

Energy performance certificate (EPC)

18, Bernard Street
HOUGHTON LE SPRING
DH4 5DS

Energy rating

D

Valid until
13 March 2028

Certificate number
8908-6227-5270-1826-8906

Property type
Mid-terrace house

Total floor area
89 square metres

Rules on letting this property

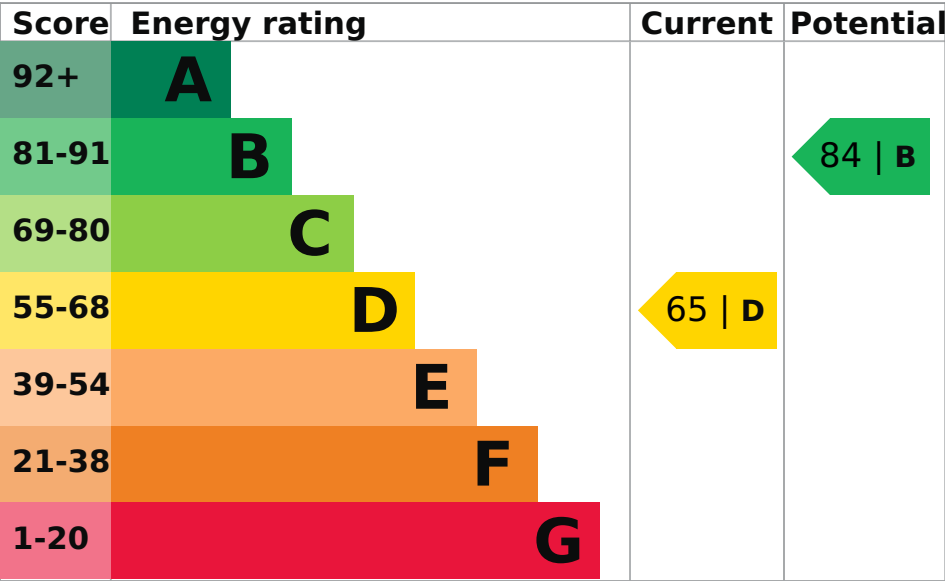
Properties can be rented if they have an energy rating from A to E.

If the property is rated F or G, it cannot be let, unless an exemption has been registered. You can read [guidance for landlords on the regulations and exemptions \(https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-private-rented-property-minimum-energy-efficiency-standard-landlord-guidance).

Energy efficiency rating for this property

This property’s current energy rating is D. It has the potential to be B.

[See how to improve this property’s energy performance.](#)



The graph shows this property’s current and potential energy efficiency.

Properties are given a rating from A (most efficient) to G (least efficient).

Properties are also given a score. The higher the number the lower your fuel bills are likely to be.

For properties in England and Wales:

- the average energy rating is D
- the average energy score is 60

Breakdown of property’s energy performance

This section shows the energy performance for features of this property. The assessment does not consider the condition of a feature and how well it is working.

Each feature is assessed as one of the following:

- very good (most efficient)
- good
- average
- poor
- very poor (least efficient)

When the description says “assumed”, it means that the feature could not be inspected and an assumption has been made based on the property’s age and type.

| Feature | Description | Rating |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Wall | Cavity wall, filled cavity | Average |
| Roof | Pitched, 270 mm loft insulation | Good |
| Roof | Pitched, no insulation (assumed) | Very poor |
| Window | Fully double glazed | Average |
| Main heating | Boiler and radiators, mains gas | Good |
| Main heating control | Programmer, no room thermostat | Very poor |
| Hot water | From main system | Good |
| Lighting | No low energy lighting | Very poor |
| Floor | Suspended, no insulation (assumed) | N/A |
| Floor | Solid, no insulation (assumed) | N/A |
| Secondary heating | None | N/A |

Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 249 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m2).

► [What is primary energy use?](#)

Environmental impact of this property

One of the biggest contributors to climate change is carbon dioxide (CO2). The energy used for heating, lighting and power in our homes produces over a quarter of the UK’s CO2 emissions.

An average household produces

6 tonnes of CO2

This property produces

3.9 tonnes of CO2

This property’s potential production

2.0 tonnes of CO2

By making the [recommended changes](#), you could reduce this property’s CO2 emissions by 1.9 tonnes per year. This will help to protect the environment.

Environmental impact ratings are based on assumptions about average occupancy and energy use. They may not reflect how energy is consumed by the people living at the property.

How to improve this property’s energy performance

Making any of the recommended changes will improve this property’s energy efficiency.

If you make all of the recommended changes, this will improve the property’s energy rating and score from D (65) to B (84).

► [What is an energy rating?](#)

Potential
energy rating

B

Recommendation 1: Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Floor insulation (suspended floor)

Typical installation cost

£800 - £1,200

Typical yearly saving

£37

Potential rating after carrying out recommendation 1

67 | D

Recommendation 2: Low energy lighting

Low energy lighting

Typical installation cost

£40

Typical yearly saving

£51

Potential rating after carrying out recommendations 1 and 2

69 | C

Recommendation 3: Heating controls (room thermostat and TRVs)

Heating controls (room thermostat and TRVs)

Typical installation cost

£350 - £450

Typical yearly saving

£93

Potential rating after carrying out recommendations 1 to 3

72 | C

Recommendation 4: Solar water heating

Solar water heating

Typical installation cost

£4,000 - £6,000

Typical yearly saving

£35

Potential rating after carrying out recommendations 1 to 4

74 | C

Recommendation 5: Solar photovoltaic panels, 2.5 kWp

Solar photovoltaic panels

Typical installation cost

£5,000 - £8,000

Typical yearly saving

£278

Potential rating after carrying out recommendations 1 to 5

84 | B

Paying for energy improvements

[Find energy grants and ways to save energy in your home. \(https://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency\)](https://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency)

Estimated energy use and potential savings

Estimated yearly energy cost for this property

£868

Potential saving

£217

The estimated cost shows how much the average household would spend in this property for heating, lighting and hot water. It is not based on how energy is used by the people living at the property.

The estimated saving is based on making all of the recommendations in [how to improve this property's energy performance](#).

For advice on how to reduce your energy bills visit [Simple Energy Advice \(https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/\)](https://www.simpleenergyadvice.org.uk/).

Heating use in this property

Heating a property usually makes up the majority of energy costs.

Estimated energy used to heat this property

Space heating

10362 kWh per year

Water heating

2177 kWh per year

Potential energy savings by installing insulation

| Type of insulation | Amount of energy saved |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Loft insulation | 762 kWh per year |

You might be able to receive [Renewable Heat Incentive payments \(https://www.gov.uk/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive\)](https://www.gov.uk/domestic-renewable-heat-incentive). This will help to reduce carbon emissions by replacing your existing heating system with one that generates renewable heat. The estimated energy required for space and water heating will form the basis of the payments.

Contacting the assessor and accreditation scheme

This EPC was created by a qualified energy assessor.

If you are unhappy about your property's energy assessment or certificate, you can complain to the assessor directly.

If you are still unhappy after contacting the assessor, you should contact the assessor's accreditation scheme.

Assessor contact details

Assessor's name

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Accreditation scheme

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Assessment details

Assessor's declaration

Employed by the professional dealing with the property transaction

Date of assessment

6 March 2018

Date of certificate

14 March 2018

Type of assessment

► [RdSAP](#)

Other certificates for this property

If you are aware of previous certificates for this property and they are not listed here, please contact us at mhclg.digital-services@communities.gov.uk, or call our helpdesk on 020 3829 0748.

Certificate number

[8601-6222-5270-1814-8022 \(https://find-energy-certificate.digital.communities.gov.uk/energy-certificate/8601-6222-5270-1814-8022\)](https://find-energy-certificate.digital.communities.gov.uk/energy-certificate/8601-6222-5270-1814-8022)

Expired on

23 February 2019
