

# House hunting checklist



Make sure you choose a home that is right for you, take this checklist with you when viewing a property – the more you answer ‘yes’ to, the better the property!



## Location

- ▶ Is the property in an area convenient for your studies and social life?
- ▶ Is the property within a suitable distance to local public transport and local amenities?

## External features

- ▶ Does the exterior of the property appear well maintained? This would include no broken guttering, no damage to the roof e.g. missing roof tiles, no cracked windows panes and solid front and back doors
- ▶ Are all boundary walls in good condition e.g. no missing sections or crumbling bricks?
- ▶ Are there sufficient bins for the property, including recycling?
- ▶ Is the garden well maintained and clear of any rubbish?

## Internal features

- ▶ Is there sufficient communal living space?
- ▶ Do bedroom sizes meet the household’s expectations?
- ▶ Does the interior of the property appear well maintained? This includes no signs of damp, hot water and heating work, décor and furniture in good condition, no outstanding issues of disrepair and all the appliances and lights work
- ▶ Are there enough facilities (e.g. kitchen appliances and cupboard space, bathrooms) for the number of tenants?
- ▶ Is there sufficient heating throughout the property?

## Safety/Security features

- ▶ Does the landlord possess a current gas safety certificate that has been provided by a Safe Gas registered engineer within the past 12 months?
- ▶ Does the property have working smoke alarms?
- ▶ Are plug sockets free from cracks and other damage?
- ▶ Are there sufficient plug sockets in each room in the property?
- ▶ Are all windows lockable?
- ▶ Are there suitably strong locks on front and back doors, in line with regulations?

YES

NO