



## Survey Report On

**Whitehouse,  
Eastside,  
South Ronaldsay,  
Orkney,  
KW17 2TJ.**

**Client:** L Rowden & L Leggett.

**Client address:** Whitehouse, Eastside, South Ronaldsay,  
Orkney, KW17 2TJ.

**Date of inspection:** 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

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## 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 the need to move any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right are taken facing the front of the property.

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. were not inspected or reported on.

<b>Description</b>	Single storey detached house.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Sitting/Kitchen/Dining, Entrance Hall, 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room and WC.
<b>Gross external floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	139m <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	The property is situated on the linked island of South Ronaldsay, the fourth of four islands linked to the Orkney Mainland by four causeways, each two way road width (The Churchill Barriers). The small village of St Margaret's Hope is a few miles distant.
<b>Age</b>	Circa 1800's with extension at an unknown date.
<b>Weather</b>	Dry and overcast.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<i>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</i>  2no. stone chimney stacks plastered and dashed with concrete copings and 1no. pots to each. Leadwork noted to the base of the stacks.

**Roofing including roof space**

*Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  
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.*

Pitched roofs clad tiles on battens, felt, sarking and timber rafters. There roof space over the living area is lined, which means there was no access to the majority of the roof timbers.  
Flat felt roof, with chips to part, over the entrance hall.

**Rainwater fittings**

*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.*

P.V.C. gutters and downpipes.

**Main walls**

*Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.  
Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.*

Original part – Stone walls plastered and dashed.  
Extension – Concrete block cavity, plastered and dashed.

**Windows, external doors and joinery**

*External doors were opened and closed where keys were available.  
Random windows were opened and closed where possible.  
Doors and windows were not forced open.*

Doubled glazed u.P.V.C. windows and entrance doors.  
Double glazed Velux to the roof space over the sitting/kitchen/dining room.  
Timber fascia to extension.

**External decorations**

*Visually inspected.*

Paint finish to the fascias.

**Conservatories / porches**

*Visually inspected.*

None.

**Communal areas**

*Visually inspected.*

None.

**Garages and permanent outbuildings**

*Visually inspected.*

Stone shed – Pitched roof with stone slate to the front and corrugated sheets to the rear.  
Greenhouse – concrete block rear wall with single glazed timber windows and door.  
Storage container.

**Outside areas and boundaries**

*Visually inspected.*

Garden areas to the front and side of the property.  
Boundaries are post and wire fencing.  
Chipped driveway and parking area.

**Ceilings**

*Visually inspected from floor level.*

Ceilings are lined plasterboard to the extension with exposed timber boarding and ceiling joists to the sitting/kitchen/dining room.

**Internal walls**

*Visually inspected from floor level.*  
*Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.*

Internal walls are lined plasterboard with a small section of hardwall plaster to the sitting area.

**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 unfix hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.*

Solid floors throughout.

**Internal joinery and kitchen fittings**

*Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.*  
*Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.*

Internal doors are timber panelled and sapele.  
Timber steps leading from the sitting/kitchen/dining and entrance hall.  
Timber facings and skirtings.  
Built-in kitchen unit.

**Chimney breasts and fireplaces**

*Visually inspected. No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.*

No fireplaces present.

**Internal decorations**

*Visually inspected.*

Ceilings are finished emulsion with stain to the underside of timber boarding.  
Internal walls are finished a mixture of emulsion and wallpaper.  
Internal joinery is finished a mixture of paint and varnish.

**Cellars**

*Visually inspected.*

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.*

Mains electricity supply.

**Gas**

*Visually inspected.*

No mains gas in Orkney.  
Private gas supply.

**Water, plumbing and 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.*

Mains water supply.  
Stainless steel kitchen sink.  
Insulated cold water storage tank.  
Shower room – WC, wash hand basin & pedestal and mixer shower over a wet room style floor.  
WC – 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.*

Combination oil boiler to radiators.

**Drainage**

*Drainage covers etc were not lifted. Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.*

Drainage to a private septic tank.

**Fire, smoke and burglar alarms**

*Visually inspected.*

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

Smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector to the entrance hallway.

**Any additional limits to inspection:**

There was no access for inspection to the foundations, to behind side wall linings or to the underside of the main floor construction. The property was fully furnished at the time of inspection. Fitted coverings prevented access to the floor surfaces. The roof space over the kitchen/sitting/dinning is lined and there were owner's belongings to the roof space of the extension. The efficiency of the heating and drainage systems cannot be commented upon.

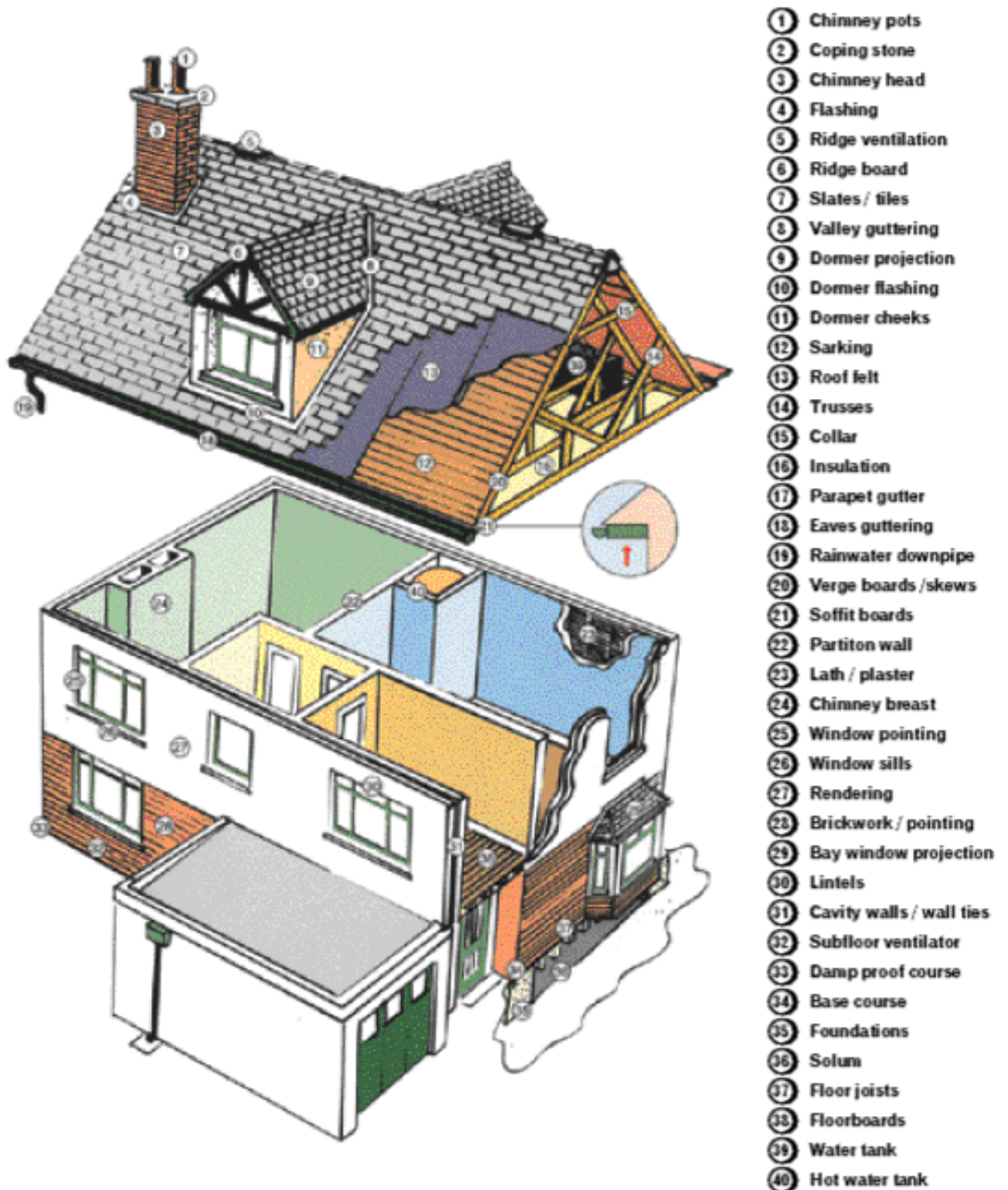
Tests by the Health Protection Agency have identified some properties in Orkney as having natural levels of Radon Gas in excess of those normally considered acceptable. Further advice on this should be obtained from the Health Protection Agency. Telephone 01235 822745/876/737.

An inspection for Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species was not carried out and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of this report, it is assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.

It is out with 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.



## 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 terms.










## 2. CONDITION









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



<p><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.</p>	<p><b>Category 2:</b> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.</p>	<p><b>Category 1:</b> No immediate action or repair is needed.</p>
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 <p><b>Structural movement</b></p>	
Repair category	1
Notes:	There was no evidence of significant subsidence, settlement or cracking to the main walls.
 <p><b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b></p>	
Repair category	1
Notes:	High moisture readings noted to the skirtings of the ingos of the side entrance door. No rot or woodworm noted where open/accessible to inspection.
 <p><b>Chimney stacks</b></p>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects.
 <p><b>Roofing including roof space</b></p>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Stained area to the sarking of the rear slope of the main roof, as viewed through small access hatch in the gable wall. A number of the ridge tiles to the main roof have been replaced at some point in the past.
 <p><b>Rainwater fittings</b></p>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	There outlet to the gutter of the flat roof is missing. The efficiency of the system cannot be commented upon, as it was not raining at the time of inspection.



 <b>Main walls</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	There are areas of missing render to the extension. Parts of the render is boss (loose).
 <b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Windows to the bedrooms were locked at the time of inspection. Some of the window handles are tarnished. Failed double glazing unit to the WC window and the Velux rooflights.
 <b>External decorations</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The re-decoration of the fascia will be an ongoing maintenance consideration.
 <b>Conservatories / porches</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Communal areas</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	
Repair category:	2
Notes:	Rot noted to the windows of the greenhouse.
 <b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects.
 <b>Ceilings</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Visible plasterboard joints noted to the ceilings.
 <b>Internal walls</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Some areas of visible plasterboard joints.

 <b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Floors felt sound where walked upon.
 <b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The steps creak when walked upon.
 <b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Internal decorations</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	Some general areas of marking to the decoration.
 <b>Cellars</b>	
Repair category:	N/A
Notes:	
 <b>Electricity</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	The flexi pipe from the WC extractor fan is not connected to the outlet. 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.
 <b>Gas</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	In the interest of safety all gas appliances should be checked by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.
 <b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	No notable defects.

 <b>Heating and hot water</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The condition or efficiency of the heating system cannot be commented upon.</p> <p>The heating system should be periodically tested by a qualified engineer, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements, and any recommendations implemented.</p>
 <b>Drainage</b>	
Repair category:	1
Notes:	<p>The condition or efficiency of the drainage system cannot be commented upon.</p>

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

<b>Structural movement</b>	<b>1</b>	<p><b>Repair Categories</b></p> <p><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.</p> <p><b>Category 2:</b> Repairs or replacement requiring future attention, but estimates are still advised.</p> <p><b>Category 1:</b> No immediate action or repair is needed.</p>
<b>Dampness, rot and infestation</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Main walls</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>External decorations</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Communal areas</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Floors including sub-floors</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Cellars</b>	<b>N/A</b>	
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Gas</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Heating and hot water</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Drainage</b>	<b>1</b>	

### Remember

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

### Warning

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

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

#### Guidance Notes on Accessibility Information

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

**Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:** For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes: Parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

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

#### 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 re-instatement cost for insurance purposes.

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

Confirm:

- Site boundaries.
- The septic tank has been registered with SEPA.

##### Estimated re-instatement cost for insurance purposes

£270,000 (house only).

##### Valuation and market comments

One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds, £160,000.

*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.*

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**Signed:** .....

**Date of report:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020.



# SINGLE SURVEY TERMS AND 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. <sup>1</sup>

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



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.

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

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

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

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.

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. 2

#### **1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

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

#### **1.7 PAYMENT**

The Surveyors are entitled to refrain from delivering the Report to anyone until the fee and other charges for it notified to the Seller have been paid.

Additional fees will be charged for subsequent inspections and Reports.

#### **1.8 CANCELLATION**

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

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

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

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

#### **1.9 PRECEDENCE**

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

#### **1.10 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;

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- 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.

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

## 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.*

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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.

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.

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### 2.4 SERVICES

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

## **2.5 ACCESSIBILITY**

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

## **2.6 ENERGY REPORT**

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

## **2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES**

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

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

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

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

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

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