## survey report on:

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Property address	MAINS OF PITTENDREIGH, NETHERDALE, TURRIFF, AB53 4LE
Customer	MR PAUL GRANT
Customer address	122 MAIN STREET, ABERCHIRDER, AB54 7TD
Prepared by	DM Hall LLP
Date of inspection	5th December 2023



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

#### 1.2 THE REPORT

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

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

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

Prior to 1 December 2008, Purchasers have normally obtained their own report from their chosen Surveyor. By contrast, a Single Survey is instructed by the Seller and made available to all potential Purchasers in expectation that the successful Purchaser will have relied upon it. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors rules require disclosure of any potential conflict of interest when acting for the Seller and the Purchaser in the same transaction. The Single Survey may give rise to a conflict of interest and if this is of concern to any party they are advised to seek their own independent advice.

The Report and any expressions or assessments in it are not intended as advice to the Seller or Purchaser or any other person in relation to an asking price or any other sales or marketing decisions.

<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.

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

<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

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;
- 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

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 detached one and a half storey dwelling house.
Accommodation	GROUND FLOOR: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Open Plan Kitchen/Diner, Bedroom, Utility Room with Boiler Room Off, Shower Room.  FIRST FLOOR: Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	184 square metres, approximately.
Neighbourhood and location	The property occupies a rural locality and whilst local facilities are limited in the immediate vicinity, a wider range of facilities can be found within the nearby town of Turriff. The city of Aberdeen is within convenient commuting distance.
Age	The property was originally constructed around 1900.
Weather	It was overcast at the time of inspection following a period of mixed weather.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  The chimney stacks to the front elevation appears to be of traditional solid stone construction whilst the chimney stack to the rear elevation appears to be of brickwork construction, roughcast externally. There are clay chimney cans with cement metal flashings.

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 slated. The ridge is tiled. The dormer projections appear to be housed under a flat felt roof covering.
	Access was gained to the roof space via a fixed staircase from the first floor landing. Where visible, the roof is of traditional pitched timber frame construction with sterling board sarking. The roof space was floored at the time of inspection.
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Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	The rainwater goods are formed in PVC sections.
Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
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External decorations	Visually inspected.
	The external decorations are mainly of a low maintenance OVC finish with some sections being of a painted timber finish.
Conservatories / porches	There are no conservatories or porches.
Communal areas	There are no communal areas.
Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	There is a blockwork outbuilding within the rear garden which sits on a concrete base, has blockwork walls and is harled externally and is housed under what appears to be a pitched and cement asbestos roof covering.
	There is a range of greenhouse within the front garden area. There is also a timber summer house.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	There are garden grounds surrounding the property will boundaries mainly being defined by post and wire fencing and stonework walls. There is a stone chipped drive to the front and the concrete slab drive to the rear. The full extent of the feu can be determined with reference to the Tile Deeds.
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Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level.  The ceilings are mainly of traditional lath and plaster design, with some sections being of plasterboard lined design.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level.
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	Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
	Internal walls are mainly of traditional lath and plaster design, with some sections being plasterboard lined.
Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.
	Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.
	Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.
	The flooring is a mix of solid construction and suspended timber construction, overlaid with fitted floor coverings.

Floors including sub floors	No sub floor access was possible due the presence of fitted floor coverings at the time of inspection and no accessible sub floor hatches.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	The interior doors are of a timber and glazed, and timber design.
	The internal joinery is of a timber finish.
	The kitchen consists of a range of floor and wall mounted units with a stainless steel sink unit and drainer fitted.
	There is a timber tread and riser staircase, with matching handrail, leading from the ground floor hallway to the first floor landing.
	There is an adequate range of built in storage within the subject property.
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Any original fireplaces have been blocked over and removed.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Internal decorations are mainly of a paint and paper finish with the exception of the kitchen area which has tiled features and the shower room and bathroom areas which have aqua panelling features.
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Cellars	There are no cellars.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.
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#### 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.

The property is connected to a private water supply.

Internal plumbing, where visible, is in PVC wastepipes with copper supply pipes.

The shower room consists of a mixer shower compartment, wc and wash hand basin.

The bathroom consists of a three piece suite with mixer shower over bath, we and wash hand basin.

The plastic cold water tank is located within a cupboard in the attic floor.

#### 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 is provided by the oil fired floor mounted Grant Vortex Utility 21-26 central heating boiler located within the boiler room. This boiler serves a serious of steel panelled radiators fitted with thermostats throughout the accommodation. Hot water is provided by insulated hot water cylinder located within the boiler room cupboard. An immersion heater is fitted.

#### Drainage

Drainage covers etc were not lifted.

Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.

The property is connected to a septic tank located in the garden grounds.

#### Fire, smoke and burglar alarms

Visually inspected.

No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.

Smoke detection is installed.

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

#### Any additional limits to inspection

At the time of inspection, the property was vacant, unfurnished and floored throughout. This consequently restricted the internal inspection.

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

No inspection of sub floor was possible due to the presence of fitted floor coverings at the time of inspection.

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. Any such materials should not be drilled or disturbed without prior advice from a licensed specialist.

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

In accordance with Health and Safety guidelines I have not disturbed insulation, furniture or personal effects (particularly in cupboards). Floor coverings have not been moved.

Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower trays were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.

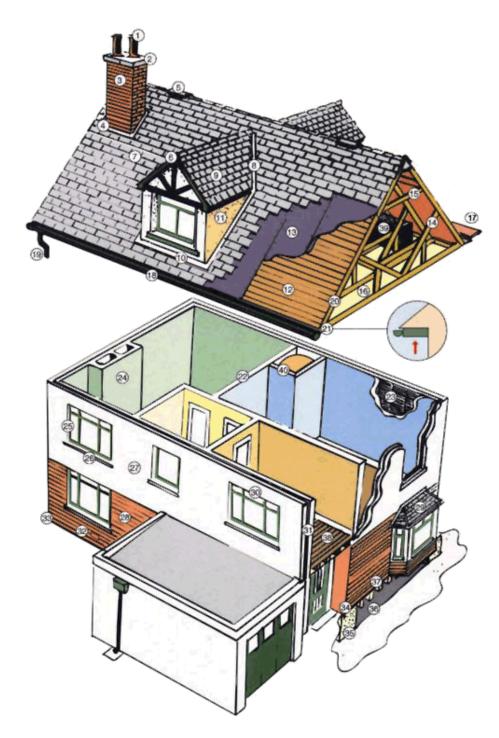
Services have been shut off or drained. Relevant trades should be on site when reintroducing services to identify and rectify all deficiencies.

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

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

I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

### 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
- 37) 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 movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	The property has been affected by previous movement but within the limitations of the inspection there was no evidence to suggest that this is ongoing.

Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	2
Notes	High moisture meter readings were noted to walling adjacent to the rear entrance door. Elsewhere, high moisture meter readings were noted to the wall linings within the ground floor rear bedroom. Staining was noted to wall linings to the front elevation to the kitchen. There is the risk of rot in concealed timbers. A firm of timber and damp specialists can advise further.  Woodworm infestation was noted to sections to exposed timber flooring within the upper floor accommodation. Elsewhere, woodworm infestation was also noted to timbers within the roof space. A firm of timber and damp specialists who use guaranteed repair methods can be asked to advise further.

Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathered roughcast was noted to chimney stack over the rear elevation. A general builder can advise further.  It is considered prudent to ensure that any disused chimneys are properly capped and vented to prevent immense water ingress. Areas of open pointing would benefit from attention.

Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	One or two chipped slates were noted at the time of inspection. It is not unreasonable to anticipate ongoing maintenance giving the age of the roof

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Repair category	2
Notes	coverings.  Natural slates have an expected lifespan of up to 100 years or more depending on slate quality, source, thickness and cutting skill of the slate. Slates will deteriorate over time; nail fixings will corrode and loosen resulting in on-going maintenance requirements. Close quarter and disruptive inspections may reveal damage to roofing materials, especially where these are original. Regular maintenance should be anticipated particularly after adverse weather conditions.  See comments under Dampness, rot and infestation condition section above.  The dormer projections appear to be housed under a flat felt roof covering. Although structurally sound at the time of inspection, such roof coverings are often prone to failure and will have a limited life. A roofing contractor can advise further.

Rainwater fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	The rainwater goods appear functional, however, can only be adequately tested during periods of heavy rainfall.

Main walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	Weathered harling was noted to the main walls at the time of inspection. A general builder can advise further.

Windows, external doors and joinery	
Repair category	2
Notes	Sections of corrosion noted to the skylights at the time of inspection.  Flaking was noted to some of the timber casement windows. Some were stiff to open.

External decorations	
Repair category	1
Notes	Ongoing maintenance will be required to preserve and prolong the appearance of external timbers to maintain an attractive appearance.

Conservatories/porches	
Repair category	-
Notes	There are no conservatories or porches.

Communal areas	
Repair category	-
Notes	There are no communal areas.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	
Repair category	2
Notes	The blockwork outbuilding is weathered externally. Woodworm infestation and damp staining was noted timbers internally.
	The outbuilding roof appears to be housed under a fibrous cement roof covering which may contain asbestos based materials. The current informed view that whilst left undisturbed and undamaged this poses no hazard to health. If the requirement for removal arises, a licensed contractor and the Local Authority can provide further advice. See information on asbestos in the Limitations of inspection section above.

Outside areas and boundaries	
Repair category	2
Notes	Garden areas are neglected and require general maintained.  The extend of garden areas, grounds and boundaries together with accesses should be carefully ascertained with reference to the Title Deeds.

Ceilings	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.

Internal walls	
Repair category	2
Notes	See comments under Dampness, rot and infestation condition section above.

Floors including sub-floors	
Repair category	2
Notes	See comments under Dampness, rot and infestation condition section above.  It is not unusual to discover areas of past water spillage when floor coverings are removed in kitchen and bathroom compartments, revealing the need for further repair and maintenance work.

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects evident.  Uncapped and unventilated chimney breasts can lead to dampness and condensation issues.

Internal decorations	
Repair category	2
Notes	Areas of markings were noted internally to the internal decorations. It is not unreasonable to anticipate that an incoming purchaser may wish to select to redecorate in accordance with personal taste and requirements if desired.

Cellars	
Repair category	-
Notes	There are no cellars.

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	The electrical installation is dated with an older style fuse box present. Further advice will be available from a NICEIC/SELECT registered electrician.

Electricity	
Repair category	2
Notes	It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.

Gas	
Repair category	-
Notes	There is no gas connection.

The Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings	
Repair category	1
Notes	Seals around sanitary fittings are frequently troublesome and can require regular maintenance. Spillage or leakage can often affect the underlying fabric without being obvious on the surface.

Heating and hot water	
Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the heating and hot water systems have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.
	Boilers and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by an Oftec oil registered engineer on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation.

Drainage	
Repair category	1
Notes	The system has not been checked or inspected. No obvious evidence of chokage or leakage was noted.

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	2
Chimney stacks	2
Roofing including roof space	2
Rainwater fittings	1
Main walls	2
Windows, external doors and joinery	2
External decorations	1
Conservatories/porches	-
Communal areas	-
Garages and permanent outbuildings	2
Outside areas and boundaries	2
Ceilings	1
Internal walls	2
Floors including sub-floors	2
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	2
Chimney breasts and fireplaces	1
Internal decorations	2
Cellars	-
Electricity	2
Gas	-
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
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

It is assumed the property will be sold with vacant possession, and at the tenure is Absolute Ownership.

The property has been altered to form the current layout with partitioning having been moved. However it is likely that these alterations took place before prior to the period for which the Local Authority hold records and can be considered historic. It is assumed all necessary Local Authority consents would have been sought and obtained at the time.

The property is accessed via a shared unmade road from the nearest publicly maintained road. The access is considered adequate to the expected traffic flow however ongoing maintenance and repair can be anticipated. It is assumed that all necessary rights of access are observed in favour of the subject property within the Title Deeds.

The extent of garden areas, grounds and boundaries together with accesses should be carefully ascertained with reference to the Title Deeds.

It has been advised that drainage is to a septic tank located within the garden grounds. For the purpose of the valuation all are assumed to be satisfactory. The system has not been inspection and the condition, legal and environmental issues have not been investigated.

It has been advised that water is from a private supply. It is not possible to comment on legal issues or the quality or quantity of the supply. For the purposes of the valuation, all are assumed to be satisfactory.

#### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

£660,000 (SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

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

#### Valuation and market comments

The Market Value as at the date of inspection is £260,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS).

The market presently demonstrates an imbalance between supply and demand generally across all price sectors. As a result competition between buyers is often leading to premium prices being paid that reflect the prevailing market conditions but may not be sustainable. The reported valuation figure reflects these market conditions but equally may not be sustainable if and when market conditions change.

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Company name	DM Hall LLP
Address	64 Market Place, Inverurie, AB51 3XN
Date of report	7th December 2023



Address MAINS OF PITTENDREIGH, NETHERDALE, TURRIFF, AB53 4LE Seller's Name MR PAUL GRANT Date of Inspection 5th December 2023								
X House       Bungalow       Purpose built maisonette       Converted maisonette         Purpose built flat       Converted flat       Tenement flat       Flat over non-residential use         Other (specify in General Remarks)								
X       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?								
y Floor(s) on which located No. of floors in block Lift provided? Yes No  No. of units in block								
Construction 1900								
Leasehold Ground rent £ Unexpired years								
2 Living room(s) 4 Bedroom(s) 1 Kitchen(s) 2 Bathroom(s) 2 WC(s) 2 Other (Specify in General remarks)								
Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings)  [184] m² (Internal)  [221] m² (External)								
greater than 40%) X Yes No								
Outbuildings								
□ Double garage       X       Parking space       □ No garage / garage space / parking space         X       Yes       □ No								
Permanent outbuildings:								
at outbuildings.								

Construction							
Construction							
Walls	Brick	X Stone	Concrete	Timber frame		in General Remarks)	
Roof	Tile	X Slate	Asphalt	Felt	Other (specify	in General Remarks)	
Special Risks							
Has the property su	ffered struct	ural movement	?		X	Yes No	
If Yes, is this recent or progressive?							
Is there evidence, history, or reason to anticipate subsidence, heave, landslip or flood in the immediate vicinity?							
If Yes to any of the	above, prov	de details in Ge	eneral Remark	S.			
Service Connecti	on						
Based on visual ins of the supply in Ger			s appear to be	non-mains, please	comment on the t	ype and location	
Drainage [	Mains	X Private	None	Water	Mains X Pr	ivate None	
Electricity [	X Mains	Private	None	Gas	Mains Pr	ivate X None	
Central Heating [	X Yes	Partial	None				
Brief description of	Central Hea	tina:					
Oil fired boiler to r	adiators.						
Site							
Apparent legal issue	es to be veri	fied by the conv	veyancer. Plea	se provide a brief d	description in Gen	eral Remarks.	
Rights of way  X Shared drives / access  Garage or other amenities on separate site  Shared service connections							
Ill-defined boundaries	S	Agricultura	al land included wit	h property	Other (specif	y in General Remarks)	
Location							
Residential suburb	Res	idential within town	/ city Mixe	d residential / commerci	ial Mainly comm	nercial	
Commuter village	Ren	note village	X Isola	ted rural property	Other (specif	y in General Remarks)	
Planning Issues							
Has the property be	en extended	d / converted / a	altered? X	∕es  No			
If Yes provide details in General Remarks.							
Roads							
Made up road	Unmade road	d Partly co	mpleted new road	Pedestrian acc	cess only Ado	pted Unadopted	

#### **General Remarks**

The property occupies a rural locality and whilst local facilities are limited in the immediate vicinity, a wider range of facilities can be found within the nearby town of Turriff. The city of Aberdeen is within convenient commuting distance.

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At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition generally consistent with age, type and construction.

Some items of minor routine repair and maintenance were noted which will require to be attended to in due course.

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Essential Repairs							
None apparent within the limitations of inspection.							
Estimated cost of essential repairs £	Retention recommended? Yes	X No	Amount £				

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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?		
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