

Job No. E6351/04

Client: The City of Edinburgh Council

**Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme**

**Condition Survey  
5/2 Ettrickdale Place**

**Inspection Date: External & Common Stair 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
Internal No Survey**

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## **Description of Property**

The property was constructed circa. 1980 and occupies the ground floor level of a three storey traditionally constructed building with external masonry walls supporting the timber floors and roof structure. The roof is a mansard style with rooms in the roof and spans front to back.

The property is accessed via a path through the communal gardens at ground floor level

Property room descriptions are given with reference to compass points. A BRE crack classification table is included at the end of the report.

This report is based on a visual, non-disruptive, walk round inspection, and viewed from Ground Level only. Internally the inspection was carried out from floor level with no access to roof areas or solum areas unless specifically noted.

No advice is given or implied regarding the presence or otherwise of any asbestos in any shape or form within the property. Should any areas be suspected, the Client is advised to follow Health and Safety Executive guidelines.

No detailed inspection of any woodwork or other parts of the structure which are unexposed or inaccessible has been carried out and we are therefore unable to report that any such part of the property is free from defect.

The presence or other wise of timber decay or infestation is considered to rest solely within the remit of a specialist survey and not within this report.

## **Common Areas**

The flat under consideration is on the ground floor. The roof, north, south east and west elevations are common with the other flats in 5 Ettrickdale Place.

## **Orientation**

For the purposes of the schedule the front elevation is assumed to face north

## **Date of Inspection**

The exterior and common stair of this property was inspected by Will Rudd Davidson Limited 24<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

No Internal Condition Survey of 5/2 Ettrickdale Place was carried out as there was no response to our letters requesting access.

## External Observations

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	Photo graph
North Elevation – (front)			
Roof	Tiles	Average condition No signs of cracking/damage	114-116
Walls	Pebbledash brick/facing brickwork	Fair condition. No signs of cracking	117-124
East Elevation (gable)			
Wall			125-126
South Elevation (rear)			
Roof			127-128
Wall			129-137
West Elevation (gable)			
Wall			138-139

## Common Stair

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	Photo graph
Front Door	Timber	Appears square Opens/closes freely	204
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</b>			
Ceiling	Paint on plaster with hatch	Fair condition	205
Wall	Paint on solid/stud panel	Fair condition	206
		Hairline crack to RHS of cupboard door to south	207
		Minor cracking to RHS of door to west	208
		Peeling of paint to RHS and top of door to west	209-211
		Minor horizontal crack along ceiling to west wall	212-213
		Minor horizontal crack to south wall spanning east to west	214-215
		Hairline horizontal crack to central east face – infilled	216-217
Floor	Vinyl	Solid, sound, level	218
North window	Timber – stained	Appears square. Not accessible	219
Door (south)	Timber	Appears square, opens/closes freely	220
Stairs	Vinyl on solid	Solid, sound, level	221
<b>1<sup>st</sup> floor</b>			
Ceiling	Paint on plaster	Fair condition	222
		Moderate crack along south beam to south face, spanning east to west	223-225
		Minor crack, spanning east to west	226-227
		Minor vertical crack to south beam – north face to east corner	228
		Minor crack spanning north to south between downstands	229-230
		Minor crack spanning north to south between downstands	231-232

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	Photo graph
Wall	Paint on solid	Fair condition	233
		Minor horizontal crack to west wall above stairs	234-235
		Moderate crack to south beam on north face on east side	236-237
		Moderate horizontal cracks to west wall to south areas	238
		Minor vertical and horizontal crack to top of LHS of window to south area	239
		Minor vertical and horizontal cracking to south east boarded out area	240
		Minor vertical and horizontal cracking to north beam, south face spanning east to west	241
		Minor 2No. diagonal cracks to north beam, south face to east	242
		Minor vertical and horizontal to LHS and RHS of north window	243-244
Floor	Vinyl	Solid, sound, level	245
South window	Painted timber frame	Appears square, opens/closes freely	246
North window	Painted timber frame	Appears square. Opens/closes freely	247
Stairs	Vinyl on solid	Solid, sound, level	248
Ceiling above stairs	Paint on plaster	Fair condition Hairline cracks to top of stair spanning east to west	249 250
<b>Ground floor</b>			
Ceiling	Paint on plaster	Fair condition	251
		Minor crack to south beam along downstand to south side	252-253
		Minor crack along south beam to north face to east area	254
		Minor cracking between upper stairs and landing to south	255
		Minor cracking spanning north/south to downstairs stair	256
		Hairline crack spanning east to west to north, adjacent to cupboard door	259

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	Photo graph
		Minor crack along north downstand to north face, spanning from east to west	<b>257-258</b>
Wall	Paint on solid	Fair condition	<b>260</b>
South door	Timber	Appears square	<b>261</b>
Cupboard door	Timber	Appears square, not accessible	<b>262</b>
Floor	Vinyl	Solid, sound, level	<b>263</b>

**Internal**

No Internal Condition Survey of 5/2 Ettrickdale Place was carried out.

**Appendix A  
Schedule of Photographs**

Photograph Schedule - External



**Ext 115**  
5 Ettrickdale Place North Elevation



**Ext 125**  
5 Ettrickdale Place East Gable Elevation



**Ext 131**  
5 Ettrickdale Place South Elevation



**Ext 138**  
5 Ettrickdale Place West Gable Elevation

Photograph Schedule – common Stair



**Int 212**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair 2<sup>nd</sup> floor minor horizontal cracking along ceiling to west wall



**Int 223**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair 1<sup>st</sup> floor moderate crack along south beam to south face  
spanning east west



**Int 236**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair 1<sup>st</sup> floor moderate crack along south beam to north face spanning on east side



**Int 238**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair 1<sup>st</sup> floor moderate horizontal crack to west wall to south area



**Int 241**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair 1<sup>st</sup> floor minor cracking to north beam south face



**Int 255**

5 Ettrickdale Place common stair ground floor minor cracking between upper stair and landing

**Appendix B  
Photograph Thumbnails**

## External



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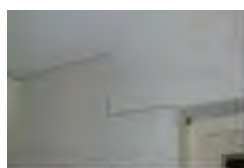


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## Common Stair



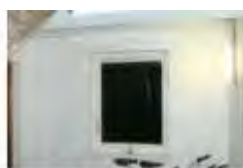
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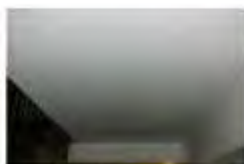
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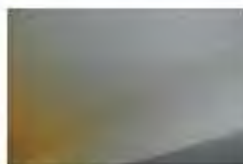
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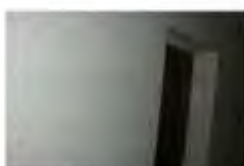
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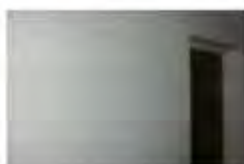
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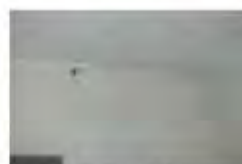
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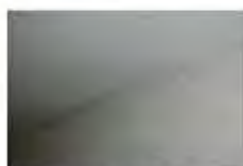
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**Appendix C  
BRE Digest 251 – Table 1**

**Table 1 Classification of visible damage to walls with particular reference to ease of repair of plaster and brickwork or masonry (BRE Digest 251 – Table 1)**

Category of damage	Degree <sup>(1)</sup> of damage	Description of typical damage <i>Ease of repair in italic type.</i>	Approximate crack width mm
0	Negligible	Hairline cracks of less than about 0.1mm are classed as negligible.	Up to 0.1 <sup>(2)</sup>
1	Very slight	<i>Fine cracks which can easily be treated during normal decoration.</i> Perhaps isolated slight fracturing in building. Cracks rarely visible in external brickwork.	Up to 1 <sup>(2)</sup>
2	Slight	<i>Cracks easily filled. Re-decoration probably required. Recurrent cracks can be masked by suitable linings.</i> Cracks not necessarily visible externally; <i>some external repointing may be required to ensure weathertightness.</i> Doors and windows may stick slightly.	Up to 5 <sup>(2)</sup>
3	Moderate	<i>The cracks require some opening up and can be patched by a mason. Repointing of external brickwork and possibly a small amount of brickwork to be replaced.</i> Doors and windows sticking. Service pipes may fracture. Weathertightness often impaired.	5 to 15 <sup>(2)</sup> (or a number of cracks, each up to 3)
4	Severe	<i>Extensive repair work involving breaking-out and replacing sections of walls, especially over doors and windows.</i> Window and door frames distorted, floor sloping noticeably <sup>(3)</sup> . Walls leaning <sup>(3)</sup> or bulging noticeably, some loss of bearing in beams. Service pipes disrupted.	15 to 25 <sup>(2)</sup> but also depends on number of cracks.
5	Very severe	<i>This requires a major repair job involving partial or complete re-building.</i> Beams lose bearing, walls lean badly and require shoring. Windows broken with distortion. Danger of instability.	Usually greater than 25 <sup>(2)</sup> but depends on the number of cracks.

Notes:	1	It must be emphasised that in assessing the degree of damage, account must be taken of the location in the building or structure where it occurs, and also of the function of the building or structure.
	2	Crack width is one factor in assessing category of damage and should not be used on its own as a direct measure of it.
	3	Local deviation of slope, from the horizontal or vertical, of more than 1/100 will normally be clearly visible. Overall deviations in excess of 1/150 are undesirable.

## **Appendix D Limitations of Inspection**

### **Limitations of the Inspection**

This Schedule of Condition is prepared on the basis of an inspection of all visible, exposed and accessible parts of the external fabric. The Schedule is limited to the property as addressed and the common parts. No details of the condition of other properties were taken.

This survey is not intended to be and should in no way be construed as any of the following:-

- |     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| i   | Full structural survey     |
| ii  | Asbestos survey            |
| iii | DDA access audit           |
| iv  | Fire risk assessment audit |

The inspection has been executed in a fashion in compliance with the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974. Unless otherwise stated, it has been done without the benefit of internal or external scaffolding, guard rails or mechanical hoists. External inspections have therefore been generally limited to ground level, to inspection from accessible openings in the external fabric or the use of a sectional ladder.

The scope of the inspection has also been limited to the particular weather conditions arising at the time of the inspection and no guarantee can be given with regard to the performance of the elements of the building during different conditions.

The external inspection where limited by the presence of any coverings of vegetation are noted in the report and no stripping off of the vegetation, including ivy, trellises etc. has been done.

Foundations have not been exposed to ascertain depth of construction. Investigation has not been made of the varying strata or sub-soil.

Detailed examination of the structural members and all other areas which are unexposed or inaccessible has not been made. We have not carried out any exposure works to the structure or structural tests. It is therefore not possible to report as to the condition of the constituents of concrete, the positioning of reinforcement, the extent of end bearings, ties or fixings or any other defects of similar nature. Structural calculations have not been made over any part of the structure.

The drainage system has not been tested and no assurance can be given that this is free from fault.

The Mechanical, Electrical and Public Health Installations have not been tested and no assurances can be given that they are without defects or that they comply with the requirements of the relevant Statutory Authority.

No tests have been carried out on materials such as timber for the presence of specified impregnated preservatives or in concrete or compressive strength of High Alumina Cement. No tests were undertaken for the presence of Calcium Chloride, Asbestos or other deleterious materials.

A ground level inspection of the property has been carried out. The parts of the building at high level that are not visible or where visibility is limited are noted in the report.

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