

Home Report

BLACKFORD HOME FARM
ROTHIENORMAN

INVERURIE
AB51 8YL



Walker Fraser Steele
Chartered Surveyors

Energy Performance Certificate



Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

Scotland

Dwellings

BLACKFORD HOME FARM, ROTHENORMAN, INVERURIE, AB51 8YL

Dwelling type: Detached house
Date of assessment: 24 September 2024
Date of certificate: 02 October 2024
Total floor area: 248 m²
Primary Energy Indicator: 292 kWh/m²/year

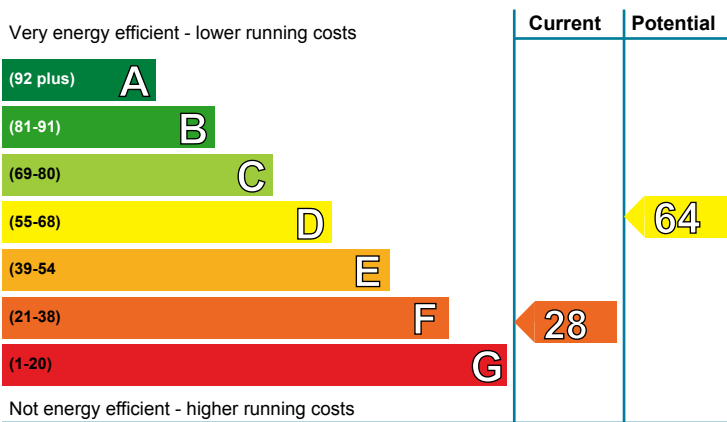
Reference number: 0100-2884-6110-2424-3785
Type of assessment: RdSAP, existing dwelling
Approved Organisation: ECMK
Main heating and fuel: Boiler and radiators, oil

You can use this document to:

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

Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*	£18,216	See your recommendations report for more information
Over 3 years you could save*	£6,036	

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

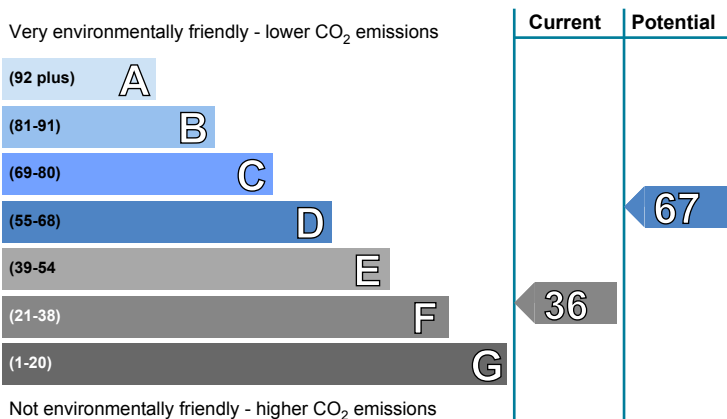


Energy Efficiency Rating

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

Your current rating is **band F (28)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



Environmental Impact (CO₂) Rating

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

Your current rating is **band F (36)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (59)**.

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

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical savings over 3 years
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£2469.00
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£834.00
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£1500.00

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

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

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

Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Sandstone or limestone, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, insulated (assumed)	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Roof	Roof room(s), limited insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Flat, insulated	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
	Pitched, 200 mm loft insulation	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, TRVs and bypass	★★★★☆☆	★★★★☆☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, LPG	—	—
Hot water	From main system, plus solar	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in 97% of fixed outlets	★★★★★	★★★★★

The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

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


The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 74 kg CO₂/m²/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 18 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Adopting recommendations in this report can reduce emissions and protect the environment. If you were to install all of these recommendations this could reduce emissions by 8.9 tonnes per year. You could reduce emissions even more by switching to renewable energy sources.


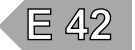
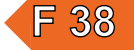
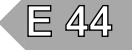


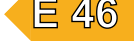

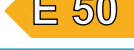

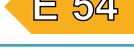



Estimated energy costs for this home

	Current energy costs	Potential energy costs	Potential future savings
Heating	£17,061 over 3 years	£11,121 over 3 years	
Hot water	£543 over 3 years	£447 over 3 years	
Lighting	£612 over 3 years	£612 over 3 years	
Totals	£18,216	£12,180	

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

Recommendations for improvement

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

Recommended measures	Indicative cost	Typical saving per year	Rating after improvement	
			Energy	Environment
1 Room-in-roof insulation	£1,500 - £2,700	£823		
2 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£278		
3 Floor insulation (solid floor)	£4,000 - £6,000	£500		
4 Upgrade heating controls	£350 - £450	£159		
5 Condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£252		
6 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£450		
7 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£1025		

Alternative measures

There are alternative improvement measures which you could also consider for your home. It would be advisable to seek further advice and illustration of the benefits and costs of such measures.

- Air or ground source heat pump

Choosing the right improvement package

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

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

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

1 Room-in-roof insulation

Insulating roof rooms will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. If it has a flat ceiling insulation can usually be added above the ceiling, and sloping ceilings and walls of roof rooms can be insulated using an internal lining board. Roof voids must have adequate ventilation to prevent dampness; seek advice about this if unsure. Further information about roof room insulation and details of local contractors can be obtained from the National Insulation Association (www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk). Building regulations generally apply to this work so it is best to check this with your local authority building standards department.

2 Internal or external wall insulation

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

3 Floor insulation (solid floor)

Insulation of a floor will significantly reduce heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. Insulating solid floors can present challenges; insulation laid on top of existing solid floors may impact on existing doors and finishes whilst lifting of a solid floor to insert insulation below will require consideration of the potential effect on both structural stability and damp proofing. It is advised to seek advice from a Chartered Structural Engineer or a registered Architect about this if unsure. Further information about floor insulation is available from many sources including www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Insulation/Floor-insulation. Building regulations generally apply to this work and may also require a building warrant so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department.

4 Heating controls (room thermostat)

The heating system should have a room thermostat to enable the boiler to switch off when no heat is required. A competent heating engineer should be asked to do this work. Insist that the thermostat switches off the boiler as well as the pump and that the thermostatic radiator valve is removed from any radiator in the same room as the thermostat. Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

5 Condensing boiler (separate from the range cooker)

A condensing boiler is capable of higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat the property. It is recommended to install a separate condensing boiler, independent of the range cooker, but there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location. Building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check with your local authority building standards department and seek advice from a qualified heating engineer.

6 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

7 Wind turbine

A wind turbine provides electricity from wind energy. This electricity is used throughout the home in the same way as the electricity purchased from an energy supplier. Wind turbines are not suitable for all properties. The system's effectiveness depends on local wind speeds and the presence of nearby obstructions, and a site survey should be undertaken by an accredited installer. Planning permission might be required and building regulations generally apply to this work and a building warrant may be required, so it is best to check these with your local authority. The assessment does not include the effect of any Feed-in Tariff which could appreciably increase the savings that are shown on this EPC for a wind turbine, provided that both the product and the installer are certified by the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (or equivalent). Details of local MCS installers are available at www.microgenerationcertification.org.

Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

LZC energy sources present:

- Solar water heating

Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	36,175	(230)	N/A	(1,694)
Water heating (kWh per year)	3,028			

Addendum

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

About this document

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

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

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

Use of this energy performance information

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

Advice and support to improve this property

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

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

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Single Survey



Single Survey

survey report on:

Property address	BLACKFORD HOME FARM ROTHIENORMAN INVERURIE AB51 8YL
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Customer	Mr and Mrs Grant
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Customer address	c/o Galbraith 337 North Deeside Road Cults Aberdeen AB15 9SP
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Prepared by	Walker Fraser Steele
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Date of inspection	11th September 2024
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Chartered Surveyors

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 Sellers Agent or relative to the property, they will be obliged to indicate this by ticking the adjacent box.

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

1.2 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.

To date, 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 the 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.

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

Terms and Conditions

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 Report² will be from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.

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

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.

1.10 DEFINITIONS

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

- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which 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" 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. 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: Vestibule, hallway, lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility room and WC, two bedrooms and a bathroom with WC. First floor: Bedroom 1 with en suite cloakroom and dressing room, 1 further bedroom and bathroom with WC.
Gross internal floor area (m²)	248 sqm or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects occupy a rural locality where the surrounding area is a mixture of a residential and agricultural nature. Locally there are limited facilities available with the main facilities available in nearby Inverurie.
Age	Originally built around 1850 with modern extensions.
Weather	Bright with rain showers.
Chimney stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. The chimney stacks are of solid stone construction finished with clay pots and at the base with metal and cement 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

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	<p>being from a 3m ladder within the property.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The main roof over the property is timber framed, pitched and clad with slates. There are dormer projections to the upper floor. The roof over the extension is of a flat design. Access was gained to the loft space from hatches above the original house only and was restricted to the area around the hatches. Our inspection was limited due to clearance and where seen the roof has been constructed of timber joists and rafters and there is a provision of insulation, where seen.</p>
Rainwater fittings	<p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>The rainwater fittings are a mixture of a upvc and cast iron design.</p>
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 walls appear to be a mixture of solid stone and concrete block and are externally rendered.</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>Windows and glazed external doors are of a upvc design fitted with sealed unit double glazing. The front and rear doors are of a composite design.</p>
External decorations	<p>Visually inspected.</p>
Conservatories / porches	<p>None.</p>
Communal areas	<p>Circulation areas visually inspected.</p> <p>Access to the property is by means of a shared access road for which there is assumed to be a suitable right of access and a mutual liability for upkeep and repair.</p>

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Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected. There are a range of outbuildings including a garage, stable block and room over the kitchen.
Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected. We understand that the full site extends to approximately 4-5 acres. There are grazing paddocks and a driveway provides car parking and access to outbuildings. The majority of the remaining garden areas are set within the former walled garden with the original wall on two sides. Garden areas are a mixture of grass, flowerbeds and vegetable patches. Within the garden are various outbuildings including sheds and summerhouses.
Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. The property has plasterboard lined ceilings.
Internal walls	Visually inspected from floor level. Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate. The property has plasterboard lined internal walls.
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. Flooring is a mixture of styles, partially solid and partially overlaid with chipboard to the ground floor and of a suspended timber design to the upper accommodation. At the time of inspection there were no accessible sub floor areas.
Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved. Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances. Internal doors are a mixture of a timber panel and glazed panel design. Although not confirmed, internal glazing should be fitted with safety glass. The staircase is of a timber design with timber balustrade. The kitchen is fitted with a range of wall and base units with the worktop incorporating a stainless steel sink and drainer.

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Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out. There is an LPG fired gas fire in the lounge.
Internal decorations	Visually inspected. Internal decorations are mainly of a papered and painted style with areas of tiling and timber panelling.
Cellars	None.
Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. From the main public supply with the meter and circuit breakers located in the upper landing cupboard.
Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on. From bottled LPG tanks, located externally at the gable, supplying the gas fire.
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. From a shared private water supply. Assumed to be wholesome and reliable meeting with all current regulations. The filtration system is located in the utility room and the pumps in the stable block. The ground and first floor bathrooms are fitted with white four pieces suites including separate shower cubicles with mixer showers. The en suite is fitted with a white WC and wash hand basin.
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. An oil fired boiler from the kitchen range supplies radiators to the main accommodation. Hot water stored in insulated cylinder. Hot water is supplemented from a solar panel.

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Drainage	<p>Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p> <p>To a shared septic tank for which there are assumed suitable rights of access.</p>
Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	<p>Visually inspected.</p> <p>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p> <p>The property is fitted with smoke, heat and carbon monoxide detectors.</p>
Any additional limits to inspection	<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>Our inspection of flooring was limited throughout due to fitted floor coverings and no inspection was possible to the sub floor area nor to the area beneath the bath and showers. Not all windows were tested. Our inspection of built in storage throughout, was limited due to stored items.</p> <p>An inspection for Japanese Knotweed was not carried out. This is a plant which is subject to control regulation, is considered to be invasive and one which can render a property unsuitable for some mortgage lenders. It is therefore assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or its neighbouring property. Identification of Japanese Knotweed is best undertaken by a specialist contractor.</p>

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	From a single inspection there was no evidence of significant structural movement having affected the property.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	Evidence of wood boring insects were noted to roof timbers and we have been provided with paperwork regarding works carried out around 2000 that are subject to a thirty year guarantee.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted. Sandstone was noted to be slightly weathered and chimneys require ongoing maintenance and repair.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	1
Notes	From the limits of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. Slate and flat roof coverings require ongoing maintenance and repair. Evidence of wood boring insects were noted to roof timbers and we have been provided with paperwork regarding works carried out around 2000 that are subject to a thirty year guarantee.

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Rainwater fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Main walls

Repair category	1
Notes	There are some areas of hairline cracking and boss render.



Windows, external doors and joinery

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



External decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Conservatories/porches

Repair category	-
Notes	N/A



Communal areas

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Garages and permanent outbuildings

Repair category	1
Notes	There are some areas of hairline cracking to pointing.

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Outside areas and boundaries

Repair category	2
Notes	Pointing to garden walls is weathered in places.



Ceilings

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Internal walls

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Floors including sub-floors

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.



Chimney breasts and fireplaces

Repair category	1
Notes	From the limits of our inspection, no significant defects were noted. Gas appliances require regular servicing and maintenance.



Internal decorations

Repair category	1
Notes	No significant defects noted.

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Cellars

Repair category	-
Notes	N/A



Electricity

Repair category	1
Notes	From the limits of our inspection, the electrical system appears adequate for present usage. It should be noted that only the most recently constructed and rewired properties will fully comply with current regulations.



Gas

Repair category	1
Notes	No visual defects.



Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

Repair category	1
Notes	From the limits of our inspection there was no evidence of water leakage or spillage. It is assumed that the water supply complies with current regulations.



Heating and hot water

Repair category	1
Notes	It is assumed that the central heating system is in full working order and is assumed to be regularly serviced and maintained. It is believed that the location of the oil tank complies with current regulations, although this should be confirmed.



Drainage

Repair category	1
Notes	From the limits of our inspection no significant defects were noted. It should be noted that inspection covers have not been raised and the drainage system has not been tested. It should be confirmed that the system complies with current regulations.

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

Category 3

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

Category 2

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

Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

Remember

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

Warning

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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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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 type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" 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 property has been extended at various points in the past with the most recent within the last fifteen years. We have been provided with paperwork for the extensions and alterations with completion certificates dated 2001, 2005 and 2008. All associated documentation should be transferred with the titles.

Water is from a shared private supply and drainage to a shared septic tank. Full details and compliance with current regulations should be confirmed.

Evidence of wood boring insects were noted to roof timbers and we have been provided with paperwork regarding works carried out around 2000 that are subject to a thirty year guarantee. Documentation should be transferred with titles.

Access to the property is by means of a shared access road for which there is assumed to be a suitable right of access and a mutual liability for upkeep and repair.

It is assumed that there are no statutory town planning or road proposals that will have an adverse effect on the property.

Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

The current cost of reinstating the property in its present form is estimated for insurance purposes to be approximately £810,000 (EIGHT HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Valuation and market comments

Having regard to the comments in this report and current market conditions it is my opinion that the current market value of the property in its present condition could be fairly stated in the region of £425,000 (FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

All of the matters to which we have referred in this report should be fully investigated prior to concluding a purchase.

Signed	Security Print Code [413951 = 3330] Electronically signed
Report author	Ryan Stewart
Company name	Walker Fraser Steele
Address	Cadell House, 27 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 6BZ

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Date of report	27th September 2024
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Mortgage Valuation Report

Walker Fraser Steele Chartered Surveyors

Property Address

Address BLACKFORD HOME FARM, ROTHENORMAN, INVERURIE, AB51 8YL
Seller's Name Mr and Mrs Grant
Date of Inspection 11th September 2024

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:

Stable block, 2 x summerhouse, garden room over kitchen.

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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 Connections

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Oil fired boiler to 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 subjects comprise an extended farmhouse with associated outbuildings in a site extending to approximately 4/5 acres occupying a rural locality where the surrounding area is a mixture of a residential and agricultural nature. Locally there are limited facilities available with the main facilities available in nearby Inverurie.

At the time of inspection the property was found to be in a condition consistent with its age and type with only general maintenance works required.

The property has been extended at various points in the past with the most recent within the last fifteen years. We have been provided with paperwork for the extensions and alterations with completion certificates dated 2001, 2005 and 2008. All associated documentation should be transferred with the titles.

Water is from a shared private supply and drainage to a shared septic tank. Full details and compliance with current regulations should be confirmed.

Evidence of wood boring insects were noted to roof timbers and we have been provided with paperwork regarding works carried out around 2000 that are subject to a thirty year guarantee. Documentation should be transferred with titles.

Access to the property is by means of a shared access road for which there is assumed to be a suitable right of access and a mutual liability for upkeep and repair.

It is assumed that there are no statutory town planning or road proposals that will have an adverse effect on the property.

Other accommodation - utility room and dressing room.

Essential Repairs

None.

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

Mortgage Valuation Report

Comment on Mortgageability

It is our opinion that the subjects provide suitable security for normal mortgage lending.

Valuations

Market value in present condition £ 425,000
Market value on completion of essential repairs £
Insurance reinstatement value £ 810,000
(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 [413951 = 3330]
Electronically signed by:-
Surveyor's name Ryan Stewart
Professional qualifications MRICS
Company name Walker Fraser Steele
Address Cadell House, 27 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, G2 6BZ
Telephone 014122 10442
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Report date 27th September 2024



Property Questionnaire

Property Questionnaire

Property address	BLACKFORD HOME FARM, ROTHIENORMAN, INVERURIE, ABERDEENSHIRE, AB51 8YL
Seller(s)	Dr R J Grant and Mrs C Grant
Completion date of property questionnaire	15th September 2024

Property Questionnaire

Note for sellers

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

Information to be given to prospective buyer(s)

1.	Length of ownership	
	How long have you owned the property?	23 years
2.	Council tax	
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? (Please circle)	
	A B C D E F G H	
3.	Parking	
	<p>What are the arrangements for parking at your property?</p> <p>(Please tick all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Allocated parking space <input type="checkbox"/> • Driveway <input type="checkbox"/> • Shared parking <input type="checkbox"/> • On street <input type="checkbox"/> • Resident permit <input type="checkbox"/> • Metered parking <input type="checkbox"/> • Other (please specify): <input style="width: 400px;" type="text" value="Large parking area for several cars near garage"/> 	
4.	Conservation area	
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (i.e. an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)?	Yes / No / Don't know

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5. Listed buildings		
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (i.e. a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	Yes / No
6. Alterations/additions/extensions		
a.	<p>(i) During your time in the property, have you carried out any structural alterations, additions or extensions (for example, provision of an extra bath/shower room, toilet, or bedroom)?</p> <p>If you have answered <u>yes</u>, please describe below the changes which you have made:</p> <p>Between 2002 and 2005: Built Utility Room extension to house, opened up new doorways between Family Room and Kitchen and between Family Room and Lounge, made alterations to form new ground floor bathroom, built up 2 external window openings to one of downstairs bedrooms Between 2006 and 2008: Alterations to form new ensuite toilet for Master Bedroom 2010: Flat roof on east side of house replaced 2011: Garage constructed 2017 and 2018: Alterations to outhouse to form stable</p>	Yes / No
	<p>(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?</p> <p>If you have answered <u>yes</u>, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking.</p> <p>If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:</p>	Yes / No
b.	<p>Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?</p> <p>If you have answered <u>yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:</p>	Yes / No
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	Yes / No
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	Yes / No
	<p>(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows, doors or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):</p> <p>Between 2002 and 2011: Apart from 2 upstairs windows which were already double glazed, all remaining windows in house replaced by CR Smith double glazed windows. We also got CR Smith to install new double glazed French doors in the Lounge, a new outside door to the Kitchen and a new front door.</p> <p>Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.</p>	

Property Questionnaire

7. Central heating		
a.	<p>Is there a central heating system in your property? (Note: a partial central heating system is one which does not heat all the main rooms of the property - the main living room, the bedroom(s), the hall and the bathroom).</p> <p>If you have answered yes / partial - what kind of central heating is there? (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).</p> <p>Oil-fired</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:</p>	Yes / No / Partial
b.	When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?	Before we purchased the property in 2001
c.	<p>Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p> <p>We have an arrangement to have the central heating boiler serviced every year (usually in October) by North East Boiler Sales & Services.</p>	Yes / No
d.	When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year).	Last service was October 2023
8. Energy Performance Certificate		
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	Yes / No
9. Issues that may have affected your property		
a.	<p>Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</p>	<p>Yes / No</p> <p>Yes / No</p>
b.	<p>Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please give details:</p>	Yes / No

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10.	Services																									
a.	<p>Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="311 383 1374 1077"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="311 383 651 443">Services</th> <th data-bbox="651 383 879 443">Connected</th> <th data-bbox="879 383 1374 443">Supplier</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 443 651 533">Gas / liquid petroleum gas</td> <td data-bbox="651 443 879 533">✓</td> <td data-bbox="879 443 1374 533">Gas cylinders (eg from Gaulds Gas)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 533 651 622">Water mains / private water supply</td> <td data-bbox="651 533 879 622">✓</td> <td data-bbox="879 533 1374 622">Private supply from a well</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 622 651 712">Electricity</td> <td data-bbox="651 622 879 712">✓</td> <td data-bbox="879 622 1374 712">OVO</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 712 651 801">Mains drainage</td> <td data-bbox="651 712 879 801">—</td> <td data-bbox="879 712 1374 801"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 801 651 891">Telephone</td> <td data-bbox="651 801 879 891">✓</td> <td data-bbox="879 801 1374 891">BT</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 891 651 981">Cable TV / satellite</td> <td data-bbox="651 891 879 981">—</td> <td data-bbox="879 891 1374 981"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="311 981 651 1077">Broadband</td> <td data-bbox="651 981 879 1077">✓</td> <td data-bbox="879 981 1374 1077">BT</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Services	Connected	Supplier	Gas / liquid petroleum gas	✓	Gas cylinders (eg from Gaulds Gas)	Water mains / private water supply	✓	Private supply from a well	Electricity	✓	OVO	Mains drainage	—		Telephone	✓	BT	Cable TV / satellite	—		Broadband	✓	BT
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b.	<p>Is there a septic tank system at your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the two questions below:</p>	Yes / No																								
c.	(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?	Yes / No / Don't know																								
d.	<p>(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:</p> <p>Scottish Water empty the tank every 2 years</p>	Yes / No																								

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11.	Responsibilities for Shared or Common Areas	
a.	<p>Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p> <p>Cost of repairs to access track shared with neighbours</p>	Yes / No / Don't Know
b.	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes / No / Not applicable
c.	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	Yes / No
d.	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property - for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes / No
e.	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes / No
f.	<p>As far as you are aware, is there a public right of way across any part of your property? (public right of way is a way over which the public has a right to pass, whether or not the land is privately-owned.)</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please give details:</u></p>	Yes / No
12.	Charges associated with your property	
a.	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</u></p>	Yes / No

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b.	<p>Is there a common buildings insurance policy?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?</p>	<p>Yes / No / Don't Know</p> <p>Yes / No / Don't Know</p>
c.	<p>Please give details of any other charges you have to pay on a regular basis for the upkeep of common areas or repair works, for example to a residents' association, or maintenance or stair fund.</p>	
<p>13. Specialist works</p>		
a.	<p>As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property:</p> <p>Repairs for woodworm and rising damp carried out by Terminix in July 2000 before we bought the property</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
b.	<p>As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, please give details:</p> <p>Repairs carried out by Terminix in July 2000 included insertion of a damp-proof course</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>
c.	<p>If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p>If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate.</p> <p>Guarantees are held by:</p>	<p>Yes / No</p>

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14. Guarantees							
a. Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:							
(i)	Electrical work	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
(ii)	Roofing	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
(iii)	Central heating	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
(iv)	NHBC	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
(v)	Damp course	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	No	Yes	Don't know	With title deeds	Lost	Cannot Answer*
b. If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):							
Installation of a damp-proof course by Terminix in July 2000 carries a 30 year guarantee							
c. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?						Yes / No	
If you have answered yes, please give details:							
15. Boundaries							
So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?						Yes / No / Don't know	
If you have answered yes, please give details:							

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16.	Notices that affect your property	
	In the past 3 years have you ever received a notice:	
a.	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	Yes / No / Don't know
b.	that affects your property in some other way?	Yes / No / Don't know
c.	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	Yes / No / Don't know
	If you have answered yes to any of a-c above, please give the notices to your solicitor or estate agent, including any notices which arrive at any time before the date of entry of the purchaser of your property.	

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

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

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____



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