

# Home Report

Ardselma  
Free Church Road  
Fort Augustus  
PH32 4DQ

Date of Valuation: 14<sup>TH</sup> September 2020  
AIMS Ref: NC/TM/2020/09/0028

# single survey

## survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	Ardselma Free Church Road Fort Augustus PH32 4DQ
<b>Customer</b>	Ross Girvan
<b>Prepared by</b>	Graham + Sibbald, Chartered Surveyors

# 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.

<b>Description</b>	The property comprises an extended one and a half storey detached villa.
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<b>Accommodation</b>	The accommodation may be summarised as follows:  Ground Floor - Entrance Porch, Inner Hall, Sitting Room, Bathroom, Kitchen/Dining Area, Living Room  First Floor - Landing, 3 Bedrooms (one with Box Room off), Bathroom
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<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	150
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<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The subjects are situated in semi rural surroundings occupying a back lying position off Free Church Road on the northern side of Fort Augustus. Immediate surrounding properties comprise scattered residential dwellings whilst the property enjoys an open outlook to the front. Whilst there is a range of local village amenities available nearby, a wider range can be found within commuting distance of both Fort William and Inverness which are situated approximately 32 and 35 miles distance respectively.
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<b>Age (year built)</b>	1900
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<b>Weather</b>	Dry.
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<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<p>There are chimney stacks at both gable elevations of stone construction, together with an additional rendered brick/block stack at the rear extension.</p> <p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p>
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<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p>The roof areas are of pitched design and clad with slates. There are dormer window projections on the front elevation.</p> <p>There was access gained to the accessible roof void area over the original main dwellinghouse via a ceiling hatch within the first floor Landing. This confirmed the roof to comprise traditional timber rafters with there being timber board sarking below the slates. There is limited fibreglass insulation laid between the joists over part of the roof void only.</p> <p>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p> <p>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p>The gutters and downpipes comprise a mixture of both cast iron and uPVC type.</p> <p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</p>
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<b>Main walls</b>	<p>The original main outer walls are of stone construction and roughcasted externally. The rear extension walls are consistent with being of cavity brick/block construction.</p> <p>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate. Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p>The windows comprise uPVC double glazed units. The rear entrance door is of uPVC double glazed type. The external fascia boards are of painted timber finish.</p> <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>
<b>External decorations</b>	<p>The external decorations comprise painted finishes.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<p>There is a single storey front porch projection. The base walls are of pointed stone construction whilst there is timber cladding above. The roof is of lean to design and clad with slates.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
<b>Communal areas</b>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<p>There are 2 x attached stores at the rear elevation which are of roughcasted concrete block construction under a lean-to slate clad roof. The boiler is situated within one of these stores. Additional outbuildings comprise a large metal container, although no access was gained to this at the date of inspection. In addition there is also a timber and PVC shelter attached to the container.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>

<p><b>Outside areas and boundaries</b></p>	<p>The property occupies an irregular shaped site, with there being surrounding areas of garden ground. We understand that the total site area extends to approximately 0.23 acres, although we would emphasise that no measurements were undertaken and confirmation should be sought by reference to the title.</p> <p>There is an area of timber decking having been laid to the side/rear.</p> <p>Access to the subjects is initially via a private driveway which we understand is under the ownership of neighbouring property, although we have been informed a full right of access exists over this. There are private gravel surfaced off-street car parking areas.</p> <p>The boundaries comprise a mixture of post and wire fencing, concrete block walling and timber board fencing and there are also block retaining walls present.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
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<p><b>Ceilings</b></p>	<p>The ceilings comprise both plasterboard and lath and plaster finishes.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p>
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<p><b>Internal walls</b></p>	<p>Internal walls are of both lath and plaster and plasterboard type.</p> <p>Visually inspected from floor level.</p> <p>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</p>
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<p><b>Floors including sub floors</b></p>	<p>The flooring is of suspended timber construction, although the inspection of floor surface areas was greatly restricted due to the presence of fitted floor coverings and furnishings.</p> <p>There was no access gained to any sub-floor area.</p> <p>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</p> <p>Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it is safe and reasonable to do so , and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.</p>
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<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<p>Internal skirtings and architraves are of painted timber finish, whilst internal doors are of timber and timber/glazed type.</p> <p>The Kitchen comprise a range of modern wall mounted cabinets and worktop surfaces.</p> <p>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</p> <p>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</p>
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<p>There is a fireplace within the ground floor Living Room, although we have been informed that this is capped and no longer in use. There is a modern wood burning stove within the Sitting Room.</p> <p>Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.</p>
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<p>Internal decorations comprise wallpaper and painted finishes.</p> <p>Visually inspected.</p>
<b>Cellars</b>	<p>Not applicable.</p>
<b>Electricity</b>	<p>Mains supply. The electrical installation comprises 13 amp power points and the cable where visible is of PVC clad type. The electrical system is within a wall lining at the first floor Landing.</p> <p>Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards.</p>
<b>Gas</b>	<p>None.</p>

<p><b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b></p>	<p>Mains supply. Visible plumbing installation is in copper and plastic pipework where seen.</p> <p>The ground floor Bathroom comprises a WC, wash hand basin and bath whilst there is also an additional Bathroom with modern units at first floor level.</p> <p>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards.</p>
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<p><b>Heating and hot water</b></p>	<p>Fixed central heating is provided by an oil fired `Boulter Classic` boiler which is within the attached store at the rear elevation and this serves a series of water filled radiators. This also provides for domestic hot water which is supplemented by an electric immersion heater and contained within a foam insulated copper hot water cylinder.</p> <p>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.</p>
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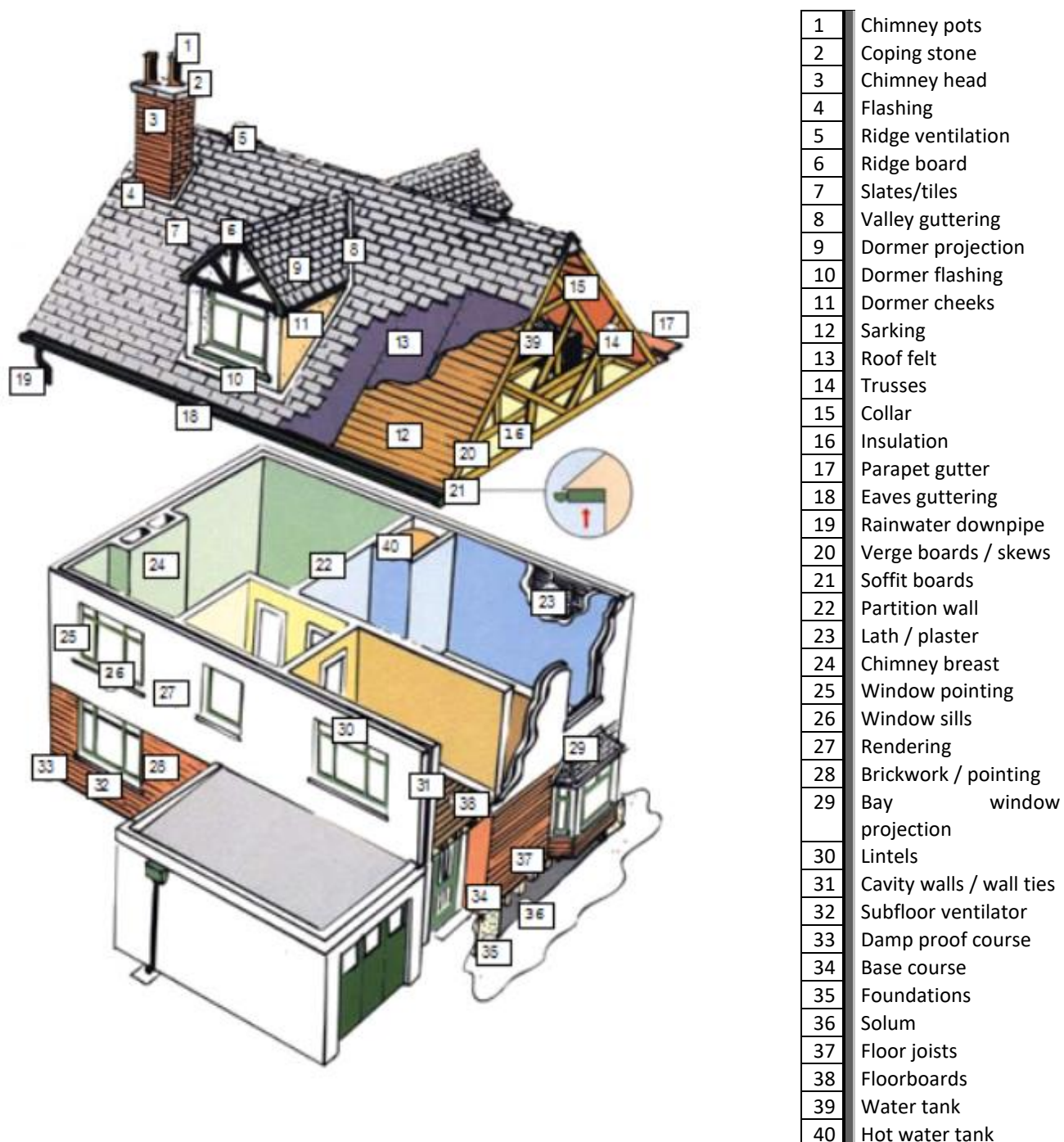
<p><b>Drainage</b></p>	<p>We understand that drainage is to the main public sewer.</p> <p>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</p> <p>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</p>
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<p><b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b></p>	<p>Visually inspected. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</p>
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<b>Additional limits to inspection</b>	<p>At the date of inspection, the property was occupied and fully furnished, whilst the floors were covered.</p> <p>There was no access gained to any sub-floor areas.</p> <p>Not all windows and doors were opened and tested.</p> <p>It is outwith the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.</p> <p>No inspection for Japanese Knotweed was carried out and unless otherwise stated for the purpose of this report, it is assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed within the boundaries of the property or neighbouring properties.</p>
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## Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house










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






## 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.





	<b>Structural movement</b>	
Repair category	1	
Notes	There is evidence of settlement in the building but this is not inconsistent with a property of this age and type and on the basis of a single inspection appears to be longstanding.	
	<b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b>	
Repair category	2	
Notes	<p>During the course of our inspection woodworm infestation noted to timbers within the roof void area.</p> <p>We understand that past timber/damp proofing repairs have been carried out within the property and all specialist reports and guarantees should be obtained, studied and authenticated prior to purchase. If such reports cannot be obtained or do not exist then prior to purchase an inspection and report should be prepared on the whole property from a reputable firm of timber specialists so that any existing repair works or remedial works required are completed to a guaranteed standard.</p> <p>In a property of this age and type it is possible that there may be structural defects which are presently concealed by floor coverings, plasterwork etc., and in view of the problems noted there may be further latent defects in areas which are presently inaccessible.</p>	
	<b>Chimney stacks</b>	

Repair category	2
Notes	There is some weathering and damage noted to the chimney stacks.
	<b>Roofing including roof space</b>
Repair category	2
Notes	General maintenance and repair of the roof coverings is necessary and it should be appreciated that this type of roof covering, due to its age, will require ongoing maintenance in the future.  There is limited insulation only within the roof void areas.
	<b>Rainwater fittings</b>
Repair category	2
Notes	Rainwater fittings are leaking in areas.  There is evidence of corrosion which may result in leakage.
	<b>Main walls</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	The main outer walls of the property generally appeared in fair order consistent with age.
	<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>
Repair category	2
Notes	There is a loose window frame which has been removed from one of the hinges within a first floor Bedroom. There was some localised timber decay noted to external timber fascia boards.  Windows can be problematic and over time the operation of the windows can be affected and opening mechanisms damaged. It is therefore likely that maintenance/ repair will be required as part of an ongoing maintenance programme.

	<b>External decorations</b>	
Repair category	2	
Notes	Overhaul/repair works are required to external decorative finishes including possible repairs to external joinerywork/ metalwork prior to redecoration.	
	<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	
Repair category	2	
Notes	General maintenance/ repairs are required with timber decay noted to external timbers	
	<b>Communal areas</b>	
Repair category	-	
Notes	Not applicable.	
	<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	
Repair category	1	
Notes	The outbuilding structures will require ongoing maintenance and repairs.	
	<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	
Repair category	2	

Notes	<p>The boundaries appear reasonably well defined and are in adequate condition. Regular maintenance will be required. You should verify with your conveyancer the extent of the boundaries attaching to the property.</p> <p>Outside areas will require ongoing repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>Boundaries/retaining walls will require repairs and maintenance.</p> <p>There are trees in close proximity to the property. While no associated damage was noted, trees can cause problems to the structures and services in shrinkable sub-soils. (specialist advice may be prudent)</p>
	<h3>Ceilings</h3>
Repair category	2
Notes	Cracking and blemishes have occurred and some plaster repairs may be required during redecoration
	<h3>Internal walls</h3>
Repair category	2
Notes	Cracking and blemishes have occurred and some plaster repairs may be required (during redecoration).
	<h3>Floors including sub-floors</h3>
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>Areas of loose/uneven flooring were noted.</p> <p>No access to the sub-floor chamber was possible at the time of our visit to the property. Within the limitations of our inspection there was no indication to suggest significant defects in this area. It will, however be appreciated that the area was not inspected and therefore no guarantees can be provided in this regard.</p>
	<h3>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</h3>
Repair category	2

Notes	<p>The kitchen units are of a modern type and appeared in generally good condition for their age and purpose.</p> <p>The internal joinery is showing some signs of wear and tear and upgrading during routine decoration is thought necessary.</p>
	<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>There is a fireplace installed within the property. It should be emphasised that the flues were not checked or appliances tested.</p> <p>Some of the original fireplaces have been removed/blocked and we assume adequately vented.</p>
	<b>Internal decorations</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The property appears in fair decorative condition consistent with age although it is recognised that on taking occupancy home owners may consider redecoration.</p>
	<b>Cellars</b>
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.
	<b>Electricity</b>
Repair category	2

Notes	<p>The electrical system is on mixed lines and as such we recommend that it be checked and upgraded as necessary by an NICEIC/SELECT registered Electrical Contractor.</p> <p>The Institution of Engineering and Technology recommends that inspections and testing are undertaken at least every ten years and on a change of occupancy. It should be appreciated that only the most recently constructed or re-wired properties will have installations which fully comply with IET regulations.</p>
	<b>Gas</b>
Repair category	-
Notes	Not applicable.
	<b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	<p>The plumbing and fittings appeared in serviceable condition but were not tested.</p> <p>The sanitary fittings appeared in fair order consistent with age.</p>
	<b>Heating and hot water</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	An oil fired central heating system has been installed. This will require ongoing and regular servicing.
	<b>Drainage</b>
Repair category	1
Notes	The property is thought to be connected to a main sewer. There was no surface evidence to suggest the system is choked or leaking.



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

<b>Category 3</b>
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.
<b>Category 2</b>
Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.
<b>Category 1</b>
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 to a property?	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	
3. Is there a lift to the main entrance door of the property?	Yes		No	<b>X</b>
4. Are all door openings greater than 750mm?	Yes		No	<b>X</b>
5. Is there a toilet on the same level as the living room and kitchen?	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	
6. Is there a toilet on the same level as a bedroom?	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	
7. Are all rooms on the same level with no internal steps or stairs?	Yes		No	<b>X</b>
8. Is there unrestricted parking within 25 metres of an entrance door to the building?	Yes	<b>X</b>	No	

#### 4. Valuation and conveyance 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 cost for insurance purposes.

##### **Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer**

We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this should be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate.

Absolute Ownership assumed. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs and the extent of the works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and have full certification where appropriate. While not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the construction of the rear extension. We cannot confirm the age of the alterations carried out. On the balance of probability the alterations are likely to have been carried out in excess of 20 years ago.

Tests by the National Radiological Protection Board have identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of radon gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the appropriate department of the Local Authority or the Public Health England website which provides information on UK radon.

The property is initially accessed via a shared private driveway which we understand is under the ownership of an neighbouring property. Our valuation assumes that a right of access exists over this, although would recommend that full details be confirmed in this regard. It is assumed that the wood/multi fuel apparatus has been installed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations in particular regard to flueing and ventilation. The appliance was not tested.

Property market activity has been impacted due to the current response to Covid-19. This has resulted in an unprecedented set of circumstances on which to make a valuation judgement. The advice is therefore reported on the basis of "material valuation uncertainty" as per the RICS Red Book Global definition. Consequently, less certainty can be attached to the valuation than would otherwise be the case. It is recommended that the valuation of this property is kept under frequent review as more market evidence becomes available.

**Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes**

£350,000

We are of the opinion that the subjects should be insured for buildings reinstatement purposes for a sum of not less than £350,000.

**Valuation and market comments**

**£235,000**

Market Value assuming vacant possession is £235,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

Our valuation reflects current market conditions relating to this area. We would assume that current trends will prevail at the ultimate date of disposal with no adverse or onerous matters being introduced into the market during the intervening period which would have a detrimental effect on price.

**Report author**

Neil Cromarty

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**Signed**

Neil Cromarty BAcc MRICS  
for and on behalf of Graham & Sibbald

**Date of report**

23/9/2020

## **SINGLE SURVEY TERMS & CONDITIONS (WITH MVR)**

### **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. \*

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 here:

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

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

## **1.2 THE REPORT**

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

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

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

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

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

The Report is based solely on the Property and is not to be relied upon in any manner whatsoever when considering the valuation or condition of any other property.

If certain minor matters are mentioned in the Report it should not be assumed that the Property is free of other minor defects.

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisors 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 advisors 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.

#### **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 whatsoever 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.

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

#### **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 the Property should exchange, on the date of valuation, between a willing seller and a willing buyer in an arm’s length transaction after proper marketing where 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 of 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 or 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 affect upon value and will omit items that, in the Surveyor's opinion, are not significant. If certain minor matters are mentioned, it should not be interpreted that the property is free of any other minor defects.

Throughout the report the following repair categories will be used to give an overall opinion of the state of repair and condition of the property:

2.3.1. **Category 3:** Urgent repairs or replacement are needed now.

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

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

2.3.3. **Category 1:** No immediate action or repair is needed.

### **WARNING:**

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

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

## **2.4 SERVICES**

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

## **2.5 ACCESSIBILITY**

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

## **2.6 ENERGY REPORT**

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

## **2.7 VALUATION & 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 within a willing buyer and willing seller in an arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties have 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 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 re-inspection 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.

Valuation Certainty: Our valuation reflects market conditions for this area. For the purpose of this valuation it is assumed that this trend will continue. The result of the UK referendum to leave the EU has created uncertainty within the market, and it should be appreciated that the valuation is based on the most recent comparable evidence available.

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

**Ardselma, Free Church Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DQ**

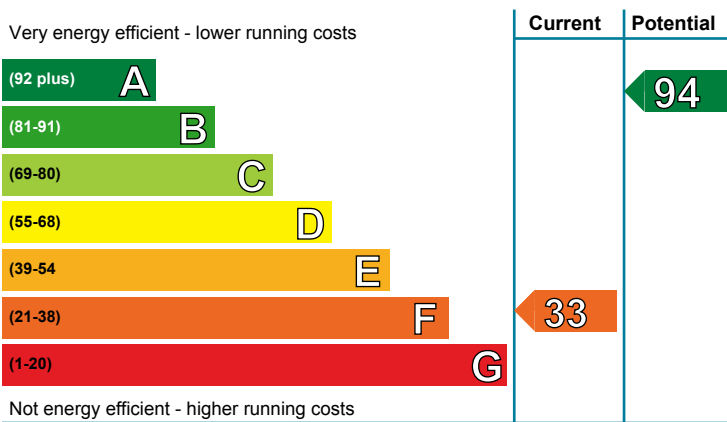
<b>Dwelling type:</b>	Detached house	<b>Reference number:</b>	3610-6721-8430-2414-6296
<b>Date of assessment:</b>	14 September 2020	<b>Type of assessment:</b>	RdSAP, existing dwelling
<b>Date of certificate:</b>	18 September 2020	<b>Approved Organisation:</b>	Elmhurst
<b>Total floor area:</b>	142 m <sup>2</sup>	<b>Main heating and fuel:</b>	Boiler and radiators, oil
<b>Primary Energy Indicator:</b>	441 kWh/m <sup>2</sup> /year		

## You can use this document to:

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

<b>Estimated energy costs for your home for 3 years*</b>	<b>£8,181</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£4,668</b>	

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

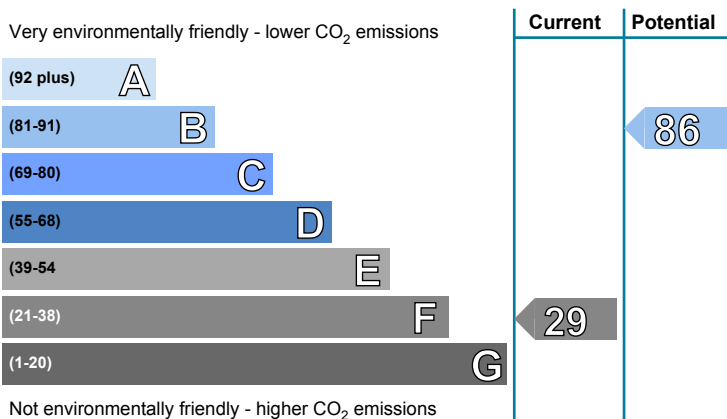


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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 (33)**. The average rating for EPCs in Scotland is **band D (61)**.

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



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

This graph shows the effect of your home on the environment in terms of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. The higher the rating, the less impact it has on the environment.

Your current rating is **band F (29)**. 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	£2094.00
2 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£198.00
3 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£996.00

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](http://greenerscotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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

## Summary of the energy performance related features of this home

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

Element	Description	Energy Efficiency	Environmental
Walls	Granite or whinstone, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Roof	Roof room(s), ceiling insulated	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆
	Roof room(s), limited insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
Floor	Suspended, no insulation (assumed)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, oil	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Lighting	No low energy lighting	★☆☆☆☆	★☆☆☆☆

## The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

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


## The impact of your home on the environment

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

The calculated emissions for your home are 114 kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/yr.

The average Scottish household produces about 6 tonnes of carbon dioxide every year. Based on this assessment, heating and lighting this home currently produces approximately 16 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 11.8 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	£7,077 over 3 years	£2,958 over 3 years	
Hot water	£534 over 3 years	£270 over 3 years	
Lighting	£570 over 3 years	£285 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£8,181</b>	<b>£3,513</b>	

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	£698	E 49	E 42
2 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£66	E 51	E 43
3 Internal or external wall insulation	£4,000 - £14,000	£332	D 60	E 52
4 Floor insulation (suspended floor)	£800 - £1,200	£201	D 65	D 58
5 Low energy lighting for all fixed outlets	£75	£79	D 67	D 59
6 Replace boiler with new condensing boiler	£2,200 - £3,000	£137	C 71	D 64
7 Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£43	C 72	D 67
8 Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp	£3,500 - £5,500	£273	C 80	C 73
9 Wind turbine	£15,000 - £25,000	£669	A 94	B 86

### 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.

- External insulation with cavity wall insulation

## 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](http://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](http://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 Cavity wall insulation**

Cavity wall insulation, to fill the gap between the inner and outer layers of external walls with an insulating material, reduces heat loss; this will improve levels of comfort, reduce energy use and lower fuel bills. The insulation material is pumped into the gap through small holes that are drilled into the outer walls, and the holes are made good afterwards. As specialist machinery is used to fill the cavity, a professional installation company should carry out this work, and they should carry out a thorough survey before commencing work to ensure that this type of insulation is suitable for this home and its exposure. They should also provide a guarantee for the work and handle any building standards issues. Further information about cavity wall insulation and details of local installers can be obtained from the National Insulation Association ([www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk](http://www.nationalinsulationassociation.org.uk)).

### **3 Internal or external wall insulation**

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

### **4 Floor insulation (suspended floor)**

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

### **5 Low energy lighting**

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

### **6 Condensing boiler**

A condensing boiler is capable of much higher efficiencies than other types of boiler, meaning it will burn less fuel to heat this property. This improvement is most appropriate when the existing central heating boiler needs repair or replacement, however there may be exceptional circumstances making this impractical. Condensing boilers need a drain for the condensate which limits their location; remember this when considering remodelling the room containing the existing boiler even if the latter is to be retained for the time being (for example a kitchen makeover). 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.

## 7 Solar water heating

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

## 8 Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels

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

## 9 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](http://www.microgenerationcertification.org).

## Low and zero carbon energy sources

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

**LZC energy sources present:** There are none provided for this home

## Your home's heat demand

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	39,529	(517)	(1,044)	(5,050)
Water heating (kWh per year)	2,987			

## Addendum

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



## About this document

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

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

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Related party disclosure:	No related party

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

### Use of this energy performance information

Once lodged by your EPC assessor, this Energy Performance Certificate and Recommendations Report are available to view online at [www.scottishepcregister.org.uk](http://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](http://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 [greenerScotland.org](http://greenerScotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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

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# property questionnaire

<b>Property address</b>	<b>Ardselma, Free Church Road, Fort Augustus, PH32 4DQ</b>
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<b>Seller(s)</b>	<b>None at present</b>
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	<b>09/09/2020</b>
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# 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)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Length of ownership</b>
	How long have you owned the property? <b>6.5 years</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Council tax</b>
	Which Council Tax band is your property in? <b>D</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Parking</b>
	What are the arrangements for parking at your property? (Please tick all that apply) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Garage</li><li>• Allocated parking space <b>Yes</b></li><li>• Driveway</li><li>• Shared parking</li><li>• On street</li><li>• Resident permit</li><li>• Metered parking</li><li>• Other (please specify):</li></ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Conservation area</b>
	Is your property in a designated Conservation Area (that is an area of special architectural or historical interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance)? <b>No</b>

# property questionnaire

<b>5.</b>	<b>Listed buildings</b>	
	Is your property a Listed Building, or contained within one (that is a building recognised and approved as being of special architectural or historical interest)?	<b>No</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Alterations/additions/extensions</b>	
<b>a.</b>	(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)? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please describe below the changes which you have made:	<b>No</b>
	(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work? If you have answered yes, the relevant documents will be needed by the purchaser and you should give them to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have the documents yourself, please note below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange to obtain them:	<b>No</b>
<b>b.</b>	Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please answer the three questions below:	<b>Yes</b>
	(i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?	<b>Yes</b>
	(ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?	<b>No</b>
	(iii) Please describe the changes made to the windows doors, or patio doors (with approximate dates when the work was completed):  Please give any guarantees which you received for this work to your solicitor or estate agent.	

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<b>7.</b>	<b>Central heating</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<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).  <u>If you have answered yes or partial</u> – what kind of central heating is there?            (Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).  <b>Oil</b>  <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please answer the three questions below:</p>	<b>Yes</b>
	(i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed? <b>not sure</b>	
	(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system? If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract: <b>Glen Albyn Heating Services</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	(iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed? (Please provide the month and year). <b>09/2020</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Energy Performance Certificate</b>	
	Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?	<b>No</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Issues that may have affected your property</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<p>Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?  <u>If you have answered yes</u>, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>b.</b>	<p>Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?  <u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>

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<b>a.</b> Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:																										
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<b>b.</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> <p>(iv) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?</p> <p>(v) 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>	<b>No</b>																								

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Responsibilities for shared or common areas</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<p>Are you aware of any responsibility to contribute to the cost of anything used jointly, such as the repair of a shared drive, private road, boundary, or garden area?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>b.</b>	<p>Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>c.</b>	<p>Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>d.</b>	<p>Do you have the right to walk over any of your neighbours' property — for example to put out your rubbish bin or to maintain your boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>e.</b>	<p>As far as you are aware, do any of your neighbours have the right to walk over your property, for example to put out their rubbish bin or to maintain their boundaries?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>f.</b>	<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</u>, please give details:</p>	<b>No</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Charges associated with your property</b>	
<b>a.</b>	<p>Is there a factor or property manager for your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please provide the name and address, and give details of any deposit held and approximate charges:</p>	<b>No</b>

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<p><b>b.</b></p>	<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><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>c.</b></p>	<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><b>13. Specialist works</b></p>		
<p><b>a.</b></p>	<p>As far as you are aware, has treatment of dry rot, wet rot, damp or any other specialist work ever been carried out to your property?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>b.</b></p>	<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><u>If you have answered yes</u>, please give details:</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>
<p><b>c.</b></p>	<p><u>If you have answered yes</u> to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?</p> <p><u>If you have answered yes</u>, 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 <u>please write below who has these documents</u> 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><b>No</b></p>



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<b>14.</b>	<b>Guarantees</b>	
<b>a.</b>	Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:	
(i)	Electrical work	<b>Don't Know</b>
(ii)	Roofing	<b>Don't Know</b>
(iii)	Central heating	<b>Yes</b>
(iv)	National House Building Council (NHBC)	<b>Don't Know</b>
(v)	Damp course	<b>No</b>
(vi)	Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)	<b>No</b>
<b>b.</b>	<u>If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds'</u> , please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):	
<b>c.</b>	Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above? <u>If you have answered yes</u> , please give details:	
<b>15.</b>	<b>Boundaries</b>	
	So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years? If you have answered yes, please give details:	<b>No</b>

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<b>16.</b>	<b>Notices that affect your property</b>	
In the past three years have you ever received a notice:		
<b>a.</b>	advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?	<b>No</b>
<b>b.</b>	that affects your property in some other way?	<b>No</b>
<b>c.</b>	that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?	<b>No</b>
<u>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.</u>		

## 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.**

**I ACCEPT**

**Name: Ross Girvan**

**Date: 09/09/2020**

# Mortgage Valuation Report for Home Report



Source: G+S Home Report

Seller Name

Reference

## 1) Property Details

House Name   
Number / Ext   
Street   
Area   
Town  Postcode

## 2) Description of property

Property Type  House Type  Floor number of subject property   
Year Built  Non Traditional Construction?  No. of floors in block   
(\*Specify under general comments) No. of flats in block

## 3) Accommodation - give number of:

Receptions  Bedrooms  Kitchens  Bathrooms  Total Inside W.C.s  No of floors   
Other  Garage(s)  Outbuildings  Garden

4) Tenure  If Leasehold, years unexpired:

Any known or reported problems with onerous or unusual ground rent or service charges?

Owner occupied  Tenanted  Vacant

If part tenanted, please give details

## 5) Subsidence, Settlement and Landslip

Does the property show signs of, or is the property located near any area subject to landslip, heave, settlement, subsidence, flooding or mining?

If yes, please clarify

## 6) Condition of Property

Are essential internal repairs required? Yes  No

Are essential external repairs required? Yes  No

Should the repairs be effected before the advance is made? Yes  No

Is a mortgage retention recommended? Yes  No

If the answer to any of the above questions is Yes, please provide further detail:



7) Services Mains water  Mains drainage  Electricity  Gas  Central heating Oil

**8) Insurance Reinstatement Value**

Total area of all floors measured internally (m<sup>2</sup>)

Cost of rebuilding inc. demolition, site clearance, professional fees, local authority requirements and main building (inc all other structures within the site boundaries unless specifically excluded)

**9) Market Valuation for Mortgage Purposes (Assuming Vacant Possession)**

Do you recommend the property as suitable security for a mortgage?

If no, please provide reasons:

If Yes, please provide your valuation

Valuation in present condition:

Valuation on completion of any works required under Question 6

**10) General Comments**

Please advise of any special features of the property and/or the location, which affects the property.

The property comprises an extended one and a half storey detached villa. The original main outer walls are of stone construction and roughcasted externally. The rear extension walls are consistent with being of cavity brick/block construction. The roof areas are of pitched design and clad with slates.

The subjects are situated in semi rural surroundings occupying a backlying position off Free Church Road on the northern side of Fort Augustus. Immediate surrounding properties comprise scattered residential dwellings whilst the property enjoys an open outlook to the front. Whilst there is a range of local village amenities available nearby, a wider range can be found within commuting distance of both Fort William and Inverness which are situated approximately 32 and 35 miles distance respectively.

At the date of inspection, the property was found to be in generally fair condition consistent with age and type and having been part upgraded and modernised in recent years. Whilst there are no immediate essential repairs recommended as a condition of mortgage, the property would however benefit from works of a routine maintenance and repairing nature. We are unaware of any adverse planning proposals affecting the subjects although this should be confirmed by obtaining a Property Enquiry Certificate. Absolute Ownership assumed. We are unaware of any easements, servitudes or rights of way which may adversely affect the property. This point should be confirmed by reference to the Title Deeds.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs and the extent of the works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.


The valuation is made on the assumption that any alterations that may have been carried out to the property satisfy all relevant legislation and have full certification where appropriate. While not necessarily an exhaustive list, alterations noted at the time of our inspection include the construction of the rear extension. We cannot confirm the age of the alterations carried out. On the balance of probability the alterations are likely to have been carried out in excess of 20 years ago. Tests by the National Radiological Protection Board have identified some properties in this area as having natural levels of radon gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the appropriate department of the Local Authority or the Public Health England website which provides information on UK radon.

The property is initially accessed via a shared private driveway which we understand is under the ownership of an neighbouring property. Our valuation assumes that a right of access exists over this, although would recommend that full details be confirmed in this regard.

In our opinion the property forms suitable security for loan purposes subject to specific lenders criteria which may vary.

**IMPORTANT - THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT PREPARED FOR MORTGAGE PURPOSES.**

Certificate: I have personally inspected the property described herein and confirm adequate professional indemnity cover is held.

Signature   
 Neil Cromarty BAcc MRICS  
 for and on behalf of Graham & Sibbald

Date of inspection   
 Date of report

Company / Firm Name   
 Office Name   
 Office Addr1   
 Office Addr2   
 Area   
 Town   
 Postcode   
 Tel no

## MORTGAGE VALUATION- CONDITIONS OF ENGAGEMENT



A valuation for mortgage is a limited inspection and report produced for Building Societies, Banks and other Lenders to enable them to make a lending decision. IT IS NOT A SURVEY. Unless otherwise stated the date of valuation will be the date of inspection.

This report is used to guide the lender on the market value of the property for mortgage purposes, and is carried out for this purpose alone. Although the inspection will be carried out by a valuer who will usually be a qualified surveyor it is not a detailed inspection of the property, and only major visible defects will be noted. Subject to reasonable accessibility, the roof space is inspected only to the extent visible from the access hatch without entering it. The surveyor will not inspect under floor areas, communal roof space or other parts not readily accessible. The exterior and roof of the property will be inspected from ground level only from within the boundaries of the site and adjacent/communal public areas. The area of the property will be taken into account, and the rooms individually inspected, but floor coverings and furniture will not be moved. Services (such as water, gas, electricity and drainage) will not be tested and we will not advise as to whether these comply with regulations in respect of these services.

The surveyor may recommend that a part of the mortgage be retained by the lenders until such time as particular repair works are carried out. Similarly the report may suggest that the borrower should undertake to carry out certain repairs or commission more extensive investigation where hidden defects are suspected since these may have a material effect on the value of the property. If a retention is recommended then the figure should not be regarded as an estimate of repair costs. Its purpose is to protect the interests of the lending institution. It is recommended that detailed estimates be obtained before proceeding with the purchase. Attention is drawn to the fact that if a subsequent transcription of this report is prepared on a lenders form, then in order to comply with the lenders specific requirements, the wording or phraseology may differ. Many people rely on the Mortgage Valuation Certificate in the mistaken belief that it is a detailed survey. The report is often made available to house buyers by lenders, but this does not mean that it should be relied upon as a report of the condition of the building.

The definition of "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 arms-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion. For the purpose of this market value the surveyor has assumed that vacant possession will be provided. Unless otherwise stated the surveyor has valued the interest on a Comparable Basis.

The inspection that has been undertaken should not be regarded as a survey. The surveyor did not inspect parts of the property which were covered, unexposed or inaccessible and are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect. Defects which are not considered materially to affect the value of the property or other matters which would be attended to during maintenance, may not have been mentioned. If defects have been mentioned in this report, they should be regarded as indicative and not exhaustive. For the purposes of this valuation the surveyor assumes that all uninspected areas are free from defect which would have a material effect on value.

In accordance with our normal practice, we must state that this report is for the use only of the party to whom it is addressed or their named client and no responsibility is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of its content. In addition, we would bring to your attention that neither the whole nor any part of this report, nor any reference thereto, may be included in any document, circular or statement without prior written approval of the form and context in which it will appear.

The surveyor shall, unless otherwise expressly agreed, rely upon information provided by the Client and/or the Client's legal or other professional advisers relating to tenure, leases and all other relevant matters.

For the purposes of this valuation the surveyor has assumed that all ground burdens are nominal or have been redeemed and that there are no unusual outgoing or onerous restrictions contained within the Titles of which we have no knowledge. The surveyor has further assume that the subjects are unaffected by any adverse planning proposals.

Unless otherwise stated, it is assumed that all the required valid planning permissions and statutory approvals for the building and for their use, including any recent or significant extensions or alterations, have been obtained and complied with. It has been further assumed that no deleterious or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction of the subject and that there is no contamination in or from the ground or from the immediate surrounds.

The surveyor will not carry out an asbestos inspection and will not be acting as an asbestos inspector in completing a valuation inspection of properties that may fall within the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012. No enquiry of the duty holder, as defined in the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, of the existence of an asbestos register, or of any plan for the management of asbestos will be made. Your legal adviser/conveyancer should confirm the duty holder under these regulations, the availability of an Asbestos Register and the existence and management of any asbestos containing materials. For the purposes of this valuation, the surveyor has assumed that there is a duty holder, as defined in the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012, and that a Register of Asbestos and effective Management Plan is in place which does not require any immediate expenditure or pose a significant risk to health or breach the HSE Regulations.

The surveyor confirms that this mortgage valuation is prepared in accordance with the RICS Valuation - Global Standards 2017 and incorporating IVSC International Valuation Standards and, unless other stated, we are External Valuers as defined therein. Further information may also be obtained from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in Scotland, 3rd Floor, 125 Princes Street, Edinburgh EH2 4AD. Tel no 0131 225 7078.

As part of this remit, the surveyor may, where he/she feels qualified and experienced to do so, provide general comment on standard appropriate supplementary documentation, presented to us by the clients lender and conveyancer. In the event of a significant amount of documentation being provided to us, an additional fee may be incurred. Any additional fees will be agreed.

We confirm this firm operates formal procedures to deal with complaints from clients in accordance with Bye-law 19 Regulation 2.7 of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures. A copy of this procedure is available on request.

Date: 19/02/2016