be installed by professional contractors but also by a capable DIY enthusiast. Loose granules may be used instead of insulation quilt; this form of loft insulation can be blown into place and can be useful where access is difficult. The loft space must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about loft insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk).

#### 2 Flat roof or sloping ceiling insulation

Insulating a flat roof or sloping ceiling will significantly reduce heat loss through the roof; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulation can be placed on top of the roof under the waterproof membrane and should particularly be considered when the waterproofing needs to be replaced. Further information about roof insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

#### 3 Internal or external wall insulation

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

#### 4 Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Suspended floors can often be insulated from below but must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation. Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

#### 5 Low energy lighting

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

#### 6 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.

#### 7 Double glazed windows

Double glazing is the term given to a system where two panes of glass are made up into a sealed unit. Replacing existing single-glazed windows with double-glazed windows will improve comfort in the home by reducing draughts and cold spots near windows. Double-glazed windows may also reduce noise, improve security and combat problems with condensation. Building regulations apply to this work and planning permission may also be required, so it is best to check with your local authority on what standards need to be met. A building warrant is not required if the windows comply with the current requirements.

#### 8 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: There are none provided for this home

#### Your home's heat demand

You could receive Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) payments and help reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat and, where appropriate, having your loft insulated and cavity walls filled. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments. For more information go to www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/rhi.

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	28,855	(4,800)	N/A	(8,609)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,276			

#### Addendum

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

#### **About this document**

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.

Assessor's name: Mr. Mark McClelland-Jones

Assessor membership number: EES/020000

Company name/trading name: Harvey Donaldson & Gibson Chartered Surveyors

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Related party disclosure: No related party

If you have any concerns regarding the content of this report or the service provided by your assessor you should in the first instance raise these matters with your assessor and with the Approved Organisation to which they belong. All Approved Organisations are required to publish their complaints and disciplinary procedures and details can be found online at the web address given above.

#### Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at www.scottishepcregister.org.uk, with the facility to search for any single record by entering the property address. This gives everyone access to any current, valid EPC except where a property has a Green Deal Plan, in which case the report reference number (RRN) must first be provided. The energy performance data in these documents, together with other building information gathered during the assessment is held on the Scottish EPC Register and is available to authorised recipients, including organisations delivering energy efficiency and carbon reduction initiatives on behalf of the Scottish and UK governments. A range of data from all assessments undertaken in Scotland is also published periodically by the Scottish Government. Further information on these matters and on Energy Performance Certificates in general, can be found at www.gov.scot/epc.

#### 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 greeners cotland.org or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

Home Energy Scotland's independent and expert advisors can offer free and impartial advice on all aspects of energy efficiency, renewable energy and more.

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Property address	
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FINDOCHTY,	
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AB56	

	N.L. ATKINSON,
Seller(s)	C.A. ATKINSON

Completion date of property	10/6/19.
guestionnaire	



- 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.

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1.	Length of ownership 17 years on 817 19	-1.	
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2.	Council tax		
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please tick)		
	A B C D E F G H		
3.	Parking		
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply)		
	Garage		
	Allocated parking space		
	Driveway		
	Shared parking		
	On street		
	Resident permit		
	Metered parking		
	Other (please specify):		
4.	Conservation area		
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes No Don't know	
5.	Listed buildings		
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes No	
6.	Alterations/additions/extensions		
a.	(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?	Yes No	



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	If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:		
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	Yes No	
b.	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:	Yes No	
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced? SECONDARY GLAZING -	Yes No	
	openings?	Yes No	
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or approximate dates when the work was completed):	<b>A</b> .	
7.	Central heating		
a.	Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property — the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).	Yes No Partial JUST Down 6 TR	
	If you have answered yes or partial – what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).	CAS FIA	RED.
	If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:		
	i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	APRILZ	014



	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? NOT A CONTRACT— HE JUST DOES IT WHEN WE CONTACT HIM.	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:  POSS MCKENZIE LIDE RMPLUMBING TO THE PLUMBING TO THE PLUMBING TO THE PROPERTY ABUS OF THE PR	HEATING UT	
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).		
8.	Energy Performance Certificate		
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes No	W Co.
9.	Issues that may have affected your property		
a.	Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?	Yes No	
b.	Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?  If you have answered yes, please give details:	Yes No	



10.	Services				-
a. Ple supplie	ase tick which services are er:	connected to your property	and give d	etails of the	
Servi	ces	Connected	Supplier		
Gas o	r liquid petroleum gas	GAS.	SCOTT	SH GAS	
	mains or private supply	WATER MAINS	•		
Electr	ricity	ELECTRICITY.	Scott	SH GAS	> 4
Mains	s drainage	YES.			
Telep	hone	YES.			
Cable	TV or satellite	20.			
Broad	lband	YES .			
b.	below:  (i) Do you have appropriat your septic tank?  (ii) Do you have a maintent of the septic tank?  If you have answered yes, with which you have a ma	please answer the two queste consents for the discharge ance contract for your septing please give details of the contenance contract:	e from	Yes No Yes No Don't know Yes	
11. a.	Responsibilities for share  Are you aware of any responsible.		cost of	Yes	
	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?  If you have answered yes, please give details:			No Don't know	
b.	the roof, common stairwell	olease give details:		Yes No Don't know	
C.	Has there been any major r	epair or replacement of any p	part of the	Yes	

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d.	Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please give details: ACCESS ON THE DRIVEWAY OF NO 10 CASTLE ST. FOR MAINTENANCE OF BOUNDARY/HOUSE W.	ALL.	
e.	As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
f.	As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
12.	Charges associated with your property		
a.	Is there a factor or property manager for your property?	Yes No	R
	If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:	No	
b.	Is there a common buildings insurance policy?	Yes	
	If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?	No Don't know	
C.	Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regulupkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a resident maintenance or stair fund.		or
13.	Specialist works		
a.	As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.		
	As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?	Yes No	
b.	If you have answered yes, please give details:		
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c.	if you have answered yes, these guarantee purchaser and should be given to your sol possible for checking. If you do not have the solicitor or estate agent will arrange for the will also need to provide a description of the This may be shown in the original estimate Guarantees are held by:	leitor as s nem your am to be d ne work c	ioon as self, you obtained.	You		
14.	Guarantees					
a.	Are there any guarantees or warranties for	any of th	e followi	ng:		
		No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost
(i)	Electrical work					
(ii)	Roofing					
(iii)	Central heating April 2014					
(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)					
(v)	Damp course					
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)					
b.	If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title de installations to which the guarantee(s) rel		ase give	details of	the work or	
c.	Are there any outstanding claims under a listed above?		guarante	es	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes, please give de	tails:				
15.	Boundaries					
	So far as you are aware, has any bounda moved in the last 10 years?  If you have answered yes, please give de		property	been	Yes No Don't know	v
16.	Notices that affect your property					N N HEWSE
	In the past three years have you ever re			- Andrew Area		
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbour planning application?	ing prope	erty has	made a	Yes No	
b.	that affects your property in some other	er way?			Yes No	



c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes No	
	If you have answered yes to any of a_c above, please give solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive date of entry of the purchaser of your property.	the notices to you at any time befo	ur ore the

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

MWe 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: 10 6 19.

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