Property address	109 WATERMILL ROAD
	FRASERBURGH
	ABERDEENSHIRE
	AB43 9RH

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Prepared by	HOME REPORT COMPANY



31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022

**Date of Inspection** 

### 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.

Description	The subjects comprise a mid-terraced house.
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Accommodation	Ground Floor: Vestibule, hallway, living room, kitchen and three-piece bathroom suite.
	First Floor: Landing and three bedrooms.
Gross internal floor area (m <sub>2</sub> )	92 m2 or thereby.
Neighbourhood and location	The subjects are located within an established mixed residential/commercial district of Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire where surrounding properties vary with regards to age, type and character. All normal local amenities and facilities are available within the locality.
Age	Fully 80 years old.
Weather	Dry, following a period of mixed weather.
Chimney Stacks	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	From our restricted external ground floor inspection, the chimney stack was noted to be of masonry construction. Restricted visual inspection carried out.

Roofing including roof space	Sloping roofs where visually inspected.
	Flat roofs were visually inspected from vantage points within the property and where safe and reasonable to do so from a 3m ladder externally.
	Roof spaces were visually inspected and were entered where there was safe and reasonable access, normally defined as being from a 3m ladder within the property.
	The main roof structure as from our restricted external ground floor inspection was noted to be pitched clad externally with slates.
	We confirm that no access was gained onto the external roof structure and inadequate vantage available from ground floor level, therefore the external roof structure was not fully inspected.
	Our inspection of the roof void area accessed via a hatch within the first floor landing ceiling was restricted to a visual inspection from the access hatch and areas directly adjacent. Insulation materials restricted our visual inspection, and we confirm that no access was gained into the roof void area due to unsecure footing.

Rainwater fittings	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Rainwater fittings were noted to be of cast-iron construction.

Main walls	Visually inspected with the aid of binoculars where appropriate.
	Foundations and concealed parts were not exposed or inspected.
	Main walls were noted to be of stone construction.

Windows, external doors and joinery	Internal and external doors were opened and closed where keys were available.
	Random windows were opened and closed where possible.
	Doors and windows were not forced open.
	Windows were noted to be of UPVC double glazed design, whilst the access doors were noted to be of UPVC double glazed and timber design.

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External decorations	Visually inspected.
	Painted.

Conservatories / porches	Visually inspected.
	None.

Communal areas	Circulation areas visually inspected.
	Shared access Pend providing access to the rear garden ground area. Solicitor to confirm right of access and liability for upkeep.

Garages and permanent outbuildings	Visually inspected.
	The subjects benefit from an outbuilding of masonry construction under a corrugated metal sheeted roof.

Outside areas and boundaries	Visually inspected.
	The subjects benefit from sections of private garden ground to the front and a section of courtyard area to the rear.

Ceilings	Visually inspected from floor level. Ceilings are assumed to be of lath and plaster and plasterboard construction with painted finishes. Artex finishes also noted.

Visually inspected from floor level.
Using a moisture meter, walls were randomly tested for dampness where considered appropriate.
Internal walls were noted to be of solid construction with papered and/or painted finishes.

Floors including sub floors	Surfaces of exposed floors were visually inspected. No carpets or floor coverings were lifted,
	Sub-floor areas were inspected only to the extent visible from a readily accessible and unfixed hatch by way of an inverted "head and shoulders" inspection at the access point.
	Physical access to the sub floor area may be taken if the Surveyor deems it safe and reasonable to do so, and subject to a minimum clearance of 1m between the underside of floor joists and the solum as determined from the access hatch.
	Flooring was noted to be of solid and timber construction with fitted floor coverings throughout. No access gained to any sub-floor area at the time of our inspection and our overall inspection of the flooring was restricted due to fitted floor coverings.

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings	Built-in cupboards were looked into but no stored items were moved.
	Kitchen units were visually inspected excluding appliances.
	Internal doors are of timber design. Facings and skirtings are of painted moulded design, and the kitchen is equipped with a range of wall and base units.

Chimney breasts and fireplaces	Visually inspected.
	No testing of the flues or fittings was carried out.
	Removed.

Internal decorations	Visually inspected.
	Walls papered and/or painted, and woodwork generally painted. Bathroom walls are lined with splashback boarding.

Cellars	Visually inspected.
	None.

Electricity	Accessible parts of the wiring were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them off.
	Mains supply with fuse box located within hallway cupboard.

Gas	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected without removing fittings. No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances. Visual inspection does not assess any services to make sure they work properly and efficiently and meet modern standards. If any services are turned off, the surveyor will state that in the report and will not turn them off.
	Mains supply.

Water, plumbing, bathroom fittings	Visual inspection of the accessible pipework, water tanks, cylinders and fittings without removing any insulation.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Mains supply. Internal distribution pipes where seen appear to be of copper and PVC design.
	Sanitary arrangements comprise a three-piece bathroom suite.

Heating and hot water	Accessible parts of the system were visually inspected apart from communal systems, which were not inspected.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Gas fired Ideal Logic + Combi 30 boiler to radiators.
	Hot water is assumed to be supplied on demand from the aforementioned gas fired boiler.

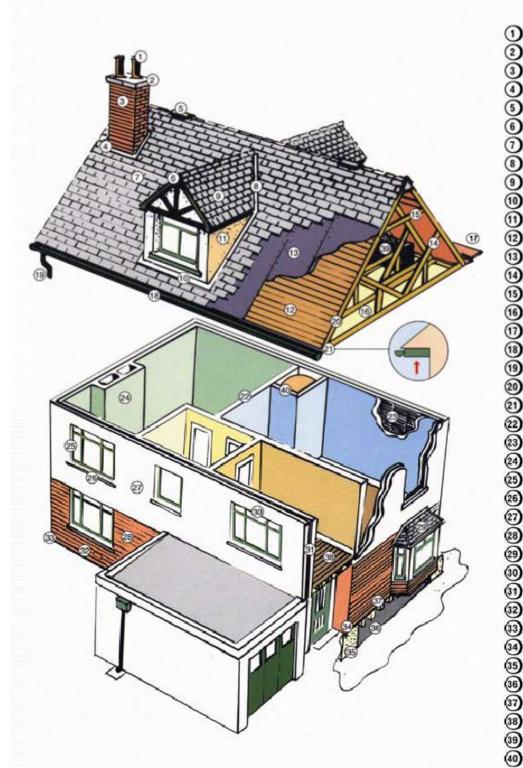
Drainage	Drainage covers etc. were not lifted.
	Neither drains nor drainage systems were tested.
	Mains.

Fire, smoke and burglar alarms	Visually inspected.
	No tests whatsoever were carried out to the system or appliances.
	Smoke alarm noted. Not tested.
	Scottish government regulations came into effect on 1st February 2022 which requires each property to have linked smoke and heat detectors and if gas/carbon burning appliances are present then a carbon monoxide alarm fitted. Upgrading may be required to comply with these regulations. Purchasers should satisfy themselves with regards to compliance. We confirm it falls out with our remit to confirm in the provision of smoke alarm(s) meets current requirements.

Any additional limits to inspection	For flats / maisonettes. Only the subject flat and internal communal areas giving access to the flat were inspected. If the roof space or under-building / basement is communal, reasonable and safe access is not always 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. 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.
	The property was inspected within the limits imposed. At the time of inspection, the property was un furnished with floor coverings fitted throughout, which restricted our overall inspection. Items were not removed from cupboards. Services were not tested.
	No access was gained to any sub-floor areas. Where walls are lined internally, for example with plasterboard, tiling or timber, the structure behind the lining could not be tested with an electronic moisture meter.
	Our inspection of the external fabric in general restricted as inspected from external ground floor level.
	We confirm that no access was gained onto the external roof structure and inadequate vantage available from ground floor level, therefore the external roof structure was not fully inspected.
	Our inspection of the roof void area accessed via a hatch within the first floor landing ceiling was restricted to a visual inspection from the access hatch and areas directly adjacent. Insulation materials restricted our visual inspection, and we confirm that no access was gained into the roof void area due to unsecure footing.
	Although considerable care was taken during the course of our inspection to detect defects serious in nature, we were unable to inspect those parts of the property which were covered, concealed or inaccessible and cannot, therefore guarantee that any such parts of the property are entirely free from defect.
	It will be appreciated that parts of the property, which are covered, unexposed or inaccessible, cannot be guaranteed to be free from defect.
	This report does not constitute a full and detailed description of the property and a structural investigation was not carried out. No inspection was undertaken of woodwork or other parts of the structure which are covered, unexposed or otherwise inaccessible and as a result no guarantee can be given that such parts of the structure are free from rot, beetle or other defects.
	No removal of internal linings has been carried out in order to ascertain the condition of hidden parts and no warranty can be given regarding the areas not specifically referred to in this report.

disruptive, visual inspection as defined in the main Terms
& Conditions. Some descriptions may be partial and/or assumed. No detailed analysis, sampling or testing of materials has been undertaken.
It is sometimes difficult or impossible to conclusively determine the exact nature of the construction from a simple visual inspection because the decorative finish can conceal the construction. The description of the construction is the surveyor's opinion provided on the basis of a visual inspection.
It is out with the scope of this inspection to determine whether or not asbestos based products are present within the property. Asbestos was widely used in the building industry until around 1999, when it became a banned substance. If you have any concerns, you should engage the services of a qualified asbestos surveyor.

## Sectional Diagram showing elements of a typical house



Reference may be made in this report to some or all of the above component parts of the property. This diagram may assist you in locating and understanding these items. (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 **Roof felt** (13) (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 Solum **Floor** joists Floorboards Water tank Hot water tank

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	Category 1
Notes	All buildings move daily and seasonally as a result of external factors such as gravity, temperature, moisture content and vibrations. Consequently, most buildings will have minor non-structural cracks related to these factors. Minor cracks can be filled during normal redecoration but often recur seasonally due to normal movement in a building. Non-structural cracks of this nature will not be recorded or reported. There is evidence of a settlement in the building noted both internally and externally but this is not inconsistent with a property of this age and type and on the basis of a single inspection appears to be longstanding.
Dampness, rot and infestation	n
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	Random testing, where accessible, was carried out with an electronic moisture meter throughout the property.
	Damp readings noted within internal wall linings within the ground floor hallway. This should be investigated further by a suitable specialist contractor prior to entering into a legal commitment to purchase.
Chimney Stacks	
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	Due to the age of the property regular and ongoing maintenance and repair should be anticipated and carried out in accordance with good maintenance practice.
Roofing including roof space	)
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	Roof The roof was noted to be in fair order commensurate with the age and type of property although some ongoing maintenance and repairs are likely to be required.

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Rainwater FittingsRepair CategoryNotes	Void   Restricted visual inspection from the access hatch, and the areas directly adjacent to the hatch only. The majority of the private roof void area was not visible or inspected at the time of our inspection and should not be considered free from defects. Damp staining noted to internal roof timbers.   Category 2   There is evidence of corrosion which may result in leakage.
Main Walls	
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	There is weathering and erosion of stonework.
Windows, external doors an	d joinery
Repair Category	Category 2
Notes	A precautionary check of all windows and doors is advised. Window seals should be regularly monitored and upgraded to ensure water tightness. At the time of our inspection a defective glazing panel was noted. We have been informed that these panels are in the process of being replaced and we assume that all outstanding works will be carried out before the conclusion of any sale. Solicitor to confirm.
External decorations	
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	The external decorations are generally in fair order. Regular repainting will be required if these areas are to be maintained in satisfactory condition.
Conservatories/porches	
Repair Category	-
Notes	Not applicable.
Communal areas	
Repair Category	Category 1
Notes	The communal areas surrounding the property appear to be adequately maintained.

Garages and permanent outbuildings		
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	The outbuilding structure will require ongoing maintenance and repairs including the roof.	
Outside areas and bound	laries	
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	The boundaries appear reasonably well defined and fences etc., are ir adequate condition. Regular maintenance will be required.	
	You should verify with your conveyancer the extent of the boundaries attaching to the property.	
	Outside areas will require ongoing repairs and maintenance.	
Ceilings		
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Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	Within the limits of our inspection these generally appeared in fai condition consistent with age. During redecoration some plaste filling/repair may be required.	
	Some decorative surfaces are finished with an Artex type product. Early forms of Artex may incorporate small amounts of asbestos based bonding materials and therefore specialist advice should be obtained prior to working on these areas to minimise the risk of releasing hazardous fibres	
Internal Walls		
Repair Category	Category 2	
Notes	The internal walls are largely covered with decorative finishes. During routine redecoration some plaster filling may be necessary.	
	We make reference to the dampness, rot and infestation section of this report and the commentary therein.	
Floors including sub-floo	ors	
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	No access to the sub-floor chamber was possible at the time of our visit to the property. Within the limitations of our surface inspection there was no indication to suggest significant defects in this area. It will, however be appreciated that the area was not inspected and therefore no guarantees can be provided in this regard.	

Internal joinery and kitchen fittings		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	The internal joinery is generally in keeping with the age and type of property and appeared in fair condition consistent with age. The kitchen units are of a modern type and appeared in adequate condition for their age and purpose.	
Chimney breasts and fireplac	ces	
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	All original fireplaces have been removed/blocked and assume adequately vented.	
Internal decorations		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	The property is generally in fresh decoration throughout.	
Cellars		
Repair Category	-	
Notes	Not applicable.	
Electricity		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	It is recommended good practice that all electrical installations should be checked periodically, approximately every ten years or when a property changes hands. This should be regarded as a routine safety and maintenance check. The electrical system within the property appeared of modern design, there being a circuit breaker type distribution board adjacent to the electricity meter. In addition visible cabling is of pvc type. It should be	
	emphasised that the system was not tested at the time of our inspection.	
Gas		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	It is out with our remit to carry out tests and as a precautionary measure it is appropriate to have the gas fittings tested by a Gas Safe Registered Engineer.	

Water, plumbing and bathroom fittings		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	The property appears connected to mains supplies of water.	
	The plumbing and fittings appear of copper/pvc piping where seen and appeared in serviceable condition but was not tested.	
	The sanitary fittings are of modern style and type.	
	Flooring beneath the bath was not inspected, however it should be appreciated that over time the build-up of condensation together with small amounts of leakage from joints between tiling or mastic and bath fittings can lead to deterioration of flooring or wall linings and repairs in this regard should be anticipated and budgeted for as part of a normal and ongoing maintenance regime.	
Heating and hot water		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	A gas fired central heating system has been installed. This appears in functional condition. This will require ongoing and regular servicing.	
	It is not uncommon for incoming purchasers to test / service the central heating boiler when taking occupancy. Regular servicing of the boilers will help maintain them in a workable and efficient condition.	
Drainage		
Repair Category	Category 1	
Notes	The property is thought to be connected to a main sewer. There was no surface evidence to suggest the system is choked or leaking.	

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

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

#### Category 3

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

#### Category 2

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

#### Category 1

No immediate action or repair is needed.

#### Remember

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

#### Warning

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 for accessibility information

Three steps or fewer to a main entrance door of the property: In flatted developments the 'main entrance' would be the flat's own entrance door, not the external door to the communal stair. The 'three steps or fewer' are counted from external ground level to the flat's entrance door. Where a lift is present, the count is based on the number of steps climbed when using the lift. *Unrestricted parking within 25 metres:* For this purpose, 'Unrestricted parking' includes parking available by means of a parking permit. Restricted parking includes parking that is subject to parking restrictions, as indicated by the presence of solid yellow, red or white lines at the edge of the road or by a parking control sign, parking meters or other coin-operated machines.

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

#### Matters for a solicitor or licensed conveyancer

Absolute Ownership assumed.

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

We assume that the carriageways etc., ex adverso the subjects are the responsibility of the local authority.

If the legal advisers find that there are significant variations from the standard assumptions, then this should be referred back to the surveyor. In line with our normal practice, it is specifically assumed that the property and its value are unaffected by any matters which would or should be revealed to a competent Completing Solicitor by a local search and replies to the usual enquiries, or by any statutory notice and planning proposal.

The property benefits from private garden grounds. There are a number of boundary fence structures. It is always sensible when purchasing any property to find out who owns all outside areas/boundaries and who is responsible for their maintenance. Your legal advisors will obtain this information.

Where defects or repairs have been identified within this report it is recommended that, prior to entering into any legally binding sale or purchase contract, further specialists or contractor's advice and estimates should be obtained, to establish the implications, if any, on a potential offer to purchase or the sale price likely to be achieved for the property.

It is necessary for applicants to satisfy themselves that suitable lending for mortgage is available for the subject property prior to purchase, as no checks have been made by us in this regard.

It is recommended that where repairs, defects or maintenance items have been identified, particularly categorised as a 2 or 3, interested parties make appropriate enquiries in order to satisfy themselves of potential costs and the extent of the works required prior to submitting a legal offer to purchase.

#### Estimated reinstatement cost for insurance purposes

We are of the opinion that the subjects should be insured for buildings reinstatement purposes for a sum of not less than £220,000 (TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

This figure is an opinion of an appropriate sum for which the property and substantial outbuildings should be insured against total destruction, on a reinstatement basis, assuming reconstruction of the property in its existing design and materials. Finishing's and fittings have not been included. No allowance has been included for inflation during the insurance period or during reconstruction and no allowance has been made for VAT, other than on professional fees. Further discussions with your insurers is advised. The figure should be reviewed annually and in light of any future alterations or additions.

Building costs are currently increasing significantly above inflation due to material and labour shortages, it is recommended that you update this figure regularly to ensure that you have adequate cover or alternatively seek specialist advice from your insurer.

#### Valuation and market comments

We are of the opinion that the market value of the subjects all as previously described and on a vacant possession basis as at the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 would be fairly stated in the region of £120,000 (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING).

We have endeavoured to reflect the general condition of the property, location and current market conditions when arriving at our opinion of valuation. We would assume that current trends will prevail at the ultimate date of disposal with no adverse or onerous matters being introduced into the market during the intervening period which would have a detrimental effect on price.

This report is not the product of a building survey and all defects and other matters should be fully considered and, where appropriate, be the subject of specialist and tradesmen's reports prior to the conclusion of Missives.

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