LEVEL 2

Your survey report

Property address

[redacted]

Client's name: [redacted]

Inspection date 15/11/2024

Surveyor's RICS number

6744477

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Aberdare-Mowbray Consultants

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About the inspection and report

This RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) has been produced by a surveyor, who has written this report for you to use. If you decide not to act on the advice in this report, you do so at your own risk.

A About the inspection and report

As agreed, this report will contain the following:

- a physical inspection of the property (see 'The inspection' in section L) and
- a report based on the inspection (see 'The report' in section L).

About the report

We aim to give you professional advice to:

- make a reasoned and informed decision on whether to go ahead with buying the property
- take into account any repairs or replacements the property needs, and
- consider what further advice you should take before committing to purchasing the property.

Any extra services we provide are not covered by these terms and conditions, and must be covered by a separate contract.

About the inspection

- We only carry out a visual inspection.
- We inspect roofs, chimneys and other surfaces on the outside of the building from ground level and, if necessary, from neighbouring public property and with the help of binoculars.
- We inspect the roof structure from inside the roof space if there is access (although we do not move or lift insulation material, stored goods or other contents). We examine floor surfaces and under-floor spaces so far as there is safe access to these (although we do not move or lift furniture, floor coverings or other contents). We do not remove the contents of cupboards. We are not able to assess the condition of the inside of any chimney, boiler or other flues. Also, we do not remove secured panels or undo electrical fittings.
- We note in our report if we are not able to check any parts of the property that the inspection would normally cover. If we are concerned about these parts, the report will tell you about any further investigations that are needed.
- We do not report on the cost of any work to put right defects or make recommendations on how these repairs should be carried out. Some maintenance and repairs we suggest may be expensive.
- We inspect the inside and outside of the main building and all permanent outbuildings, but we do not force or open up the fabric of the building. We also inspect the parts of the electricity, gas/oil, water, heating and drainage services that can be seen, but we do not test them.
- To help describe the condition of the home, we give condition ratings to the main parts (the 'elements') of the building, garage and some parts outside. Some elements can be made up of several different parts.
- In the element boxes in sections D, E, F and G, we describe the part that has the worst condition rating first and then briefly outline the condition of the other parts. The condition ratings are described in section B of this report. The report covers matters that, in the surveyor's opinion need to be dealt with or may affect the value of the property.

Reminder

Please refer to your **Terms and Conditions**, that were sent to you at the point you (the client) confirmed your instructions to us (the firm), for a full list of exclusions.

A About the inspection

Surveyor's name

Neil Horsfall

Surveyor's RICS number

6744477

Company name

Aberdare-Mowbray Consultants Ltd

Date of the inspection

15/11/2024

Report reference number

243-1511

Related party disclosure

We are not aware of any conflicts of interest as defined by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors rules of conduct.

Full address and postcode of the property

[redacted]

Weather conditions when the inspection took place

The weather at the time of our inspection was dry followed by a period of changeable weather.

Status of the property when the inspection took place

The property was occupied and furnished during our inspection. The floors had fitted floor coverings which restricted the inspection.

B

Overall opinion

This section provides our overall opinion of the property, highlights any areas of concern and summarises the condition ratings of the different elements of the property. Individual elements of the property have been rated to indicate any defects, and have been grouped by the urgency of any required maintenance. If an element is made up of a number of different parts (for example, a pitched roof to the main building and a flat roof to an extension), only the part in the worst condition is shown here.

Important note

To get a balanced impression of the property, we strongly recommend that you read all sections of the report, in particular section K, ‘What to do now’, and discuss this with us if required.

B Summary of condition ratings

Overall opinion of property

The property has a relatively modern kitchen, bathroom suite and decoration. Repairs are needed to the kitchen and bathroom and you should budget to replace the kitchen and bathroom in the next ten years to maintain a modern appearance.

There are several doors within the property that do not close correctly into the door casing, this is not uncommon, however, Internal doors that close correctly may slow the passage of fire smoke. It may be a consideration to refit the doors or replace them.

Moisture readings were limited due to furniture, recordings in small area of the rear external wall (door reveal) showed a raised level of moisture which require further investigation. Elevated moisture readings indicate a damp issue within the property.

Externally, the main roof and that of the single storey are flat due to the height an inspection could not be conducted to the min house roof, the single storey roof is aged and showing wear, further investigation may be required.

The timber roofline is showing signs of decay and timber rot. It may be more beneficial to replace rather than carry out repairs.

The Upvc windows and doors are showing signs of component fatigue, and you should be prepared to replace them in several years.

The boundary walls need repair works.

A large percentage of properties inspected using the home buyers report still requires routine maintenance, repair, and replacement work.

Most of the elements described within the report are common for the property age and method of construction.

These element works are listed within the report section D, E, F & G, the report section should be read in the entirety. The report provides an overall condition rating for the property in the element section and lists some, but not all repair or replacement work.

It would be beneficial to obtain costings for repair and replacement work before the exchange of contracts, to ensure the sale price reflects the required works.

Maintaining and repairing the property as necessary in the future will avoid costly replacement work.

Elements that scored a two or three within the element section will require further investigation to determine the extent of any correction work, repair work, or replacement costs. The entire element should be investigated which includes all roof coverings, elevations, extensions, components and internal spaces to provide a full costing of work.

Should you choose not to carry out any further investigation, or obtain costings, then you do so at your own risk.

B Summary of condition ratings

The report records defects visible only on the day of the inspection, the RICS level two survey is not intrusive and does not open or expose elements of construction.

Liability cannot be accepted for any item, components, elements, elevations, or restricted access (all of which constitute particulars) that have not been inspected (NI). Liability also cannot be accepted for element/component deterioration after the report date.

Pic1: Front Access door

Pic2: View from front elevation

B Summary of condition ratings

To determine the condition of the property, we assess the main parts (the 'elements') of the building, garage and some outside areas. These elements are rated on the urgency of maintenance needed, ranging from 'very urgent' to 'no issues recorded'.

Documents we may suggest you request before you sign contracts

There are documents associated with the following elements. Check these documents have been supplied by your solicitor before exchanging contracts.

Element no.	Document name	Received
	Refer to Sections H1 H2 H3, Issues for Your Legal advisor	

Elements that require urgent attention

These elements have defects that are serious and/or need to be repaired, replaced or investigated urgently. Failure to do so could risk serious safety issues or severe long-term damage to your property.

Element no.	Element name	Comments (if applicable)
F1	Electricity	
F2	Gas/oil	

B Summary of condition ratings

2 Elements that require attention but are not serious or urgent

These elements have defects that need repairing or replacing, but are not considered to be either serious or urgent. These elements must also be maintained in the normal way

Element no.	Element name
D2	Roof coverings
D3	Rainwater pipes and gutters
D4	Main walls
D5	Windows
D6	Outside doors
D8	Other joinery and finishes
E2	Ceilings
E3	Walls and partitions
E4	Floors
E6	Built-in fittings
E7	Woodwork
E8	Bathroom fittings
F3	Water
G3	Other

B Summary of condition ratings

1 Elements with no current issues

No repair is currently needed. The elements listed here must be maintained in the normal way.

Element no.	Element name
F5	Water heating

NI Elements not inspected

We carry out a visual inspection, so a number of elements may not have been inspected. These are listed here.

Element no.	Element name
D1	Chimney Stacks
E1	Roof Structure
F4	Heating
F6	Drainage

C

About the property

This section includes:

- About the property
- Energy efficiency
- Location and facilities

C About the property

Type of property

The property is a two-storey end-terrace house constructed in a traditional method. We understand the property is freehold/leasehold.

The ground floor plan is larger than the upper floor due to the construction design, this single storey extensions is completed with a flat roof.

Approximate year the property was built

Between 1967 - 1975

Approximate year the property was extended

Not applicable

Approximate year the property was converted

Not applicable

Information relevant to flats and maisonettes

Not applicable

Construction

The property is traditionally constructed.

The main roof is a flat roof construction.

The ground floor plan is larger than the upper floor due to the construction design, this single storey extensions is completed with a flat roof.

There is a gas flue terminal to the property.

Rainwater guttering and downspouts are Upvc.

Facias are situated to the roof line and are made from timber.

The property façade is constructed from brickwork with a timber gladding.

C About the property

The damp proof course (DPC) was not visible. (A damp course may have been incorporated in the construction and covered over with mortar).

Window frames are double glazed Upvc.

The front door is timber and the rear door made from Upvc

Internally the ground floor is a solid floor construction, and the first floor is timber construction.

Accommodation

	Living rooms	Bed-rooms	Bath or shower	Separate toilet	Kitchen	Utility room	Conser-vatory	Other
Lower ground								
Ground	1			1	1			
First		3	1					
Second								
Third								
Other								
Roof space								

C Energy efficiency

We are advised that the property's current energy performance, as recorded in the EPC, is as stated below.

We have checked for any obvious discrepancies between the EPC and the subject property, and the implications are explained to you.

Energy efficiency rating

An energy performance certificate (EPC) for the property was listed on GOV.UK Find an energy certificate.

Recording 63D

Issues relating to the energy efficiency rating

Not applicable.

Mains services

A marked box shows that the relevant mains service is present.

x	Gas	x	Electric	x	Water	x	Drainage

Central heating

x	Gas		Electric		Solid Fuel		Oil		None

Other services or energy sources (including feed-in tariffs)

Not applicable

Other energy matters

Not applicable

C Location and Facilities

Grounds

The property has a small front garden with gate access from a public pathway.
The garden is enclosed on two sides with a low masonry wall which boarders the public footpath. On street parking is available. The boundary line is divided by timber posts, rails, and timber palings.

To the rear of the property there is a rear yard area which is enclosed on two sides with a concrete posts and timber fencing. The boundary line is divided by timber posts, rails, and timber palings which have been overclad with bamboo

There is gate access to a back access roads and pathway.

Pic1: Front Access Path

Pic2: Rear Access

Pic3: Small rear yard

Location

The property is on a medium sized residential housing estate, surrounded by similar properties.

Facilities

The local facilities and amenities which including shops, schools and transport links are within a reasonable distance from the property.

Primary schools are within 0.4km
Secondary school are within 1 km
Shopping facilities are within 2 km
Rail transport within 1.8km

Local environment

Relevant information from our desktop search indicates:

UK Radon Maps showed a maximum radon potential of Less than 1-3%. To check an individual address, go to UKRadon.org (Note: The town and outline areas also show this maximum potential of radon. Radon is a gas which can seep into our homes for more information visit www.ukradon.org)

C Location and Facilities

The property is located on the coalfield consultation area.

The flood map for planning services has scored the property location as Flood Zone 1 which has a low probability of flooding.

The noise level was not significant enough to be highlighted in a noise and air quality survey.

Japanese knotweed which is invasive to gardens and causes structural damage to properties has been recorded within the town.

The nearest borehole information to the property location indicates the property is in an area of shrinkable subsoil. A large percent of homes are constructed on a shrinkable subsoil (clay) and do not have any structural movement issues resulting from clay subsoils.

The Local Authority planning public portal map, was not available at the time of our searches. Your Legal Adviser will be able to conduct a more comprehensive search of related planning applications in the property area.

The local environment searches should be discussed further with your legal adviser to ensure the recorded information does not affect the property future saleability.

D

Outside the property

D Outside the property

Limitations on the inspection

The home buyers survey does not carry out checks on building regulation approval, permitted development rights or planning regulations. The home buyer survey is to assess the condition of the property on the day of the inspection. Advice on building regulation approval, permitted development rights or planning regulations should be obtained by other professionals.

The main roof structure and covering could not be inspected due to its construction (flat) and the height restrictions. The entirety of the roof covering including elevations and extensions should be inspected by a competent roofing contractor should any repair work be needed to the roof covering element section. **NI**

The property has a gas flue terminal this could only be partially seen due to the height restrictions.**NI**

The rainwater goods have not been comprehensively inspected due to the height restriction and that the weather was also dry.

The timber fascia and soffit need repair works. Due to the height restriction, we cannot determine the extent of the timber rot or decay.

The rear yard had been covered over by plywood decking and rubber matting so the ground structure could not be inspected **NI**

Elements that are not inspected (NI) due to unsafe access, manual handling weight or components that are not readily moveable should be checked and assessed by a competent person. The report is a visual inspection only and does not record property or construction component dimensions.

D1 Chimney stacks

1 2 3 **NI**

The property did not have a chimney stack. The property has a gas flue terminal this could only be partially seen due to the height restrictions.  Pic1: View of gas flue terminal	**NI**

D Outside the property

D2 Roof coverings

The main roof structure and covering could not be inspected due to its construction (flat) and the height restrictions. The entirety of the roof covering including elevations and extensions should be inspected by a competent roofing contractor should any repair work be needed to the roof covering element section. **NI**

Single storey roof covering is showing signs of wear. Although there are no damp patches internally, the roof covering may be nearing the end of the product durability. The flat roof gradient should be checked to ensure surface water discharges into the gutter system correctly. Surface water that collects can accelerate the covering replacement and may seep into the timber structure below.

It is advisable to appoint an approved and reputable roofing contractor to assess the entire roof covering (including elevations and extensions) condition, ventilation, repair costs and remaining product/material lifespan before the exchange of contracts.

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Pic1: Single storey flat roof

Pic2: View of main flat roof

Pic3: Signs of wear and tear

D3 Rainwater pipes and gutters

The rainwater goods are Upvc

During the inspection the weather was mainly dry and due to the height restrictions, the rainwater goods were not comprehensively checked. The rainwater components will need to be regularly inspected to ensure rainwater is discharged correctly into a downspout. Gutter unions and stop ends gasket seals are prone to perish and the gutter channel/trough can be blocked or reduced water flow by vegetation or a build-up of a silty spoil. A defective rainwater system can cause internal damp.

Stop end caps are missing from the guttering, allowing rain water to discharge from the end of the guttering could lead to moisture ingress from the brick work becoming saturated, these stope ends should be replace and checked for adequacy

The gutter alignment does not appear to have the correct fall to the rainwater outlet pipe. This is a common issue. A gutter channel that does not drain correctly can cause water to build and overflow to the rear side of the guttering profile and overflow. The guttering alignment and discharge should be checked if the gutter overflows or damp patches appear internally.

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D Outside the property

All property rainwater goods should be checked when defects are recorded.

Pic1: Stop end missing from main roof gutter

Pic2: Stop end missing from single storey roof gutter

Pic3: Evidence of back falling guttering

D4 Main walls

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The masonry walls are constructed from brick to the external and assumed block to the internal wall. The property has areas of timber frame construction between floors, there was a slight gap between the brickwork and timber cladding. The gap should be sealed with a flexible sealant to ensure water does not seep through.

It is also reasonable to assume the cavity will be insulated, due to the property build year.

Cavity trays where not a requirement of the building regulation until 1985, therefore the property may not have cavity trays installed.

There was no evidence of injected cavity wall insulation.

The masonry walls had no evidence of structural cracking or thermal expansion.

Areas of the original timber frame construction have been removed and replaced by brick work which is identified by the change in brick work colouration, this may have resulted in a defect to the dpc connection and the structural tying of structural brickwork. A damp-proof course (DPC) was not visible at ground level. Mortar should be removed to the bed joint to confirm a DPC has been incorporated in the construction.

Timber cladding has been stained by vegetation growth which has now been removed, vegetation growth on and between timber can cause unforeseen damage behind and this should be checked by a suitably qualified person.

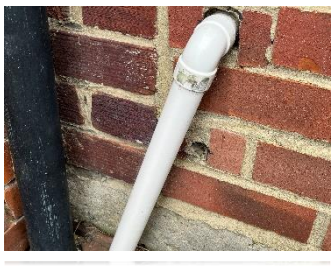
The mortar was cracked and missing to the circumference of the waste pipe. The mortar will need to be replaced to prevent water ingress and a cold path forming internally which could lead to condensation and mould on plasterwork.

Outside the property

Pic1: Area under window rebuilt in brickwork

Pic2: Area to l/side of door rebuilt in brickwork

Pic3: Evidence of vegetation growth on timber cladding



Pic4: Pointing required to fill

Pic5: Side elevation

D5 Windows

D Outside the property

The property has Upvc double glazed windows.

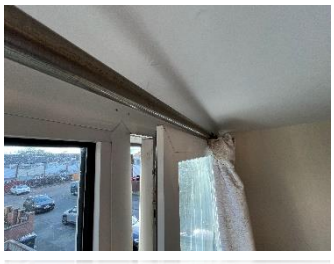
Windows installed after April 2002 should have certification from a competent person scheme, such as The Fenestration Self Assessment Scheme (FENSA) or building regulation approval.

Due to changing atmospheric conditions, it cannot be determined if the double-glazed units have failed which creates condensation/misting within the internal air gap pane of glass. During the inspection I did not see any misting/condensation within the double-glazed units

I was not able to check all openers and components due to furnishings.**NI.**

The window openers do not fully open as they are contacting the curtain pole.
The reduced opening may affect the windows being used as fire escape windows; it is advisable to alter the furnishings.

The window frame has external glazing beading which is no longer used in a modern window design. The external beading and double-glazed units can be removed externally. It is advisable to make enquires with the proposed property insurance company, as external glazed beading may be an exclusion from an insurance policy. I would recommend replacing the window frames for property security.



Pic1: contact with curtain pole

Pic2: rear elevation

Pic3: front elevation

Pic4: Front elevation

Pic5: Gap between frames

Pic6: External beading

D6 Outside doors (including patio doors)

D Outside the property

The front door is Upvc and the rear door is Upvc.

It is advisable to contact your household insurance once you move into your property to confirm the insurance door lock requirements. It is also advisable to change all the property door locks to ensure control of key access.

The rear door locking mechanism was worn to operate and will require further assessment. The lock mechanism may need to be serviced/replaced.

The door handle is loose and requires adjustment. Handles that do not lock in place correctly can damage the internal components and may compromise the security of a property, which can have insurance implications.

The Upvc door has been painted. Checks should be made to ensure the paintwork is designed for Upvc application. Blistered paintwork to the Upvc may result in the panel being replaced.

It is advisable to install a door deflector to the bottom of the door. A deflector projects rainwater away from the threshold, which helps to reduce the door gaskets from becoming saturated and perishing. The UPVC deflector should be installed by a competent person.

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Pic1: rear door

Pic2: front door

Pic3: missing weather bar

D7 Conservatory and porches

The property did not have a conservatory.

NA

D8 Other joinery and finishes

D Outside the property

The external joinery comprises of timber fascias and soffits and bargeboards. The paintwork to the fascia's, soffits, and bargeboards has peeled and blistered. The timber requires examining for timber decay and rot, treating if required, and then preparation for a new primer, base, and topcoat paint application. It is recommended the external decoration is recoated on a five-to-seven-year cycle There are sections of the fascia, soffit and bargeboard that are decayed and rotten, the extent of which is unknown. Sections of timber rot can be removed and spliced with new timbers, or the length section replaced. Repairing roofline timbers requires access equipment (scaffold and ladders) which can be costly. I would recommend obtaining estimates of works from competent contractors before the exchange of contracts.    Pic1: paint flaking Pic2: swollen fascia board Pic3: timber decay	2

D9 Other

	NA

E

Inside the property

Inside the property

Limitations on the inspection

The survey is non-invasive and therefore covered construction components would fall outside the scope of the inspection.

The floor covering and structures have not been closely examined due to the fitted coverings; however, excessive deflection and movement will be reported within the survey.

The roof structure has not been examined or moisture readings taken due to no access. I was unable to enter the roof space. NI

The staircase underside store was not inspected due to household belongings. NI

Damp readings are limited to walls without furniture, kitchen base units and tiled surfaces.

Checks to kitchen appliances (built in) are not part of the homebuyer survey. NI

Elements that are not inspected (NI) due to unsafe access, weight or components that are not readily moveable should be checked and assessed by a competent person. The report is a visual inspection only and does not record property or construction component dimensions.

E1 Roof structure

1 2 3 **NI**

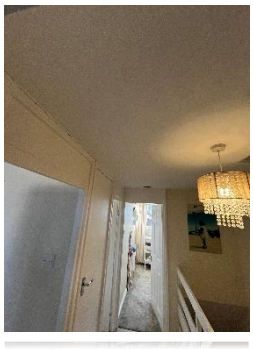
The roof structure has not been inspected as there was not a loft inspection hatch. It is advisable to appoint a reputable contractor to assess the roof structure to ensure the structure is free from any defect before the exchange of contracts. Should any timber staining, decay or wood boring inspects be noted, it would then be advisable to appoint a timber/damp specialist from an approved body such as the property care association to undertake a further assessment.	**NI**

Pic1: Sealed loft hatch

Inside the property

E2 Ceilings

At the time of the survey there was no water staining marks or mould to the ceiling. The ceilings are painted. There was no significant cracking to the ceilings. The decoration is to a good standard. There were some lines, minor cracks, and indentations to the ceiling. The indentations may be filled, sanded back and painted over. This may be a reoccurring repair.	2



Pic1: Hallway ceiling

Pic2: Main bedroom

Pic3: 2nd bedrrom

Pic5: line indentation

Pic6: Main bedroom

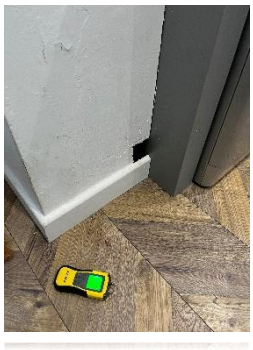
E3 Walls and partitions

The external walls have been drylined with a plasterboard. A dryline system reduces the accuracy of a moisture meter reading, due to the cavity void behind the plasterboard to the original wall. An invasive survey would be necessary to determine the original wall moisture level. The walls are plaster, with partitions being a mixture of masonry and timber. There was no significant cracking, shrinkage, or differential movement to the walls. A moisture reading could not be obtained to the external walls at one metre horizontal intervals due to furnishing and household belongings, therefore moisture readings were limited. NI A moisture level reading was taken at the skirting board level right side of rear door reveal. The reading showed an elevated moisture reading of 40 percent. The reading reduced to 30 percent	2

Inside the property

at a height of 300mm from the skirting board. An elevated moisture reading signifies a potential damp issue.

It is advisable to appoint a specialist timber and damp contractor that is registered with the property care association or an approved governing body to undertake an intrusive survey. The contractor will determine the extent of damp repair work and will provide repair costs. The damp specialist should check all internal and external perimeter walls to the ground floor. The ground floor construction material should also be checked for damp issues.



Pic1: Rear door reveal paint flaking

Pic2: reading at 41.5

Pic3: left side 13.8

E4 Floors

The ground floor is a solid floor construction and the first floor is a timber floor.

Some creaking and movement to the first floor was noted below the covering which will need to be refixed. Care should be taken when fixing flooring as wires and pipes are often hidden in floor voids and can be easily damaged.

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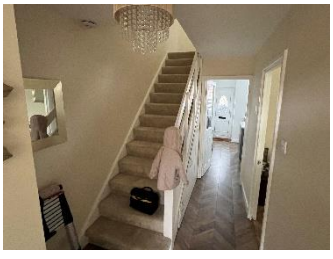


Pic1: Ground floor covering

Pic2: hallway

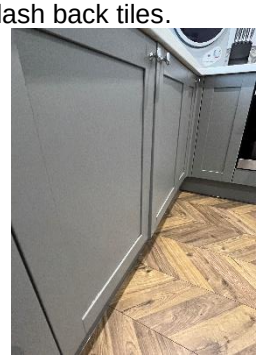
Pic3: 1ST floor hall

Inside the property

E5 Fireplaces, chimney breasts and flues

There is a fitted gas fire in the living room, this was not tested. Your Legal Advisers should make enquires on annual inspection/service records. It is advisable to inspect gas appliances on an annual basis. A rating of three would be applied if the gas appliance had not been serviced or inspected in the last twelve months.	**NI**

E6 Built-in fittings (built-in kitchen and other fittings, not including appliances)

The kitchen is modern and in a reasonable standard. Repairs to the kitchen are needed. The kitchen is dated and it may be more beneficial to replace rather than repair. The inside of the units could not be inspected due to household belongings. N**I** The units are made from MDF or chipboard, worktops are made from high density chipboard and coated with a plastic laminate. Units and worktops must remain relatively dry, or the material will soak any excess moisture/water and swell. Small indentations or delaminated worktop joints can be repaired by a surface medic. Worktop joints and the sink drainer cut out are particularly prone to swelling which will also cause the worktop to delaminate. The extractor unit operated when turned to the on position. We cannot determine how efficient the extractor is at removing moisture laden air. An extractor that is not operating correctly can allow excess moisture to build up within the air and circulate around the inside of the property. Once the warm moisture laden air, meets a cold surface, saturation of the surface capillaries can occur, leading to mould spores (especially window openings). Should the extractor not operate correctly when in use, a suitably qualified and experienced person should be appointed to provide and install a suitable extractor unit. Several doors require realignment as this can cause the hinge to snap/come away from the unit. It was noted that a couple of the doors namely under the sink unit are already significantly damaged and will need replaced Tile beading was missing/damaged in several places and my need repairing or replacing also grouting repairs are needed to the splash back tiles.  Pic1: Kitchen  Pic2: Misaligned doors  Pic3: Kitchen	2

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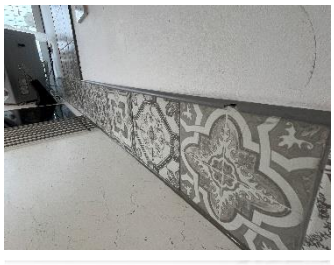
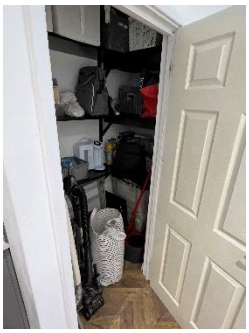


Pic4: damaged tile beading



Pic5: larder cupboard

Pic5: Splashback

Inside the property

E7 Woodwork (for example staircase joinery)

The internal joinery comprises of doors, stairs, skirting boards and architraves. The woodwork is in a satisfactory condition and will requires normal maintenance and decoration.

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The internal joinery may be marked and scarred when the vendor moves out and localised repairs may be necessary.

The underside of the stairs could not be inspected due to household belongings NI

The tread/going was creaking underfoot. Creaks to stairs components can be very difficult to resolve if the stair soffit is covered over.

The existing period balustrade and handrail are not to the current building regulation and may pose as a health and safety risk due to a low handrail height and climbable guarding. The current handrail height is 900-1000mm.

There are several doors that do not close correctly. The doors may need to be re-fitted/eased by a competent person.

Pic1: Understairs storage

Pic2: Bed2 door not latching

Pic3: living room door not latching

Pic5: poorly fitted out of square

Pic6: climbable guarding

Pic7: door easement

E8 Bathroom fittings

Inside the property

The bathroom suite is dated and although functional, the suite may need to be replaced to a modern design standard.

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The shower head and bathroom fittings were not tested during the inspection. The shower head should be suitably cleaned, and hot water should be run through the system to ensure bacteria such as legionella is not present.

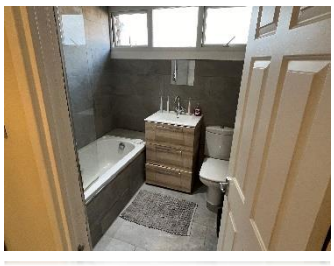
The grout/silicone to the bathroom tiles is mould stained. The grout should be treated with a mould stain remover to prevent the mould surface from increasing and becoming a health hazard.

A main cause of leaks from a bathroom is failed sanitary sealant. The sealant is prone to splitting and a gap can form. Sanitary sealant should be inspected on a regular basis, particularly behind the hot and cold-water taps and the shower head wall.

The toilet cistern is loose from the wall. Should the cistern become detached from the toilet pan a large volume of water would escape into the bathroom area causing damage. The toilet cistern should be refixed to the wall.

The sink tap is loose. The tap should be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions to prevent water leaks.

An extractor is not fitted to the bathroom to remove moisture, excess moisture to build up within the air and circulate around the property structure. The debris should be removed, and the extractor efficiency should be checked. Should the extractor not operate correctly when in use, a suitably qualified and experienced person should be appointed to provide and install a replacement extractor.



Pic1: Bathroom

Pic2: bath/shower

Pic3: loose sink tap

Inside the property

Pic4: Cistern is loose with cracked silicone

Pic2: Ground floor WC

E9 Other

Advisor information. The Health and Safety Executive states: asbestos can be found in any residential building built or refurbished before the year 2000. Properties built before 1985 that have not been refurbished are likely to have crocidolite, amphiboles (banned in 1985) and chrysotile (banned in 1999) asbestos containing material within the construction. Asbestos is known to be within all types of construction material, examples are fascia and soffit boards, floor tiles, toilet cisterns, boilers and boiler pads, as well as pipe lagging and insulation. Before any refurbishment or modernisation work is undertaken, it is advisable to have an asbestos refurbishment survey carried out to ensure asbestos fibres are not released into the property.	**NI**

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Services

Services are generally hidden within the construction of the property. This means that we can only inspect the visible parts of the available services, and we do not carry out specialist tests. The visual inspection cannot assess the services to make sure they work efficiently and safely, and meet modern standards.

F Services

Limitations on the inspection

The electrical system was not tested during the inspection. To undertake an electrical test and provide certification, an electrician must be registered with a 'competent person scheme'. such as the NICEIC.

The gas and heating system was not tested during the Inspection. To undertake a gas and heating test and provide certification, a gas safe engineer must be registered with a 'competent person scheme' such as the gas safe registration scheme.

The gas meter was not inspected **NI**

The drainage inspection cover could not be lifted as the cover was not readily moveable. **NI**

F1 Electricity

1 2 3 NI

***Safety warning**: Electrical Safety First recommends that you should get a registered electrician to check the property and its electrical fittings at least every ten years, or on change of occupancy. All electrical installation work undertaken after 1 January 2005 should have appropriate certification. For more advice, contact Electrical Safety First.*

The consumer unit was located in the ground floor WC

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There was no electrical certification available at the time of our survey. Due to the potential of serious harm and injury resulting from an electrical fault, the condition report has been scored as a three.
The consumer unit appears to be a dated system; therefore the electrical wiring may also be dated and may require a full property re-wire.

The score is to emphasise the importance of obtaining a current electrical certificate from an electrician registered with a competent person scheme. A competent person can also provide a condition report of the remaining service life of the system and provide costings for any remedial works.

You should ask the current owner for recent copies of any available test certificates. The electrics should be tested every ten years for an owner-occupied home, and every five years for rented property.

Pic1: Old fuse wire board

Services

F2 Gas/oil

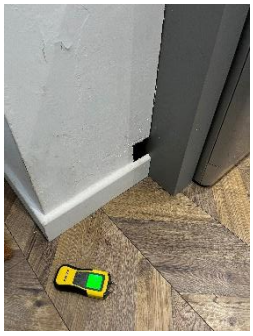
***Safety warning**: All gas and oil appliances and equipment should be regularly inspected, tested, maintained and serviced by a registered 'competent person' in line with the manufacturer's instructions. This is important to make sure that the equipment is working correctly, to limit the risk of fire and carbon monoxide poisoning, and to prevent carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from leaking into the air. For more advice, contact the Gas Safe Register for gas installations, and OFTEC for oil installations.*

The consumer unit was located in the ground floor WC We have not tested the gas and heating system and cannot confirm its condition. (Please refer to the service limitations to inspection) It is advisable to install a carbon monoxide tester to every room with a gas appliance. It is also advisable to test the detector on a regular basis. There was not a gas safe certification available at the time of our inspection. Due to the potential of serious harm and injury resulting from a gas fault or carbon monoxide poisoning, the condition report has been scored as a three. The score is to emphasise the importance of obtaining a current gas safe certificate. All gas-enabled appliances and all gas fittings must be checked. A competent person can also provide a condition report of the remaining service life to the system and provide costings for any remedial works, prior to the exchange of contracts. Should the property be rented, a gas safe certificate must be obtained on an annual basis.  Pic1: Gas meter	3

F3 Water

We found the internal stop tap (stop valve/stopcock) within the wall of the kitchen, it would be hard to access this in the urgent need, an access panel/hatch should be installed for ease of access A mains water supply is provided to the property. Where accessible the pipework appeared to be in plastic and copper. You should ensure that the stopcock should be kept accessible so that it can be accessed in the event of an emergency to cut the water supply off. From our visual inspection of the water supply and plumbing the systems appears satisfactory,	2

however before using the system, the water should be run through to ensure any stagnant water conditions are avoided and to minimise the possible build-up of any bacteria.



Pic1: small access hole to stop tap

F4 Heating

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Heating is provided to the property by a combination condensing boiler. The boiler was located in the first-floor airing cupboard

The heating to the radiators was not on at the time of the survey.

The heating comprises of a traditionally pumped hot water system with radiators linked by copper/plastic pipes.

We have not undertaken any tests of the system and cannot comment on its full working order.

We are not aware of a current test certificate for the heating system.

Pic1: Boiler location

Pic2: boiler installation

Services

F5 Water heating

Hot water is provided direct by the boiler. At the time of the survey the hot water tap was checked in the kitchen and hot water was provided. The hot water tap was checked in the kitchen, however hot water was not provided. A competent person should check the water heating.	1

F6 Drainage

Services

We assume that the property is connected to the public sewer.

The toilet was flushed, and the water drained completely.

We attempted to inspect the drainage system, however we were not able to due to the weight of the drainage cover.

Where access could be obtained, the above ground and below ground foul drainage was found to be clear and free from any serious blockage. However, we cannot comment on serviceability as most of the drainage system is hidden from view. No obvious repairs are needed.

Gullies

The waste gulley appears to be draining and free from debris at the time of inspection .

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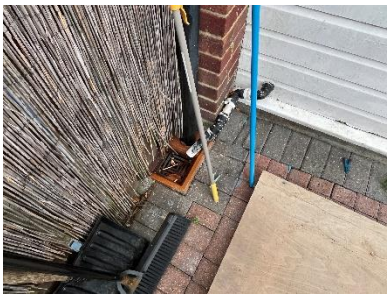
Pic1: Manhole cover rear

Pic2: Manhole cover front

Pic3: Front gulley



Pic4: Rear gulley

Services

F7 Common services

Not applicable	

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Grounds

(including shared areas for flats)

G Grounds (including shared areas for flats)

Limitations on the inspection

Not applicable.

G1 Garage

1 2 3 NI

The property did not have a garage.	NI

G2 Permanent outbuildings and other structures

Not Applicable	NI

G3 Other

The rear personal gate and fencing had timber decay and rot and has not been maintained, repaired, or painted on a regular basis. The gate will need to be repaired/replaced for security and maintained on an annual basis or when timber repairs are necessary. The front gate is rusted, and the paint work has lifted. The gate has not been maintained, repaired, or painted on a regular basis. The gate will need to be repaired/replaced for security and then maintained on an annual basis or when timber repairs are necessary. The timber posts, timber rails and timber palings. The fence line is in need of maintenance. Or replacement. The coping stones to the garden wall are loose and absent and need to be mortared to the masonry wall. Coping stones act as a tie for stability and prevent water ingress to the wall structure. The base of the rear yard has been covered with timber deck and rubber matting it was noted that below this a previous block paving cover had been laid, it was observed that several areas of paving have slipped/sunk, a full investigation should be completed once the covering have been removed Japanese Knotweed, Giant hogweed, or any other invasive plant: We did not observe the presence of any Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed or any other invasive or hazardous plants during our inspection. However, we are not horticultural experts and cannot comment if there are any such plants hidden within the garden. You are responsible for the plants on your property and must ensure that you control their spread according to legislation and avoid damage to neighbouring properties. Japanese knotweed is an invasive and resilient weed. Its roots and rhizomes can grow to a depth of 2m. Even after herbicide treatment has “eradicated” the aerial and surface growth, the deep	2

G Grounds (including shared areas for flats)

underground rhizomes can remain in a viable state and may do so for up to twenty years. It can re-emerge and regrow on its own accord at any time and especially if the contaminated ground is disturbed. If knotweed is left to grow untreated for a number of years, it has the potential to cause damage to drain, paving, paths, driveways and poorly constructed boundary walls. For this reason, if Japanese knotweed is growing on your property, it should not be ignored.

When buying a property, the presence of any known Japanese knotweed should be stated by the current owner in the responses to the TA6 form provided to your solicitor.

If Japanese knotweed or other invasive plants are found to be growing on the property or the neighbouring properties, this can cause issues in obtaining mortgage finance. The lender may insist that a management plan by a professional eradication company backed by a transferable guarantee is in place. It is most common for this plan to be provided by the seller before the purchase is completed.

Pic1: timber decay to fence

Pic2: covered yard base

Pic3: slipped block paving

Pic4: insecure step paving

Pic5: Copings missing to boundary wall

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Issues for your legal advisers

We do not act as a legal adviser and will not comment on any legal documents. However, if, during the inspection, we identify issues that your legal advisers may need to investigate further, we may refer to these in the report (for example, to state you should check whether there is a warranty covering replacement windows). You should show your legal advisers this section of the report.

Issues for your legal advisers

H1 Regulation

Your legal advisor should make enquiries for the following approval/certification

Window frame and double-glazing installation. Windows are usually replaced between 15-20 years
Boiler installation. An average boiler is replaced between 10-15 years of use
Energy performance certificate
Building regulation completion certificate for any alteration, extensions or material change of use
Conservatory competent person scheme/building regulation approval and permitted development rights.
Structural warranty for an extension to the original property layout (Note: Some lenders require a structural warranty for a significant extension).

Should any works have been undertaken without approval/certification, the rectification cost may be a considerable amount

The local authority will also hold relevant information on planning applications and notices for the property and local area.

H2 Guarantees

Your legal advisers should check on guarantees that are still in date and confirm guarantees are transferable, this may apply to:

Window guarantees
Boiler manufactures guarantee
Damp proof injection guarantee
Conservatory installation guarantee

It is also advisable to ascertain if there is a current certificate for the electrical system, service certificate for the central heating system and a gas safe certificate before contracts are exchanged.

H3 Other matters

Your legal advisor should check or confirm the following:

Confirm the property status is freehold/leasehold

The main sewer is adopted by the local authority
Your responsibility of maintaining the sewer system from the property to the main sewer
The position and ownership of boundaries
Mining searches
Status of the unadopted access road
Status of the unadopted rear access road

Risks

This section summarises defects and issues that present a risk to the building or grounds, or a safety risk to people. These may have been reported and condition rated against more than one part of the property, or may be of a more general nature. They may have existed for some time and cannot be reasonably changed.

I Risks

I1 Risks to the building

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D2 Roof coverings
D3 Rainwater pipes and gutters
D4 Main walls
D5 Windows
D6 Outside doors (including patio doors)
D7 Conservatory and porches
D8 Other joinery and finishes
D9 Other

E1 Roof structure
E2 Ceilings
E3 Walls and partitions
E4 Floors
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E7 Woodwork (for example staircase joinery)
E8 Bathroom fittings
E9 Other

F1 Electricity
F2 Gas/oil
F3 Water
F4 Heating
F5 Water heating
F6 Drainage
F7 Common services

G1 Garage
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G3 Other

H1 Regulation
H2 Other
H3 General

I Risks

I2 Risks to the grounds

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H3 General

I4 Other risks or hazards

I Risks

Not Applicable

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Surveyor’s declaration

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Surveyor's declaration

Surveyor's RICS number

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Phone number

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Client's name

Gina Devlin

Date this report was produced

16/11/2024

I confirm that I have inspected the property and prepared this report.

Signature

N Horsfall

What to do now

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Further investigations and getting quotes

We have provided advice below on what to do next, now that you have an overview of any work to be carried out on the property. We recommend you make a note of any quotations you receive.

Getting quotations

The cost of repairs may influence the amount you are prepared to pay for the property. Before you make a legal commitment to buy the property, you should get reports and quotations for all the repairs and further investigations the surveyor may have identified. You should get at least two quotations from experienced contractors who are properly insured.

You should also:

- ask them for references from people they have worked for
- describe in writing exactly what you will want them to do and
- get them to put their quotation in writing.

Some repairs will need contractors who have specialist skills and who are members of regulated organisations (for example, electricians, gas engineers, plumbers and so on). You may also need to get Building Regulations permission or planning permission from your local authority for some work.

Further investigations and what they involve

If we are concerned about the condition of a hidden part of the building, could only see part of a defect or do not have the specialist knowledge to assess part of the property fully, we may have recommended that further investigations should be carried out to discover the true extent of the problem.

This will depend on the type of problem, but to do this properly, parts of the home may have to be disturbed, so you should discuss this matter with the current owner. In some cases, the cost of investigation may be high.

When a further investigation is recommended, the following will be included in your report:

- a description of the affected element and why a further investigation is required
- when a further investigation should be carried out and
- a broad indication of who should carry out the further investigation.

Who you should use for further investigations

You should ask an appropriately qualified person, although it is not possible to tell you which one. Specialists belonging to different types of organisations will be able to do this. For example, qualified electricians can belong to five different government-approved schemes. If you want further advice, please contact the surveyor.

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The service

The RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) service includes:

- a physical **inspection** of the property (see 'The inspection' below) and
- a **report** based on the inspection (see 'The report' below).

The surveyor who provides the RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) service aims to give you professional advice to help you to:

- make an informed decision on whether to go ahead with buying the property
- take into account any repairs or replacements the property needs, and
- consider what further advice you should take before committing to purchasing the property..

Any extra services provided that are not covered by the terms and conditions of this service must be covered by a separate contract.

The inspection

The surveyor inspects the inside and outside of the main building and all permanent outbuildings, recording the construction and significant visible defects that are evident. This inspection is intended to cover as much of the property as is physically accessible. Where this is not possible, an explanation is provided in the 'Limitations on the inspection' box in the relevant section of the report.

The surveyor does not force or open up the fabric of the building. This includes taking up fitted carpets, fitted floor coverings or floorboards; moving heavy furniture; removing the contents of cupboards, roof spaces, etc.; removing secured panels and/or hatches; or undoing electrical fittings.

If necessary, the surveyor carries out parts of the inspection when standing at ground level, from adjoining public property where accessible. This means the extent of the inspection will depend on a range of individual circumstances at the time of inspection, and the surveyor judges each case on an individual basis.

The surveyor uses equipment such as a damp meter, binoculars and torch, and uses a ladder for flat roofs and for hatches no more than 3m above level ground (outside) or floor surfaces (inside) if it is safe to do so.

If it is safe and reasonable to do so, the surveyor will enter the roof space and visually inspect the roof structure with attention paid to those parts vulnerable to deterioration and damage. Although the surveyor does not move or lift insulation material, stored goods or other contents.

The surveyor also carries out a desk-top study and makes oral enquiries for information about matters affecting the property.

Services to the property

Services are generally hidden within the construction of the property. This means that only the visible parts of the available services can be inspected, and the surveyor does not carry out specialist tests. The visual inspection cannot assess the efficiency or safety of electrical, gas or other energy sources. It also does not investigate the plumbing, heating or drainage installations (or whether they meet current regulations); or the internal condition of any chimney, boiler or other flue.

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Outside the property

The surveyor inspects the condition of boundary walls, fences, permanent outbuildings and areas in common (shared) use. To inspect these areas, the surveyor walks around the grounds and any neighbouring public property where access can be obtained. Where there are restrictions to access (e.g. a creeper plant prevents closer inspection), these are reported and advice is given on any potential underlying risks that may require further investigation.

Buildings with swimming pools and sports facilities are treated as permanent outbuildings and are therefore inspected, but the surveyor does not report on the leisure facilities, such as the pool itself and its equipment internally and externally, landscaping and other facilities (for example, tennis courts and temporary outbuildings).

Flats

When inspecting flats, the surveyor assesses the general condition of the outside surfaces of the building, as well as its access and communal areas (for example, shared hallways and staircases that lead directly to the subject flat) and roof spaces, but only if they are accessible from within and owned by the subject flat. The surveyor does not inspect drains, lifts, fire alarms and security systems.

External wall systems are not inspected. If the surveyor has specific concerns about these items, further investigation will be recommended before making a legal commitment to purchase.

Dangerous materials, contamination and environmental issues

The surveyor does not make any enquiries about contamination or other environmental dangers. However, if the surveyor suspects a problem, they should recommend further investigation.

The surveyor may assume that no harmful or dangerous materials have been used in the construction, and does not have a duty to justify making this assumption. However, if the inspection shows that such materials have been used, the surveyor must report this and ask for further instructions.

The surveyor does not carry out an asbestos inspection and does not act as an asbestos inspector when inspecting properties that may fall within *The Control of Asbestos Regulations* 2012 ('CAR 2012'). However, the report should properly emphasise the suspected presence of asbestos containing materials if the inspection identifies that possibility. With flats, the surveyor assumes that there is a 'dutyholder' (as defined in CAR 2012), and that there is an asbestos register and an effective management plan in place, which does not present a significant risk to health or need any immediate payment. The surveyor does not consult the dutyholder.

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The report

The surveyor produces a report of the inspection results for you to use, but cannot accept any liability if it is used by anyone else. If you decide not to act on the advice in the report, you do this at your own risk. The report objectively describes the condition of the elements and provides an assessment of the relative importance of the defects/problems. Although it is concise, the RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) report does include advice about repairs or any ongoing maintenance issues. Where the surveyor is unable to reach a conclusion with reasonable confidence, a recommendation for further investigation should be made.

Condition ratings

The surveyor gives condition ratings to the main parts (the 'elements') of the main building, garage and some outside elements. The condition ratings are described as follows:

- **R** – Documents we may suggest you request before you sign contracts.
- **Condition rating 3** – Defects that are serious and/or need to be repaired, replaced or investigated urgently. Failure to do so could risk serious safety issues or severe long-term damage to your property. Written quotations for repairs should be obtained prior to legal commitment to purchase.
- **Condition rating 2** – Defects that need repairing or replacing but are not considered to be either serious or urgent. The property must be maintained in the normal way.
- **Condition rating 1** – No repair is currently needed. The property must be maintained in the normal way.
- **NI** – Elements not inspected.

The surveyor notes in the report if it was not possible to check any parts of the property that the inspection would normally cover. If the surveyor is concerned about these parts, the report tells you about any further investigations that are needed.

Energy

The surveyor has not prepared the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) as part of the RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) service for the property. Where the EPC has not been made available by others, the most recent certificate will be obtained from the appropriate central registry where practicable. If the surveyor has seen the current EPC, they will review and state the relevant energy efficiency and rating in this report. In addition, as part of the RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) service, checks are made for any obvious discrepancies between the EPC and the subject property, and the implications are explained to you.

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Issues for legal advisors

The surveyor does not act as a legal adviser and does not comment on any legal documents. If, during the inspection, the surveyor identifies issues that your legal advisers may need to investigate further, the surveyor may refer to these in the report (for example, to state you should check whether there is a warranty covering replacement windows).

This report has been prepared by a surveyor merely in their capacity as an employee or agent of a firm, company or other business entity ('the Company'). The report is the product of the Company, not of the individual surveyor. All of the statements and opinions contained in this report are expressed entirely on behalf of the Company, which accepts sole responsibility for them. For their part, the individual surveyor assumes no personal financial responsibility or liability in respect of the report, and no reliance or inference to the contrary should be drawn.

In the case of sole practitioners, the surveyor may sign the report in their own name, unless the surveyor operates as a sole trader limited liability company.

Nothing in this report excludes or limits liability for death or personal injury (including disease and impairment of mental condition) resulting from negligence.

Risks

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Standard terms of engagement

1 The service – the surveyor provides the standard RICS Home Survey – Level 2 (survey only) service described in this section, unless you agree with the surveyor in writing before the inspection that the surveyor will provide extra services. Any extra service will require separate terms of engagement to be entered into with the surveyor. Examples of extra services include:

- costing of repairs
- schedules of works
- supervision of works
- re-inspection
- detailed specific issue reports and
- market valuation and reinstatement costs.

2 The surveyor – The service will be provided by an AssocRICS, MRICS or FRICS member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) who has the skills, knowledge and experience to survey and report on the property.

3 Before the inspection – Before the inspection, you should tell us if there is already an agreed or proposed price for the property, and if you have any particular concerns about the property (such as a crack noted above the bathroom window or any plans for extension).

4 Terms of payment – You agree to pay our fee and any other charges agreed in writing.

5 Cancelling this contract – You should seek advice on your obligations under *The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013* ('the Regulations') *and/or the Consumer Rights Act* 2015 in accordance with section 2.6 of the current edition of the *Home survey standard* RICS professional statement.

6 Liability – the report is provided for your use, and the surveyor cannot accept responsibility if it is used, or relied upon, by anyone else.

Note: These terms form part of the contract between you and the surveyor.

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Complaints handling procedure

The surveyor will have a complaints handling procedure and will give you a copy if you ask for it. The surveyor is required to provide you with contact details, in writing, for their complaints department or the person responsible for dealing with client complaints. Where the surveyor is party to a redress scheme, those details should also be provided. If any of this information is not provided, please notify the surveyor and ask for it to be supplied.

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Typical house diagram

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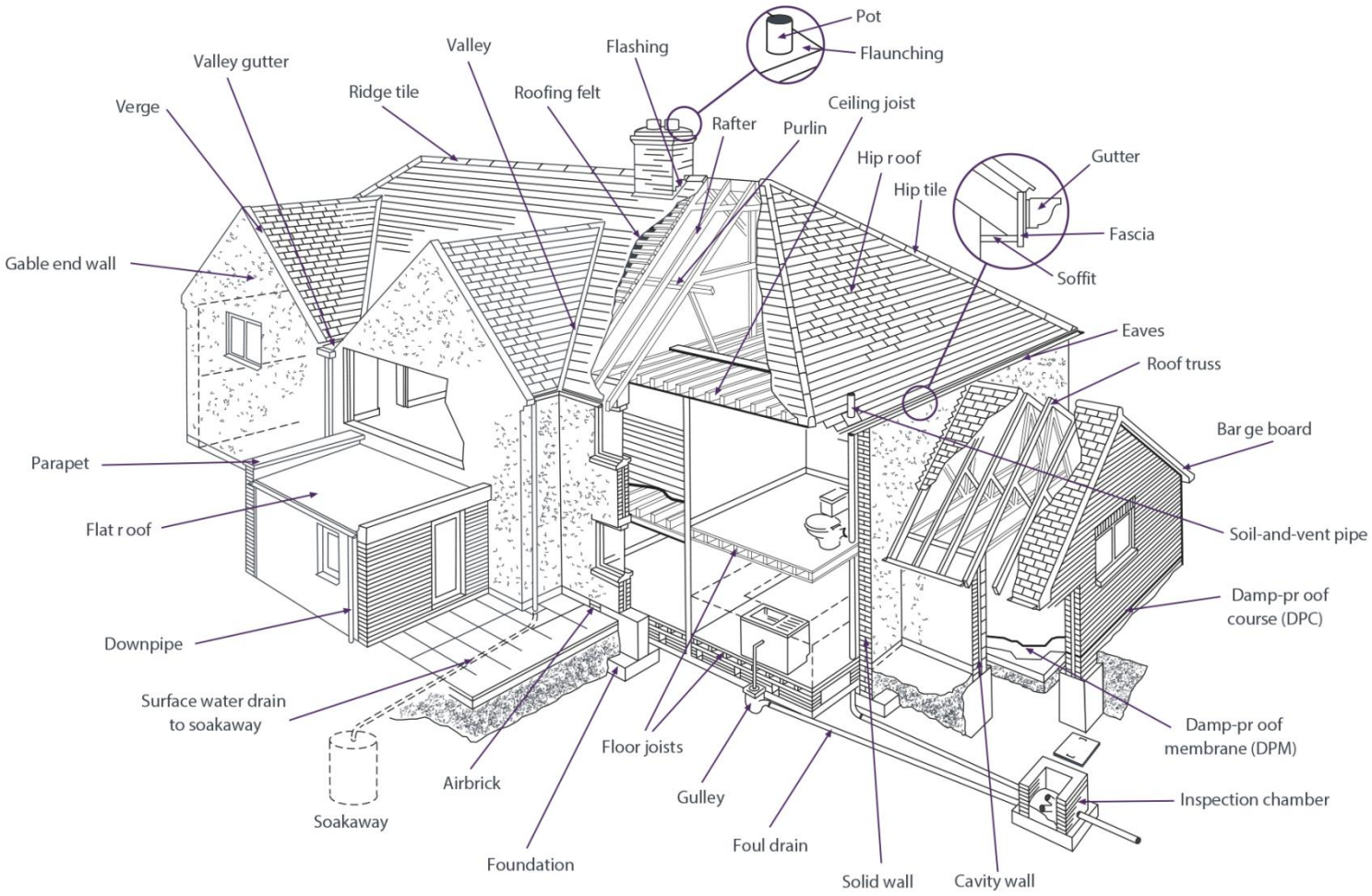
This diagram illustrates where you may find some of the building elements referred to in the report.



Glossary of terms

Airbrick	A brick with holes in it by design, used especially underneath timber floors and in roof spaces, to allow ventilation.
Barge Board	Also known as a ‘Verge Board’. A board, usually wooden and sometimes decorative, placed on the edge, or verge, of a roof.
Cavity Wall	A wall built with two sets of bricks or blocks, with a gap, or cavity between them. Cavity is usually about 50mm.
Ceiling Joist	Horizontal piece of wood used to support a floor (above), or attach a ceiling (below). Sometimes also metal.
Damp Proof Course (DPC)	A layer of material that cannot be crossed by damp, built into a wall to prevent dampness rising up the wall, or seeping into windows or doors. Various methods can be used.
Damp Proof Membrane (DPM)	A sheet of material that cannot be crossed by damp, laid in solid floors.
Downpipe	A pipe that carries rainwater from the roof of a building.
Eaves	The overhanging edge of a roof.
Fascia	A board, usually wooden, that run along the top of a wall underneath the bottom of a sloping roof.
Flashing	Used to prevent water leaking in at roof joints. Normally made from metal, but can also be cement, felt, or other effective material.
Flat Roof	A roof specifically designed to sit as flat as possible, typically having a pitch of no more than 15 degrees. A flat roof usually has the following components: 1. Waterproofing, 2. Insulation, 3. Vapour Barrier, 4. Substrate or sheathing (the surface that the roof is laid on), 5. Joists, and 6. Plasterboard ceiling.
Flaunching	Shaped cement around the base of chimney pots, to keep the pot in place and so that rain will run off.
Floor Joists	Horizontal piece of wood used to support a floor. Sometimes also metal.
Foul Drain	A pipe that conveys sewage or waste water from a toilet, etc, to a sewer
Foundation	Normally made of concrete, a structural base to a wall to prevent it sinking into the ground. In older buildings foundations may be made of brick or stone.
Gable End Wall	The upper part of a wall, usually triangular in shape, at the end of a ridged roof.
Gulley	An opening into a drain, usually at ground level, so that water etc. can be funnelled in from downpipes and wastepipes.

Glossary of terms

Gutter	A trough fixed under or along the eaves for draining rainwater from a roof.
Hip	The outside of the join where two roof slopes connect.
Hip Roof	A roof where all sides slope downwards and are equal in length, forming a ridge at the top.
Hip Tile	The tile covering the hip of a roof, to prevent rain getting in.
Inspection Chamber	Commonly called a man-hole. An access point to a drain with a removable cover.
Parapet	A low wall along the edge of a flat roof, balcony, etc.
Purlin	A horizontal beam in a roof, on which the roof rafters rest.
Rafter	A sloping roof beam, usually wooden, which forms and supports the roof.
Ridge Tile	The tiles that cover the highest point of a roof, to prevent rain getting in.
Roof Truss	A structural framework, usually triangular and made from wood or metal, used to support a roof.
Roofing Felt	A type of tar paper, used underneath tiles or slates in a roof. It can help to provide extra weather protection.
Soakaway	An area for the disposal of rainwater, usually using stones below ground sized and arranged to allow water to disperse through them.
Soffit	A flat horizontal board used to seal the space between the back of a fascia or barge board and the wall of a building.
Soil-and-vent Pipe	Also known as a soil stack pipe. Typically a vertical pipe with a vent at the top. The pipe removes sewage and dirty water from a building, the vent at the top carries away any smells at a safe height.
Solid Wall	A wall with no cavity.
Surface Water Drain	The drain leading to a soakaway.
Valley	Where two roof slopes meet and form a hollow.
Valley gutter	A gutter, usually lined with Flashing, where two roof slopes meet.
Verge	The edge of a roof, especially over a gable.

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