

Energy performance certificate (EPC)

4 Castlefield Preston HITCHIN SG4 7AZ	Energy rating B	Valid until: 18 March 2025
		Certificate number: 9838-0034-7317-3145-2944

Property type	Semi-detached house
Total floor area	88 square metres

Rules on letting this property

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

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 rating and score

This property's energy rating is B. It has the potential to be A.

[See how to improve this property's energy efficiency.](#)

The graph shows this property's current and potential energy rating.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) and a score. The better the rating and score, the lower your energy bills are likely to be.

For properties in England and Wales:

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

Score	Energy rating	Current	Potential
92+	A		95 A
81-91	B	84 B	
69-80	C		
55-68	D		
39-54	E		
21-38	F		
1-20	G		

Breakdown of property's energy performance

Features in this property

Features get a rating from very good to very poor, based on how energy efficient they are. Ratings are not based on how well features work or their condition.

Assumed ratings are based on the property's age and type. They are used for features the assessor could not inspect.

Feature	Description	Rating
Walls	Average thermal transmittance 0.24 W/m ² K	Very good
Roof	Average thermal transmittance 0.11 W/m ² K	Very good
Floor	Average thermal transmittance 0.10 W/m ² K	Very good
Windows	High performance glazing	Very good
Main heating	Boiler and radiators, mains gas	Good
Main heating control	Time and temperature zone control	Very good
Hot water	From main system	Good
Lighting	Low energy lighting in all fixed outlets	Very good
Air tightness	Air permeability 4.7 m ³ /h.m ² (as tested)	Good
Secondary heating	None	N/A

Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 88 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m²).

How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£398 per year on heating, hot water and lighting** in this property. These costs usually make up the majority of your energy bills.

You could **save £46 per year** if you complete the suggested steps for improving this property's energy rating.

This is **based on average costs in 2015** when this EPC was created. People living at the property may use different amounts of energy for heating, hot water and lighting.

Heating this property

Estimated energy needed in this property is:

- 2,297 kWh per year for heating
 - 2,043 kWh per year for hot water
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Impact on the environment

This property's environmental impact rating is B. It has the potential to be A.

Properties get a rating from A (best) to G (worst) on how much carbon dioxide (CO₂) they produce each year.

Carbon emissions

An average household produces 6 tonnes of CO₂

This property produces 1.4 tonnes of CO₂

This property's potential production 0.2 tonnes of CO₂

You could improve this property's CO₂ emissions by making the suggested changes. This will help to protect the environment.

These ratings are based on assumptions about average occupancy and energy use. People living at the property may use different amounts of energy.

Changes you could make

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Solar water heating	£4,000 - £6,000	£46
2. Solar photovoltaic panels	£5,000 - £8,000	£271

Help paying for energy improvements

You might be able to get a grant from the [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme\)](https://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme). This will help you buy a more efficient, low carbon heating system for this property.

More ways to save energy

Find ways to save energy in your home by visiting www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency

Who to contact about this certificate

Contacting the assessor

If you're unhappy about your property's energy assessment or certificate, you can complain to the assessor who created it.

Assessor's name	Steven Carroll
Telephone	0844 6331000
Email	energyadmin@nhbc.co.uk

Contacting the accreditation scheme

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

Accreditation scheme	NHER
Assessor's ID	NHER003744
Telephone	01455 883 250
Email	enquiries@elmhurstenergy.co.uk

About this assessment

Assessor's declaration	No related party
Date of assessment	17 March 2015
Date of certificate	19 March 2015
Type of assessment	SAP
