

Energy performance certificate (EPC)

196 Church Lane
BRAINTREE
CM7 5SQ

Energy rating

F

Valid until:

15 July 2036

Certificate number:

8615-4096-9002-0293-9202

Property type

End-terrace house

Total floor area

70 square metres

Rules on letting this property

! You may not be able to let this property

This property has an energy rating of F. 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).

Properties can be let if they have an energy rating from A to E. You could make changes to [improve this property's energy rating](#).

Energy rating and score

This property's energy rating is F. It has the potential to be E.

[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		
81-91	B		
69-80	C		
55-68	D		
39-54	E		48 E
21-38	F	33 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
Wall	Timber frame, as built, no insulation (assumed)	Very poor
Roof	Pitched, insulated (assumed)	Average
Roof	Roof room(s), no insulation (assumed)	Very poor
Window	Partial secondary glazing	Very poor
Main heating	Room heaters, electric	Poor
Main heating control	No thermostatic control of room temperature	Poor
Hot water	Electric immersion, off-peak	Average
Lighting	Good lighting efficiency	Good
Floor	Solid, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Floor	To external air, no insulation (assumed)	N/A
Air tightness	(not tested)	N/A
Secondary heating	Room heaters, dual fuel (mineral and wood)	N/A

Primary energy use

The primary energy use for this property per year is 290 kilowatt hours per square metre (kWh/m²).

Smart meters

This property had a **smart meter for electricity** when it was assessed.

Smart meters help you understand your energy use and how you could save money. They may help you access better energy deals.

[Find out about using your smart meter \(https://www.smartenergygb.org/using-your-smart-meter\)](https://www.smartenergygb.org/using-your-smart-meter)

How this affects your energy bills

An average household would need to spend **£2,931 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 £217 per year** if you complete the suggested steps for improving this property's energy rating.

This is **based on average costs in 2026** 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:

- 10,355 kWh per year for heating
 - 2,454 kWh per year for hot water
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Impact on the environment

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

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 1.9 tonnes of CO₂

This property's potential production 1.5 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.

Steps you could take to save energy

Step	Typical installation cost	Typical yearly saving
1. Floor insulation (solid floor)	£5,000 - £10,000	£102
2. Add additional 80 mm jacket to hot water cylinder	£20 - £40	£30
3. Draught proofing	£150 - £250	£27
4. Heat recovery system for mixer showers	£600 - £1,500	£57
5. Solar photovoltaic panels	£8,000 - £10,000	£316

Advice on making energy saving improvements

[Get detailed recommendations and cost estimates \(www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency\)](http://www.gov.uk/improve-energy-efficiency)

Help paying for energy saving improvements

You may be eligible for help with the cost of improvements:

- Free energy saving improvements: [Warm Homes Local Grant \(www.gov.uk/apply-warm-homes-local-grant\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-warm-homes-local-grant)
- Heat pumps and biomass boilers: [Boiler Upgrade Scheme \(www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme\)](http://www.gov.uk/apply-boiler-upgrade-scheme)
- Help from your energy supplier: [Energy Company Obligation \(www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation\)](http://www.gov.uk/energy-company-obligation)

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	Robert Gear
Telephone	01245 922083
Email	rob@efficientepc.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	Quidos Limited
Assessor's ID	QUID212495
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About this assessment

Assessor's declaration	No related party
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