

Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	6 Lennox Court, Fochabers, IV32 7DR
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Customer	Mr & Mrs J Johnston
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PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

The individual Surveyor will be a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors who is competent to survey, value and report upon Residential Property¹.

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

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

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

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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

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contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.²

1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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

1.7 PAYMENT

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

1.8 CANCELLATION

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

The Surveyor will be entitled not to proceed with the inspection (and will so report promptly to the Seller) if after arriving at the property, the Surveyor concludes that it is of a type of construction of which the Surveyor has insufficient specialist knowledge to be able to provide the inspection satisfactorily. 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;

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

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

PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

2.1 THE SERVICE

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

2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

researched.

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

2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

2.4 SERVICES

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

2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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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 converted top floor flat comprising part of a two storey block of four flats.
Accommodation	The Accommodation comprises - First floor - Entrance vestibule, hallway, kitchen, bathroom, box room, living room and two bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	74
Neighbourhood and location	The property is situated in a residential area in the village of Fochabers. Surrounding properties are of similar age and character. There are limited amenities in the village, however a wider range of facilities are available in the town of Elgin, located approximately 9 miles distant.
Age	130 years.
Weather	It was dry at the time of the inspection.
Chimney stacks	None.
Roofing including roof space	The roof is pitched, timber framed and covered with slates. Access into the roof space is via a ceiling hatch located in the hallway. The dormer projection is under a flat fibre glass roof.
Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Rainwater discharge is mostly via uPVC gutters and downpipes.

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Main walls	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p> <p>The main external walls are of pointed solid stone construction, rendered externally to the gable.</p>
Windows, external doors and joinery	<p>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</p> <p>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</p> <p>Doors and windows were not forced open.</p> <p>The windows are timber double glazed 'velux' skylights. The patio/balcony doors are of a double glazed upvc.</p> <p>The front door is of timber construction.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The external decorations are painted, where applicable.</p>
Conservatories / porches	None.
Communal areas	<p>Circulation areas visually inspected.</p> <p>There is a shared entrance and staircase giving access to all floors.</p> <p>Externally, there is a shared courtyard.</p> <p>Attached to the rear of the property is a shared garage. We understand the subject does not have a parking space in the garage, however it can be used as access to the courtyard area.</p>
Garages and permanent outbuildings	None.
Outside areas and boundaries	None.
Ceilings	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Ceilings throughout the property are mostly of plasterboard materials.</p>
Internal walls	<p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p> <p>Internal partitions are of timber stud design, plasterboard lined on both faces.</p>

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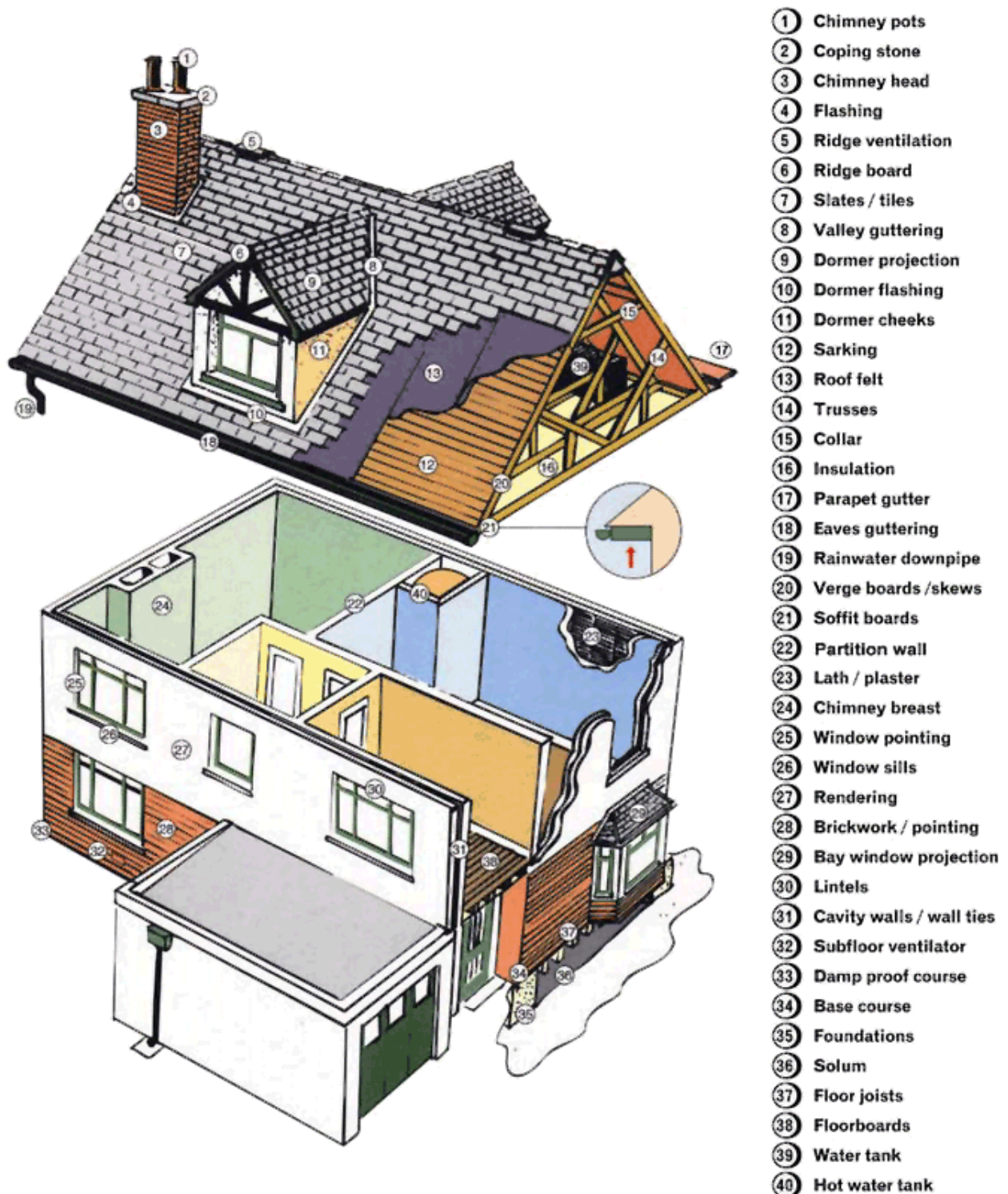
Floors including sub floors	<p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</p> <p>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</p> <p>Flooring throughout the property is mostly of suspended timber design, overlaid in chipboard sheeting, all of which have fully fitted floor coverings.</p>
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	<p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p> <p>The internal doors are a mixture of timber panelled and timber with glazed inserts.</p> <p>The skirting boards and door surrounds are timber.</p> <p>The kitchen fittings consist of floor and wall mounted units with a stainless steel sink.</p>
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	None.
Internal decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>The ceilings and walls are painted and papered. The living room ceiling has a textured finish.</p> <p>The internal joinery is painted and finished with a decorative stain.</p> <p>The kitchen is finished with tiles and the bathroom is finished with tiles and wet-wall panels.</p>
Cellars	None.
Electricity	<p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</p> <p>Mains electricity is installed. We were unable to locate the meter at the time of our inspection. The consumer unit is located above the front door. The system appears to be of a 13 amp type and design. The switch and socket outlets are a mixture of chrome and plastic and the wiring is sheathed with PVC, where visible.</p>

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Gas	<p>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.</p> <p>Gas is supplied from the mains. We understand the meter is located next to the communal front door. There was no access to the meter as the box was locked with a non standard gas key.</p>
Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	<p>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Water is supplied from the mains.</p> <p>The bathroom contains a bath, separate shower cubicle, wash hand basin and w.c.</p> <p>The visible pipework is a mixture of copper and plastic.</p>
Heating and hot water	<p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The property is centrally heated by means of a gas fired system, comprising a combination boiler located in the box room. Heating to the rooms is provided by water filled radiators. The system is of a type designed to provide instantaneous hot water upon demand.</p>
Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>Mains drainage is understood to be connected.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>Smoke/heat detectors and carbon monoxide alarms are installed.</p> <p>Scottish government regulations come into effect in February 2022 which will require each property to have linked smoke and heat detectors and if gas/carbon burning appliances are present then a carbon monoxide alarm fitted. Purchasers should satisfy themselves with regards to compliance.</p>

<p>Any additional limits to inspection</p>	<p>For flats / maisonettes</p> <p>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</p> <p>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</p> <p>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</p> <p>The property was unoccupied, unfurnished and all floors were covered with fixed coverings.</p> <p>This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.</p> <p>The external building fabric has been inspected from ground level only from the subjects grounds and where possible from adjoining public property. Exposure work has not been carried out.</p> <p>It was dry on the date of inspection. Leakage and water penetration within roof spaces, around window openings, etc are sometimes only visible during or immediately after, adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However, asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>Flat roofs cannot be inspected from ground level.</p> <p>The roof space inspection was limited due to the presence of stored items, boarding and insulation material being laid between and over the ceiling joists.</p> <p>There was no access to the gas meter or electric meter.</p> <p>No close inspection was possible to enclosed areas beneath and around washing appliances and sanitary fittings.</p>
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Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house




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


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2. Condition

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

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

 Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	There is evidence of previous movement in the form of localised hairline cracking to the external building fabric and off floor levels internally. 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	1
Notes	<p>An electronic moisture meter was used to measure levels of dampness, at random locations, to lower wall surfaces and floors, where accessible and without moving furniture or lifting floor coverings, if present. No obvious significant dampness, timber decay or infestation noted in the property, within the limitations imposed on the inspection.</p> <p>In a property of this age there is a risk of wood boring beetle infestation in roof timbers and concealed areas. None was noted within the limits of the inspection.</p>

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Roofing including roof space

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The property is covered with its original slated roof, nearing the end of its performance life. Whilst roof slating was found to be evenly coursed, a number of slipped, chipped and broken slates were evident as well as deterioration to the ridge tile pointing. Given its age and lack of sarking felt, in the absence of complete stripping and re-covering, this roof structure will be an increasingly frequent source of maintenance expenditure.</p> <p>Some weathering was evident to the flat roof covering. It should be fully appreciated that a flat roof, even when new does have a limited life and always requires regular and careful ongoing maintenance to ensure it remains in a wind and watertight condition.</p> <p>Within the roof space, visible day light was noted coming in from the gable end. Previous roof leaks have also left some of the internal roofing timbers stained. A roofing contractor should investigate the entire roof structure and any repairs recommended to ensure the property remains wind and water tight should be carried out.</p>



Rainwater fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No significant disrepair was noted to the rainwater goods. It will however be appreciated that the inspection was carried out during dry weather conditions. Sometimes defects in rainwater goods are only apparent during, or after heavy rainfall.</p>



Main walls

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The stonework is affected by some cracking, erosion, staining and open pointing due to a combination of weathering, settlement and leaking rainwater goods. Although considered typical for a property of this age and type of construction, maintenance attention should be anticipated in due course.</p>



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>A number of the velux windows have failed, as a result of defective seals, allowing condensation to build between the panes. The windows are not modern and the life expectancy of same should be fully appreciated.</p>



External decorations

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The external decorations are weathered. The condition of the joinery should be checked and repaired as necessary during redecoration.</p> <p>Paint finishes and decorated external surfaces will require redecoration on a regular basis.</p>



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Communal areas

Repair category	3
Notes	<p>High damp meter readings were recorded in the communal areas. It is recommended that a reputable Timber/ damp specialist firm be employed to carry out a detailed inspection and thereafter implement all necessary remedial works under the cover of a long term guarantee. We have been advised this issue will be rectified prior to sale.</p> <p>Maintenance attention and repairs should be envisaged externally as cracked/missing render is evident to some of the walls.</p> <p>Attached to the rear of the building is a garage which is in a state of disrepair. We understand the subject would not be liable for maintenance of this structure.</p>



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the ceiling surfaces.



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	No obvious significant defects were noted to the internal walls.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	Within the limitations imposed on the inspection, no indications were noted to suggest any serious disrepair. It will however be appreciated that concealed floor timbers cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to the internal joinery or kitchen fittings, allowing for wear and tear.</p> <p>It should be confirmed that all glass doors contain safety glass to comply with current regulations.</p>



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to the internal decoration.</p> <p>The textured ceiling finishes may contain asbestos fibres. This can only be determined by taking a sample for analysis. Even if the ceiling finish does contain asbestos fibres it is not normally considered to be a health hazard provided it is not disturbed, for example it should not be rubbed down during redecoration.</p>



Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	<p>It is likely that only the most recently rewired properties will have electrical installations that fully comply with current regulations. The installation in this property has been tested with the next test due in 2026.</p> <p>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.</p>



Gas

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



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Sanitary fittings, whilst functional, are showing signs of wear.</p> <p>The seal around the tray appears defective, and may have led to damp penetration to concealed areas beneath. It will be fully appreciated that areas not inspected cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect, and that where dampness is present, there is an attendant risk of decay.</p> <p>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.</p>



Heating and hot water

Repair category	2
Notes	<p>No obvious significant defects were noted to the heating system or hot water system, although these have not been tested. However, the central heating boiler is of an older design and opinions suggests that boilers have a life expectancy between 10 and 20 years depending on the quality of the boiler and whether or not regular maintenance has been carried out. Future repair or replacement should be anticipated.</p> <p>It is recommended good practice that gas boilers are serviced on an annual basis by an appropriately qualified person. The boiler's service history should be checked by referring to the service records. If there is no record of a recent service, the boiler should be checked by an appropriately qualified person.</p>



Drainage

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

Single Survey

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

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

4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The 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.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report, or where access was not possible to significant parts of the structure, it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialists or contractors advice and estimates must be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

The property has been formed by conversion. The valuation assumes the existence of all appropriate consents and certifications. We understand the building was converted into flats circa 1980's.

Normal local practice is for common repairs to be shared on an equitable basis. This has been assumed to be the position in this case. It would be prudent to check with the managing agents and/or co-proprietors as to any contemplated or proposed communal repairs.

We understand the subject does not have ownership of the decked area outside the living room and the patio doors to this area were a later addition. The valuation assumes full certification in respect of Building Warrants and Completion Certificates, if required.

Details regarding boundary positions with respect to shared and any exclusive areas should be clarified by the legal advisor.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£370,000 (Three hundred and seventy thousand pounds).

Building costs are currently increasing significantly above inflation due to material and labour shortages. It is recommended that you update this figure regularly to ensure that you have adequate cover or alternatively seek specialist advice from your insurer.

The re-building cost for insurance purposes is for the subject property only and is given solely as a guide, as it is assumed the building as a whole is insured under a single policy.

Valuation and market comments

This is a Replacement Single Survey. The original inspection was carried out on 21st February 2023. In its present condition the opinion of valuation for the Outright Ownership interest with vacant possession on 19 May 2023 is:

£95,000 (Ninety five thousand pounds sterling).

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report, regardless of whether reported as category 1,2 or 3 (please read category definitions), or where access was not possible to significant parts of the structure, it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialists or contractors advice and estimates must be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

Signed

Security Print Code [423088 = 6020]O
Electronically signed

Single Survey

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Company name	Harvey Donaldson And Gibson
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Date of report	6th June 2023

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Property Address

Address 6 Lennox Court, Fochabers, IV32 7DR
Seller's Name Mr & Mrs J Johnston
Date of Inspection 19th May 2023

Property Details

Property Type House Bungalow Purpose built maisonette Converted maisonette
 Purpose built flat Converted flat Tenement flat Flat over non-residential use
 Other (specify in General Remarks)

Property Style Detached Semi detached Mid terrace End terrace
 Back to back High rise block Low rise block Other (specify in General Remarks)

Does the surveyor believe that the property was built for the public sector, e.g. local authority, military, police? Yes No

Flats/Maisonettes only Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No
No. of units in block

Approximate Year of Construction

Tenure

Absolute Ownership Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years

Accommodation

Number of Rooms Living room(s) Bedroom(s) Kitchen(s)
 Bathroom(s) WC(s) Other (Specify in General remarks)

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings) m² (Internal) m² (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%) Yes No

Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

Single garage Double garage Parking space No garage / garage space / parking space
Available on site? Yes No

Permanent outbuildings:

No permanent outbuildings.

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Construction

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

Special Risks

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

Service Connection

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Heating fuel: Gas
Heating type: Radiators

Site

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

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

Location

Residential suburb Residential within town / city Mixed residential / commercial Mainly commercial
 Commuter village Remote village Isolated rural property Other (specify in General Remarks)

Planning Issues

Has the property been extended / converted / altered? Yes No
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.

Roads

Made up road Unmade road Partly completed new road Pedestrian access only Adopted Unadopted

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General Remarks

The property is situated in a residential area in the village of Fochabers. Surrounding properties are of similar age and character. There are limited amenities in the village, however a wider range of facilities are available in the town of Elgin, located approximately 9 miles distant.

The general condition of the property appears consistent with age and type of construction, but some works of repair and maintenance are required.

Normal local practice is for common repairs to be shared on an equitable basis. This has been assumed to be the position in this case. It would be prudent to check with the managing agents and/or co-proprietors as to any contemplated or proposed communal repairs.

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Details regarding boundary positions with respect to shared and any exclusive areas should be clarified by the legal advisor.

There is evidence of previous movement in the form of localised hairline cracking to the external building fabric and off floor levels internally. 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.

Essential Repairs

None apparent within the limitations of our inspection.

Estimated cost of essential repairs £ Retention recommended? Yes No Amount £

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Comment on Mortgageability

The property affords adequate security for loan purposes based on the valuation figure, subject to individual lender's criteria.

Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

Insurance reinstatement value £
(to include the cost of total rebuilding, site clearance, professional fees, ancillary charges plus VAT)

Is a reinspection necessary? Yes No

Buy To Let Cases

What is the reasonable range of monthly rental income for the property assuming a letting on a 6 month Short Assured Tenancy basis? £

Is the property in an area where there is a steady demand for rented accommodation of this type? Yes No

Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [423088 = 6020]O
Electronically signed by:-

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Report date 6th June 2023