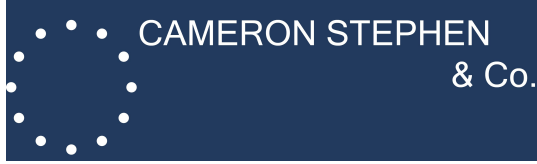


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Flat 4  
152 McDonald Road  
EDINBURGH  
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# Single Survey

survey report on:

<b>Property address</b>	2f2, 152 McDonald Road, Broughton, EDINBURGH, EH7 4NL
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<b>Customer</b>	Mr C Mearns
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<b>Prepared by</b>	DM Hall LLP
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<b>Date of inspection</b>	6th November 2023
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## PART 1 - GENERAL

### 1.1 THE SURVEYORS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neither the whole nor any part of the Report may be published in any way, reproduced or distributed by any party other than the Seller, prospective purchasers and the Purchaser and their respective professional advisers without the prior written consent of the Surveyors.

## 1.3 LIABILITY

The Report is prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected of a competent residential surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The Report is addressed to the Seller and was prepared in the expectation that it (or a complete copy) along with these Terms and Conditions (or a complete copy) would (or, as the case might be, would have been) be disclosed and delivered to:

- the Seller;
- any person(s) noting an interest in purchasing the Property from the Seller;
- any person(s) who make(s) (or on whose behalf is made) an offer to purchase the Property, whether or not that offer is accepted by the Seller;
- the Purchaser; and
- the professional advisers of any of these.

The Surveyors acknowledge that their duty of skill and care in relation to the Report is owed to the Seller and to the Purchaser. The Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever in relation to the Report to persons other than the Seller and the Purchaser. The Seller and Purchaser should be aware that if a Lender seeks to rely on this Report they do so at their own risk. In particular, the Surveyors accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever to any Lender in relation to the Report. Any such Lender relies upon the Report entirely at their own risk.

## 1.4 GENERIC MORTGAGE VALUATION REPORT

The Surveyors undertake to the Seller that they will prepare a generic Mortgage Valuation Report, which will be issued along with the Single Survey. It is the responsibility of the Seller to ensure that the generic Mortgage Valuation Report is provided to every potential Purchaser.

## 1.5 TRANSCRIPT MORTGAGE VALUATION FOR LENDING PURPOSES

The Surveyors undertake that on being asked to do so by a prospective purchaser, or his/her professional advisor or Lender, they will prepare a Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes on terms and conditions to be agreed between the Surveyors and Lender and solely for the use of the Lender and upon which the Lender may rely. The decision as to whether finance will be provided is entirely a matter for the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report will be prepared from information contained in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report.<sup>2</sup>

## 1.6 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

All intellectual property rights whatsoever (including copyright) in and to the Report, excluding the headings and rubrics, are the exclusive property of the Surveyors and shall remain their exclusive property unless

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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

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they assign the same to any other party in writing.

## 1.7 PAYMENT

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

## 1.8 CANCELLATION

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

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

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

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

## 1.9 PRECEDENCE

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

## 1.1 DEFINITIONS

- the "Lender" is the party who has provided or intends or proposes to provide financial assistance to the Purchaser towards the purchase of the Property and in whose favour a standard security will be granted over the Property;
- the "Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor, prepared from information in the Report and the generic Mortgage Valuation Report, but in a style and format required by the Lender. The Transcript Mortgage Valuation Report for Lending Purposes will be prepared with the skill and care reasonably to be expected from a surveyor who is a member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and who is competent to survey, value and report on the Property;
- the "Generic Mortgage Valuation Report" means a separate report, prepared by the Surveyor from information in the Report but in the Surveyor's own format;
- the "Market Value" is the estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion;
- the "Property" is the property which forms the subject of the Report;

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- the "Purchaser" is the person (or persons) who enters into a contract to buy the Property from the Seller;
- a "prospective Purchaser" is anyone considering buying the Property;
- the "Report" is the report, of the kind described in Part 2 of these Terms and Conditions and in the form set out in part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 (Prescribed Documents) Regulations 2008;
- the "Seller" is/are the proprietor(s) of the Property;
- the "Surveyor" is the author of the Report on the Property; and
- the "Surveyors" are the firm or company of which the Surveyor is an employee, director, member or partner (unless the Surveyor is not an employee, director, member or partner, when the "Surveyors" means the Surveyor) whose details are set out at the head of the Report.
- the "Energy Report" is the advice given by the accredited Energy Company, based on information collected by the Surveyor during the Inspection, and also includes an Energy Performance Certificate, in a Government approved format.

## PART 2 - DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORT

### 2.1 THE SERVICE

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

### 2.2 THE INSPECTION

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.3 THE REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

## 2.4 SERVICES

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

## 2.5 ACCESSIBILITY

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

## 2.6 ENERGY REPORT

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

## 2.7 VALUATION AND CONVEYANCER ISSUES

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

"Market Value" *The estimated amount for which a property should exchange on the date of valuation between a willing buyer and a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction after proper marketing wherein*



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*the parties had each acted knowledgeably, prudently and without compulsion.* In arriving at the opinion of the Market Value the Surveyor also makes various standard assumptions covering, for example, vacant possession; tenure and other legal considerations; contamination and hazardous materials; the condition of un-inspected parts; the right to use mains services; and the exclusion of curtains, carpets etc. from the valuation. In the case of flats, the following further assumptions are made that:

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

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

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

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

## 1. Information and scope of inspection

This section tells you about the type, accommodation, neighbourhood, age and construction of the property. It also tells you about the extent of the inspection and highlights anything that the surveyor could not inspect.

All references to visual inspection refer to an inspection from within the property without moving any obstructions and externally from ground level within the site and adjoining public areas. Any references to left or right in a description of the exterior of the property refer to the view of someone standing facing that part of the property from the outside.

The inspection is carried out without causing damage to the building or its contents and without endangering the occupiers or the surveyor. Heavy furniture, stored items and insulation are not moved. Unless identified in the report the surveyor will assume that no harmful or hazardous materials or techniques have been used in the construction. The presence or possible consequences of any site contamination will not be researched.

Services such as TV/cable connection, internet connection, swimming pools and other leisure facilities etc. will not be inspected or reported on.

<b>Description</b>	Purpose built and self contained second floor flat within a four storey tenement of eight flats.
<b>Accommodation</b>	Hallway, sitting room, two bedrooms, kitchen and bathroom.
<b>Gross internal floor area (m<sup>2</sup>)</b>	73 m <sup>2</sup> approximately.
<b>Neighbourhood and location</b>	Established and mixed residential/commercial area, within a central and northern district of Edinburgh.
<b>Age</b>	85 years approximately.
<b>Weather</b>	Dry and overcast and following a period of mixed weather conditions, including heavy rainfall.
<b>Chimney stacks</b>	<b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b> Concrete block construction and pointed. A full inspection was not possible from ground level.
<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<b>Sloping roofs were visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b> <b>Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.</b> <b>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.</b> <b>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.</b> The roof is thought to be of timber construction, being of a multi

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<b>Roofing including roof space</b>	<p>pitched design and clad with slates. The roof structure is also thought to incorporate a flat area and this is assumed to be felt covered.</p> <p>Only a limited inspection of the roof coverings was possible from ground level. The flat roof area could not be seen.</p> <p>Access into the common roof void is unobtainable.</p>
<b>Rainwater fittings</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p>Cast iron gutters and downpipes.</p>
<b>Main walls</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.</b></p> <p><b>Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.</b></p> <p>The principal external walls appear to be of cavity construction with outer leaf being primarily of pointed concrete blockwork.</p>
<b>Windows, external doors and joinery</b>	<p><b>Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.</b></p> <p><b>Random windows were opened and closed where possible.</b></p> <p><b>Doors and windows were not forced open.</b></p> <p>Double glazed windows and a timber and glazed entrance door.</p>
<b>External decorations</b>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p>PVC finishes.</p>
<b>Conservatories / porches</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Communal areas</b>	<p><b>Circulation areas visually inspected.</b></p> <p>Access to the property is by way of a common entrance and there is an entry phone system. There is a mutual drying green at the rear.</p>
<b>Garages and permanent outbuildings</b>	<p>None.</p>
<b>Outside areas and boundaries</b>	<p>None.</p>

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<b>Ceilings</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> Ceilings are of plaster.
<b>Internal walls</b>	<b>Visually inspected from floor level.</b> <b>Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.</b> Solid construction and plastered. Furniture limited access to some lower wall areas.
<b>Floors including sub floors</b>	<b>Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted.</b> <b>Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.</b> <b>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.</b> Suspended concrete construction and having fitted floor coverings throughout. There is no sub-floor area.
<b>Internal joinery and kitchen fittings</b>	<b>Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.</b> <b>Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.</b> Timber finishings and facings and fitted kitchen units along with the usual press and cupboard accommodation as is normally associated with a property of this age and type.
<b>Chimney breasts and fireplaces</b>	None.
<b>Internal decorations</b>	<b>Visually inspected.</b> Walls and ceilings have mainly a paint finish.
<b>Cellars</b>	None.
<b>Electricity</b>	<b>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.</b> Mains supply is connected and there are 13 amp power points. There is a modern consumer board located in the hallway.

<p><b>Gas</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them on.</b></p> <p>Mains gas supply is connected.</p>
<p><b>Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings</b></p>	<p><b>Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Mains water is connected and visible pipework is in copper and PVC.</p> <p>There is a bath, a shower tray, a wash hand basin and a W.C. installed.</p>
<p><b>Heating and hot water</b></p>	<p><b>Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>A gas fired central heating is installed. A condensing combination boiler is connected to radiators and this also supplies hot water. The boiler was not in use at the time of inspection.</p>
<p><b>Drainage</b></p>	<p><b>Drainage covers etc were not lifted.</b></p> <p><b>Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.</b></p> <p>Mains sewer.</p>
<p><b>Fire, smoke and burglar alarms</b></p>	<p><b>Visually inspected.</b></p> <p><b>No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.</b></p> <p>Smoke detectors are installed.</p> <p>Legislation by the Scottish Government, which took effect from February 2022, requires all residential properties to have a system of inter-linked smoke alarms and heat detectors. Carbon monoxide detectors are also required where appropriate. Purchasers should appraise themselves of the requirements of this legislation, and engage with appropriately accredited contractors to ensure compliance.</p>

<b>Any additional limits to inspection</b>	<p><b>For flats / maisonettes</b></p> <p><b>Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected.</b></p> <p><b>If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always possible. If no inspection was possible, this will be stated. If no inspection was possible, the surveyor will assume that there are no defects that will have a material effect on the valuation.</b></p> <p><b>The building containing the flat, including any external communal areas, was visually inspected only to the extent that the surveyor is able to give an opinion on the general condition and standard of maintenance.</b></p> <p>The property whilst vacant is furnished and has all floors covered.</p> <p>Externally my inspection has been completed from ground level.</p> <p>Parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.</p> <p>I have not carried out an inspection for Japanese Knotweed and unless otherwise stated, for the purposes of the valuation I have assumed that there is no Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plants within the boundaries of the property or in neighbouring properties.</p> <p>The report does not include an asbestos inspection. However asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 2000, when it became a banned substance. If the possibility of asbestos based products has been reported within the limitations of the inspection and you have concerns you should engage a qualified asbestos surveyor. Any such materials should not be drilled or disturbed without prior advice from a licensed specialist.</p> <p>Random testing for dampness was undertaken internally with the use of a moisture meter where accessible and considered appropriate.</p> <p>Concealed areas beneath and around bath/shower trays were not visible. Water spillage in these areas can often be discovered unexpectedly with resultant damage to concealed parts of the fabric.</p> <p>The inspection is not a fire or life safety risk assessment and should not be relied on as a risk assessment inspection. Further advice should be sought if a specific risk assessment of the property and building that it forms part of is required.</p> <p>Where repairs are required at height compliance with Health and Safety legislation often requires the use of scaffolding which can significantly impact on the cost of repair. Pricing repairs is out with the remit of this report but it would be prudent to consider costs and budgeting before offering. The various trades can advise further.</p>
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## Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



- ① Chimney pots
- ② Coping stone
- ③ Chimney head
- ④ Flashing
- ⑤ Ridge ventilation
- ⑥ Ridge board
- ⑦ Slates / tiles
- ⑧ Valley guttering
- ⑨ Dormer projection
- ⑩ Dormer flashing
- ⑪ Dormer cheeks
- ⑫ Sarking
- ⑬ Roof felt
- ⑭ Trusses
- ⑮ Collar
- ⑯ Insulation
- ⑰ Parapet gutter
- ⑱ Eaves guttering
- ⑲ Rainwater downpipe
- ⑳ Verge boards /skews
- ㉑ Soffit boards
- ㉒ Partition wall
- ㉓ Lath / plaster
- ㉔ Chimney breast
- ㉕ Window pointing
- ㉖ Window sills
- ㉗ Rendering
- ㉘ Brickwork / pointing
- ㉙ Bay window projection
- ㉚ Lintels
- ㉛ Cavity walls / wall ties
- ㉜ Subfloor ventilator
- ㉝ Damp proof course
- ㉞ Base course
- ㉟ Foundations
- ㊱ Solum
- ㊲ Floor joists
- ㊳ Floorboards
- ㊴ Water tank
- ㊵ Hot water tank


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


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## 2. Condition


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

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

 Structural movement	
Repair category	1
Notes	Evidence of previous movement was noted in the property, but within the limitations of our inspection, we found no evidence to suggest that the movement appears serious or that there were obvious signs of recent movement having occurred. It is our opinion that this evidence would not have an adverse effect on future saleability. There is evidence of distortion at the bay area on the corner and internally there is evidence of floor slopage.

 Dampness, rot and infestation	
Repair category	1
Notes	None noted within the flat. See comments below in relation to common areas.

 Chimney stacks	
Repair category	2
Notes	Repairs to areas of the chimney stacks are required. See attached roofing report. Regular and ongoing maintenance will be necessary.

 Roofing including roof space	
Repair category	2
Notes	<p>The roof slates are old, some of which are broken and dislodged. Whilst the flat roof could not be seen it is understood that repairs are required. See attached roofing report in relation to proposed works to be undertaken.</p> <p>It is generally well accepted that roofs of buildings of this age do attract a high degree of on going maintenance and where flat roofs are concerned these will have a limited life when compared to pitched roofs. Further advice in relation to the overall condition of the roof, its likely lifespan and maintenance requirements can be obtained from a roofing contractor.</p>





## Rainwater fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is evidence of leakage and corrosion. See attached roofing report in relation to proposed works to be undertaken.</p> <p>Regular and ongoing maintenance will be necessary.</p>



## Main walls

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is evidence of weathering to blockwork and there are areas of old and missing pointing. It is also apparent that there are cracked cills, mullions and lintols. Further advice can be obtained from a building contractor.</p>



## Windows, external doors and joinery

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Where opened, the windows and doors appear to function satisfactorily.</p> <p>Double glazed windows often require renewal when the seals fail causing misting to develop between the panes. This is often difficult/impossible to see in its early stages and in some weather/lighting conditions.</p>



## External decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>No undue weathering or deterioration is apparent.</p>



## Conservatories/porches

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	<p>N/A</p>



## Communal areas

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is evidence of damp penetration within the common stair and ongoing maintenance to the common areas, including the stair windows and the mutual drying green boundary walls must be anticipated.</p>



## Garages and permanent outbuildings

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Outside areas and boundaries

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Ceilings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There are no obvious significant defects. Any repairs to plasterwork can be carried out during redecoration.



## Internal walls

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There are no obvious significant defects. Any repairs to plasterwork can be carried out during redecoration.



## Floors including sub-floors

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Generally firm to the tread.



## Internal joinery and kitchen fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	Joinery finishes are in an order commensurate with their age.



## Chimney breasts and fireplaces

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Internal decorations

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	There are no obvious significant defects.



## Cellars

<b>Repair category</b>	-
<b>Notes</b>	N/A



## Electricity

<b>Repair category</b>	2
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Whilst the consumer board is modern there are aspects of the installation that suggest complete rewiring has not been recently carried out and as such circuitry may not meet the most up to date regulations. It is noted that there are a number of sockets located on timber skirtings. Advice can be obtained from an electrical contractor.</p> <p>It is recommended that all electrical installations be checked every five years or on change of ownership to keep up to date with frequent changes in Safety Regulations. Further advice will be available from a qualified NICEIC/ SELECT registered Contractor. It should be appreciated that only recently constructed or rewired properties will have installations which fully comply with IEE regulations.</p>



## Gas

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Gas appliances are assumed to function satisfactorily and that they have been installed in accordance with the relevant regulations and that regular servicing and maintenance has been carried out.</p> <p>Trade bodies governing gas installations currently advise that gas appliances should be tested prior to change in occupancy and thereafter at least once a year by a Gas Safe registered contractor. It is assumed that gas appliances comply with relevant regulations.</p>



## Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Sanitary fittings appear to be in a serviceable condition and there is no evidence of fracture or leakage from pipework.</p> <p>Seals around baths/shower trays should be regularly checked for water tightness as leakage can often occur and which over time can cause defects to develop.</p>



## Heating and hot water

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The heating and hot water system are both assumed to function satisfactorily and that they have been properly serviced and maintained on a regular basis and that the boiler and flue were installed in accordance with the relevant regulations.</p> <p>Gas boilers, heaters, fires and central heating systems should be tested and serviced by a Gas Safe registered contractor on an annual basis to ensure their safe and efficient operation. Checks are often carried out upon change of ownership and are recommended.</p>



## Drainage

<b>Repair category</b>	1
<b>Notes</b>	<p>There is no obvious, surface evidence that the drains are either chocked or leaking.</p>

# Single Survey

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

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

## Category 3

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

## Category 2

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

## Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

### Remember

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

### Warning

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.

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

## 4. Valuation and conveyancer issues

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

### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

The subjects form part of a tenement/block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed.

There are communal works to commence and it is understood that the seller will be responsible for this flats share of the costs. Details of the works are attached to this report. A purchaser may wish to take their own advice in relation to the scope of the proposed works .

There is no obvious evidence to suggest that either recent or significant alterations have taken place internally that would materially affect the value of the property.

### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

The property should be insured on a reinstatement basis for a figure not less than £200,000.

### Valuation and market comments

Having regard to all relevant factors, including the prevailing market conditions and assuming no onerous expenditure will be encountered in relation to any repairs required, the current market value of the property may be fairly stated in the sum of £280,000.

Where the need for further advice to be obtained has been indicated, this should be sought prior to a bargain being concluded.

There has recently been a steady demand for properties of this type within in this location.

**Signed**

Security Print Code [577248 = 6952 ]  
Electronically signed

**Report author**

Andrew H Milne

**Company name**

DM Hall LLP

**Address**

17 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6DD

# Single Survey

<b>Date of report</b>	9th November 2023
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# Mortgage Valuation Report



## Property Address

Address 2f2, 152 McDonald Road, Broughton, EDINBURGH, EH7 4NL  
Seller's Name Mr C Means  
Date of Inspection 6th November 2023

## Property Details

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

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

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

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

Approximate Year of Construction

## Tenure

Absolute Ownership  Leasehold Ground rent £  Unexpired years

## Accommodation

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

Gross Floor Area (excluding garages and outbuildings)  m<sup>2</sup> (Internal)  m<sup>2</sup> (External)

Residential Element (greater than 40%)  Yes  No

## Garage / Parking / Outbuildings

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

Permanent outbuildings:

None.

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Construction

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

## Special Risks

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

## Service Connection

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

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

Brief description of Central Heating:

Gas boiler to radiators.

## Site

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

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

## Location

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

## Planning Issues

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

## Roads

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## General Remarks

Internally, fittings and fixtures along with the services are assumed to function satisfactorily.

Externally, the visible building fabric appears to be in an order consistent with age and type. On going maintenance must be anticipated.

The subjects form part of a tenement/block of flats and it has been assumed that maintenance/repair costs of the common parts of the building will be shared on an equitable basis with adjoining proprietors. It is therefore assumed that the cost of common repairs detailed within the report will be apportioned accordingly although exact liability should be confirmed.

There are communal works to commence and it is understood that the seller will be responsible for this flats share of the costs.

There is no obvious evidence to suggest that either recent or significant alterations have taken place internally that would materially affect the value of the property.

## Essential Repairs

None required for mortgage purposes.

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

# Mortgage Valuation Report

## Comment on Mortgageability

The property is considered to form suitable security for lending purposes, subject to individual lenders criteria.

## Valuations

Market value in present condition £

Market value on completion of essential repairs £

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

Is a reinspection necessary?  Yes  No

## Buy To Let Cases

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

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

## Declaration

Signed Security Print Code [577248 = 6952 ]  
Electronically signed by:-

Surveyor's name Andrew H Milne

Professional qualifications MRICS

Company name DM Hall LLP

Address 17 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 6DD

Telephone 0131 624 6600

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Report date 9th November 2023

# Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

# Scotland

Dwellings

2F2 , 152 MCDONALD ROAD, BROUGHTON, EDINBURGH, EH7 4NL

**Dwelling type:** Mid-floor flat  
**Date of assessment:** 06 November 2023  
**Date of certificate:** 09 November 2023  
**Total floor area:** 73 m<sup>2</sup>  
**Primary Energy Indicator:** 189 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year

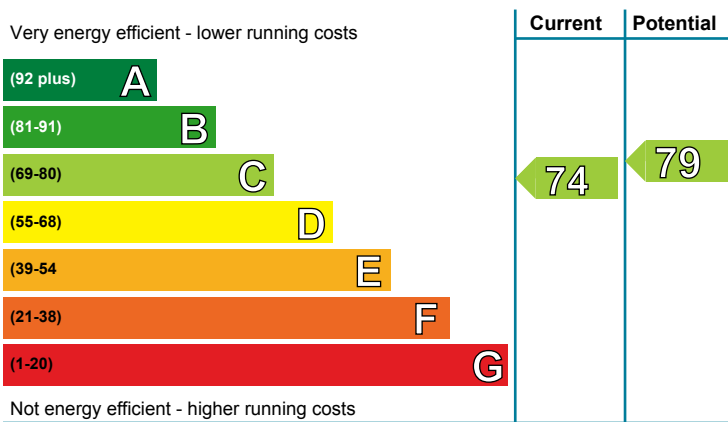
**Reference number:** 7217-2529-4109-0176-0202  
**Type of assessment:** RdSAP, existing dwelling  
**Approved Organisation:** Elmhurst  
**Main heating and fuel:** Boiler and radiators, mains gas

## 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>£3,948</b>	See your recommendations report for more information
<b>Over 3 years you could save*</b>	<b>£834</b>	

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

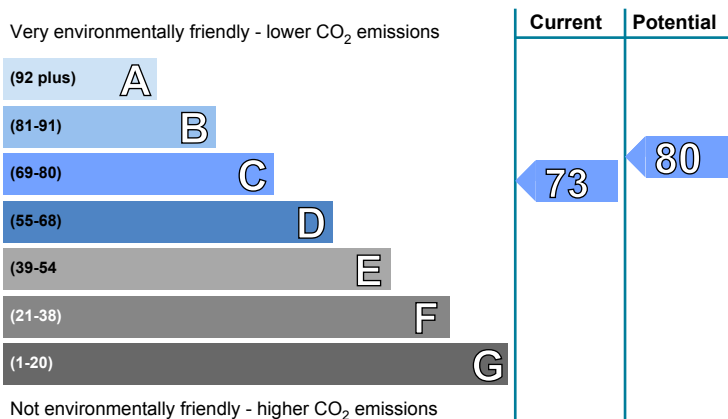


## Energy Efficiency Rating

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 C (74)**. 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 C (73)**. 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 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£834.00

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	Cavity wall, as built, no insulation (assumed)	★★☆☆☆	★★☆☆☆
	Cavity wall, as built, partial insulation (assumed)	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Roof	(another dwelling above)	—	—
Floor	(another dwelling below)	—	—
Windows	Fully double glazed	★★★☆☆	★★★☆☆
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Main heating controls	Programmer, room thermostat and TRVs	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Secondary heating	None	—	—
Hot water	From main system	★★★★☆	★★★★☆
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	★★★★★	★★★★★

## The energy efficiency rating of your home

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

As we all use our homes in different ways, the energy rating is calculated using standard occupancy assumptions which may be different from the way you use it. The rating also uses national weather information to allow comparison between buildings in different parts of Scotland. However, to make information more relevant to your home, local weather data is used to calculate your energy use, 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 33 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 2.4 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 0.6 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	£2,943 over 3 years	£2,109 over 3 years	
Hot water	£633 over 3 years	£633 over 3 years	
Lighting	£372 over 3 years	£372 over 3 years	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£3,948</b>	<b>£3,114</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 Cavity wall insulation	£500 - £1,500	£278		

### 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 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)).

## 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

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

Heat demand	Existing dwelling	Impact of loft insulation	Impact of cavity wall insulation	Impact of solid wall insulation
Space heating (kWh per year)	7,203	N/A	(2,449)	N/A
Water heating (kWh per year)	1,827			

## Addendum



## 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 [greener-scotland.org](https://www.greener-scotland.org) or contact Home Energy Scotland on 0808 808 2282.

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

**HOMEENERGYSCOTLAND.ORG**  
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# Property Questionnaire

<b>Property Address</b>	Flat 4 152 McDonald Road EDINBURGH EH7 4NL
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<b>Seller(s)</b>	Mr Calum Mearns
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<b>Completion date of property questionnaire</b>	02/11/2023
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## 1 Length of ownership

How long have you owned the property?

9 years

## 2 Council tax

Which Council Tax band is your property in?

D

## 3 Parking

What are the arrangements for parking at your property?

(Please tick all that apply)

Garage

Allocated parking space

Driveway

Shared parking

On street

Resident permit

Metered parking

Other (please specify)

## 4 Conservation area

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)?

No

## 5 Listed buildings

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)?

No

## 6 Alterations/additions/extensions

a.(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)?

No

If you have answered yes, please describe below the changes which you have made:

(ii) Did you obtain planning permission, building warrant, completion certificate and other consents for this work?

No

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. Have you had replacement windows, doors, patio doors or double glazing installed in your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:

- (i) Were the replacements the same shape and type as the ones you replaced?  
No
- (ii) Did this work involve any changes to the window or door openings?  
No
- (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.

## **7 Central heating**

- a. 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).

Yes

If you have answered yes or partial — what kind of central heating is there?

(Examples: gas-fired, solid fuel, electric storage heating, gas warm air).

Gas Central Heating

If you have answered yes, please answer the three questions below:

- (i) When was your central heating system or partial central heating system installed?  
2017
- (ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for the central heating system?  
No

If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:

- (iii) When was your maintenance agreement last renewed?  
(Please provide the month and year).

## **8 Energy Performance Certificate**

Does your property have an Energy Performance Certificate which is less than 10 years old?

Yes

## **9 Issues that may have affected your property**

- a. Has there been any storm, flood, fire or other structural damage to your property while you have owned it?

No

If you have answered yes, is the damage the subject of any outstanding insurance claim?

No

- b. Are you aware of the existence of asbestos in your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## **10 Services**

Please tick which services are connected to your property and give details of the supplier:

**Services****Connected Supplier**

Gas or liquid petroleum gas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Octopus Energy
Water mains or private water supply	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Water
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Octopus Energy
Mains drainage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scottish Water
Telephone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Virgin Media
Cable TV or satellite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Virgin Media
Broadband	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Virgin Media

b. Is there a septic tank system at your property?

No

(i) Do you have appropriate consents for the discharge from your septic tank?

(ii) Do you have a maintenance contract for your septic tank?

If you have answered yes, please give details of the company with which you have a maintenance contract:

## 11 Responsibilities for shared or common areas

a. 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?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

b. Is there a responsibility to contribute to repair and maintenance of the roof, common stairwell or other common areas?

Yes

If you have answered yes, please give details:

Repair and maintenance of the repair of the roof, common stairwell and common areas with all 8 property owners at 152 McDonald Road.

c. Has there been any major repair or replacement of any part of the roof during the time you have owned the property?

Yes

d. 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?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

e. 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?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

f. 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.)

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 12 Charges associated with your property

- a. Is there a factor or property manager for your property?

No

- b. Is there a common buildings insurance policy?

No

If you have answered yes, is the cost of the insurance included in your monthly/annual factor's charges?

- c. 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.

No other charges.

## 13 Specialist works

- a. 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?

No

If you have answered yes, please say what the repairs were for, whether you carried out the repairs (and when) or if they were done before you bought the property.

- b. As far as you are aware, has any preventative work for dry rot, wet rot, or damp ever been carried out to your property?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

- c. If you have answered yes to 13(a) or (b), do you have any guarantees relating to this work?

If you have answered yes, these guarantees will be needed by the purchaser and should be given to your solicitor as soon as possible for checking. If you do not have them yourself please write below who has these documents and your solicitor or estate agent will arrange for them to be obtained. You will also need to provide a description of the work carried out. This may be shown in the original estimate., 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 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.

Guarantees are held by:

## 14 Guarantees

- a. Are there any guarantees or warranties for any of the following:

- (i) Electrical work

No

- (ii) Roofing

- No
- (iii) Central heating
- No
- (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)
- No
- (v) Damp course
- No
- (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)
- No
- b. If you have answered 'yes' or 'with title deeds', please give details of the work or installations to which the guarantee(s) relate(s):
- (i) Electrical work
- (ii) Roofing
- (iii) Central heating
- (iv) National House Building Council (NHBC)
- (v) Damp course
- (vi) Any other work or installations? (for example, cavity wall insulation, underpinning, indemnity policy)
- c. Are there any outstanding claims under any of the guarantees listed above?

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 15 **Boundaries**

So far as you are aware, has any boundary of your property been moved in the last 10 years?

No

If you have answered yes, please give details:

## 16 **Notices that affect your property**

In the past three years have you ever received a notice:

- a. advising that the owner of a neighbouring property has made a planning application?

No

- b. that affects your property in some other way?

No

- c. that requires you to do any maintenance, repairs or improvements to your property?

No

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.



Calum Mearns  
152/4 McDonald Road  
EDINBURGH  
EH7 4NL

6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Calum,

**Re Mutual Roof Repairs – 150 - 152 McDonald Road & 110 Bellevue Road – Revised Quotation**

We thank you for your recent enquiry and following our survey at the above address, we now take pleasure in submitting the following quotation.

There is a well-publicised worldwide shortage of building materials due to the Covid-19 crisis and the unprecedented demand being generated by the Repair, Maintenance, and Improvement market. Prices for various materials are rising on a regular basis and by significant amounts.

Our quotation is based on today's prices for labour and materials and is valid for 14 days only; any instructions received after this date will be price checked with any significant increases in materials being passed on to you.

**Observations**

We carried out some routine maintenance work by cherry picker earlier this year and used the opportunity to check leaks that had been reported by the tenants and landlord of flat 6. We were able to access the flat and could see damp patches and flaking paint where water had been getting in and were able to identify the cause of the problems:

1. The area around the rear south facing chimney is causing significant problems. The zinc valley gutters and lead watergates are worn and very thin. They have been painted with bitumastic paint in the past and we gave them another coat. However we can't be certain that this will cure the problem, and in any case, it can only be a short term fix.

The raggles where the lead watergates are fixed into the chimney have also failed and will be letting in water.

There is staining inside the property on the upper section of the internal wall in the vicinity of the chimney.

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The slated saddle in this area is in very poor condition. We will have to remove a lot of the slates to fit the new gutters and watergates so it makes sense to renew the whole saddle area behind the chimney.

2. West most bay window (facing onto Bellevue Road) and north most bay window (facing onto the corner of McDonald Road and Bellevue Road):

The flat roofs above these windows have failed and causing damage to flat 6. Water has been getting into the north most bay and there are stains and flaking paint inside the property in this area. There is also additional pointing required above the windows but the cost the scaffold all around this window would very expensive, so this will need to be carried out by cherry picker.

The smaller west most bay roof is letting in water at the edges which is showing as mould inside the property.

To access these three areas we will require 3 individual scaffolds and would link up the rear and gable scaffolds if both Quotation A and C are accepted.

**Please note that the scaffold that is needed to the rear to access the chimney area will need to be built onto the flat roof. You will need to ask the owners permission to do this and if that isn't forthcoming, or if we are advised that the roof cannot support the weight of the scaffold, then we will need to build beams to support the scaffold. In either case we will need the owners permission to use their garden. I have included costs for both options.**

### **W & S Christie Roofing**

W & S Christie Roofing is Edinburgh's oldest surviving roofing company, established in 1810. We are very experienced in the maintenance and replacement of traditional slated roofs, tiled roofs, and flat roofs. We also undertake roughcasting and minor building works, supply and install rooflights and cupolas and maintain and renew all types of gutters. You can be confident that we have the necessary skills to carry out the work on your roof to the highest of standards, saving you money in the long run.

We care very much about our reputation for craftsmanship and customer service. We are members of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors (NFRC), the Government backed Trustmark Scheme and City of Edinburgh Councils Trusted Trader Scheme. All these bodies carry out a stringent vetting process with the Edinburgh Council scheme being vetted by Trading Standards and supported by Police Scotland.

I trust this quotation meets with your expectations, however, if there are any amendments you would like, or if you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Watt  
**Managing Director**

## **Quotation A –North Most Bay Window Roof**

### Item 1

Erect tubular scaffolding to the front elevation to give access to carry out the undernoted works. We include for submission of Drawing and Application to City of Edinburgh Council, all in accordance with Building Regulations. All scaffolding erected in accordance with Health and Safety Executive Regulations.

### Item 2

Strip the covering from the flat roof area and clean off the roof boarding. Examine the roof boarding, no allowance can be made for possible repairs to the timber roof decking which, when necessary, will be charged as an extra on a time and materials basis. We allow for the supplying and fitting of treated tilting fillet, nosings and the like. We include for working round roof projections and where required the stripping and re-slating of adjacent eaves.

### Item 3

Fit OSB boards to upstands and onto the coping stones. Thereafter run 4.5mm mineral felt up and onto the copes to seal them.

### Item 4

Renew the lead watergates to either side of the bay window.

Remove all scaffolding and debris on completion of works.

All the above works complete for the sum of **Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Sterling + VAT [£5,901.60 inc VAT]**

**This quotation is subject to the attached Terms & Conditions.**

## **Quotation B – Rear Chimney Saddle, Valley Gutters and Watergates**

### Item 1

Erect tubular scaffolding to the rear elevation to give access to carry out the undernoted works. We include for submission of Drawing and Application to City of Edinburgh Council, all in accordance with Building Regulations. All scaffolding erected in accordance with Health and Safety Executive Regulations.

Please note that it may be necessary to build the scaffold towers on beams to take weight off of the flat roof. The optional costs for this is noted below.

### Item 2

Strip off the slates from the entire saddle and remove to tip. Clean off the roof boarding and examine the same. Repairs or renewals to the sarking are not included but, if required, this work would be carried out as an extra on a time and material basis.

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### item 3

Strip out the valley gutters and replace with new 14 gauge zinc gutters.

### Item 4

Remove the existing lead watergates and supply and fit new Code 5 lead watergates, all properly dressed over with new tilting fillets, complete with Code 5 lead cover-flashings dressed into new machine cut raggles and pointed up with polysulphide mastic. Finish off with patination oil. Work carried out to Lead Sheet Association Standards. We include for the necessary stripping and re-slating at the adjacent eaves.

### Item 5

Supply and fit Roofshield breathable membrane underslating felt to the saddle roof, all lapped and fixed with 19mm x No.10 SWG galvanised steel nails, allowing for all cuttings. Re-slate the roof using 14" x 8" Cupa H3 Heavy Slates, all properly laid, lapped and fixed using 50mm x 3.35mm copper nails. We allow for all straight and angular cuttings, double course at eaves and the bedding of topping slates.

### Item 6

Provide such access as is required to the above chimney stalk. Protect vents as required, thereafter rake out all joints of brickwork around the body of the stalk, including cope. Brush prepare and repoint all joints using properly gauged cement mortar with either key finish, brush finish or as practical. Check vents. Clear where temporary sealing has been carried out.

Remove all scaffolding and debris on completion of works.

All the above works complete for the sum of **Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Thirty-Two Pounds Sterling + VAT [£7,718.40 inc VAT]**

**This quotation is subject to the attached Terms & Conditions.**

Please Note:

1. If we have to beam over the flat roof below there will be an additional cost of **£1,244.00 + VAT**

Please note that when scaffolding is erected minor holes will be drilled to secure it. Once the scaffolding has been dismantled these holes will be plugged with black plastic. If you have specific requests for the filling of the holes you will need to discuss this with the scaffolders as we cannot take responsibility for the works.

150 - 152 McDonald Road and 110 Bellevue Road



The photo above shows the water ingress to the smaller west facing bay window. The photos below show some of the causes; the felt is coming away from the coping stones and there joints are coming apart as the key demonstrates. **The owners have decided to leave this roof for now.**



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Further photos of the west facing bay. The render on the wallhead is cracked and will be letting in water.

Rather than re-render, we will mechanically fix timber to the upstand and coping stones and run the new felt up and onto the copes to fully seal the area.

The flat roof and gutter will be renewed in bitumen felt.

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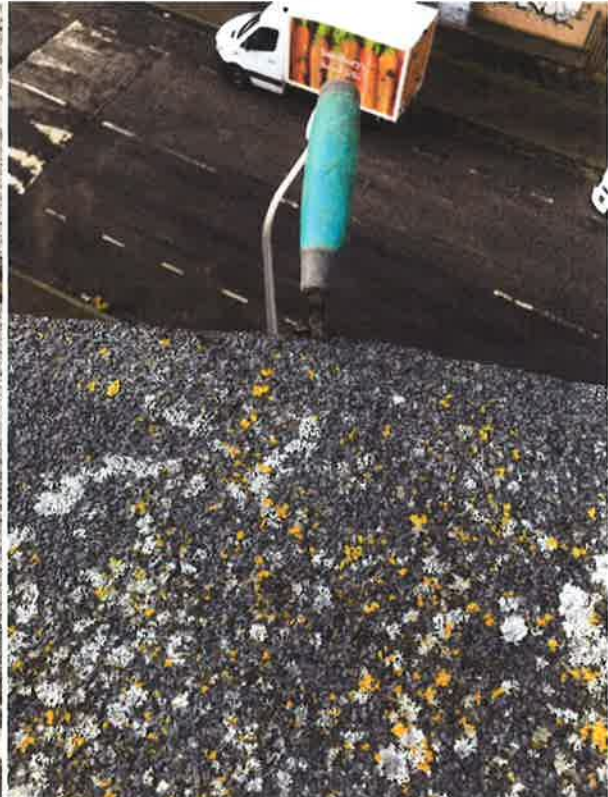
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The top photo shows some of the failed pointing. The bottom left shows the left hand watergate which will need to be renewed with the flat roof. The other photo shows the felt coming away from the cope. This commonly happens when felt is heat sealed onto stone. We will mechanically fit timber to the copes and upstands and seal the felt to this.



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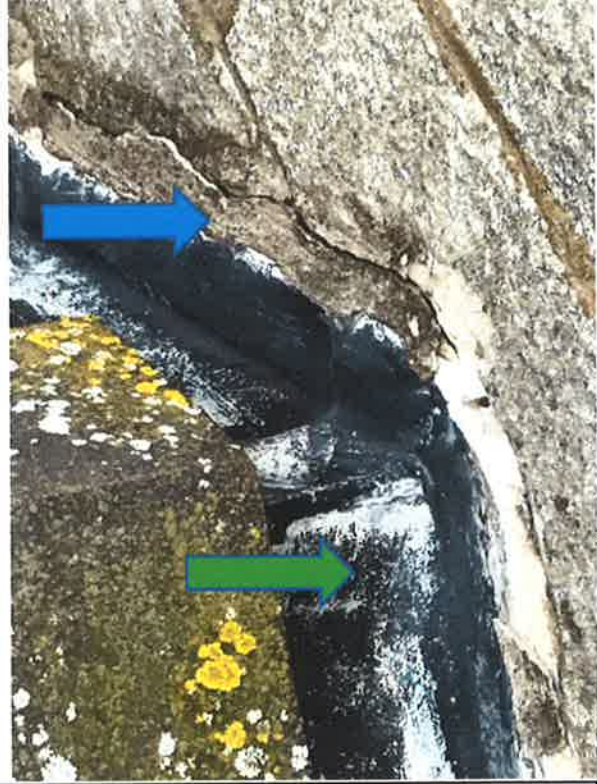
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The larger north facing bay window is in a similar condition to the west facing one. Joints have failed, vegetation is growing out from between the felt and coping stones. This roof will also need to be stripped and renewed.







These photos show the very poor condition of the chimney saddle. The slates are thin Welsh slates and prone to cracking and breaking and slipping out (red arrows). The raggle to the watergate is cracked (blue arrow) and the zinc valley gutters are thin and letting in water (green arrows)

We carried out some repairs to these areas from the cherry picker but they are only temporary. We recommend the valleys, watergates and slating in the area are renewed.



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