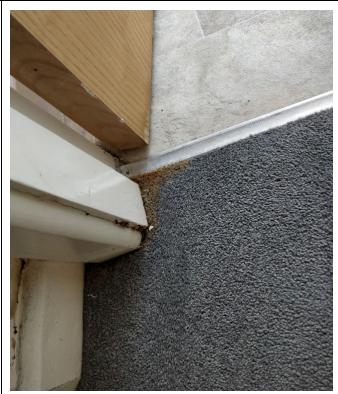
Regarding 3 Hallmark Apartments, we believe that the property has been left in a much better state than how it was originally leased to us, and we think it's unreasonable to have any of our deposit monies deducted.

Below we will address points from the close out report with email correspondence, and photo/video evidence from the property but we'll start with a catch-all statement. The state of the property between move in (August 2018) and christmas 2018 indicates that the property was not inspected by Belvoir, or cleaned (professionally or otherwise) by the previous tenants or an agent on Belvoir's behalf. If you won't enforce deductions on the previous tenants (because you were not aware of the issues), then you certainly shouldn't be enforcing them on us after we've improved, cleaned and fixed the property over the last year.

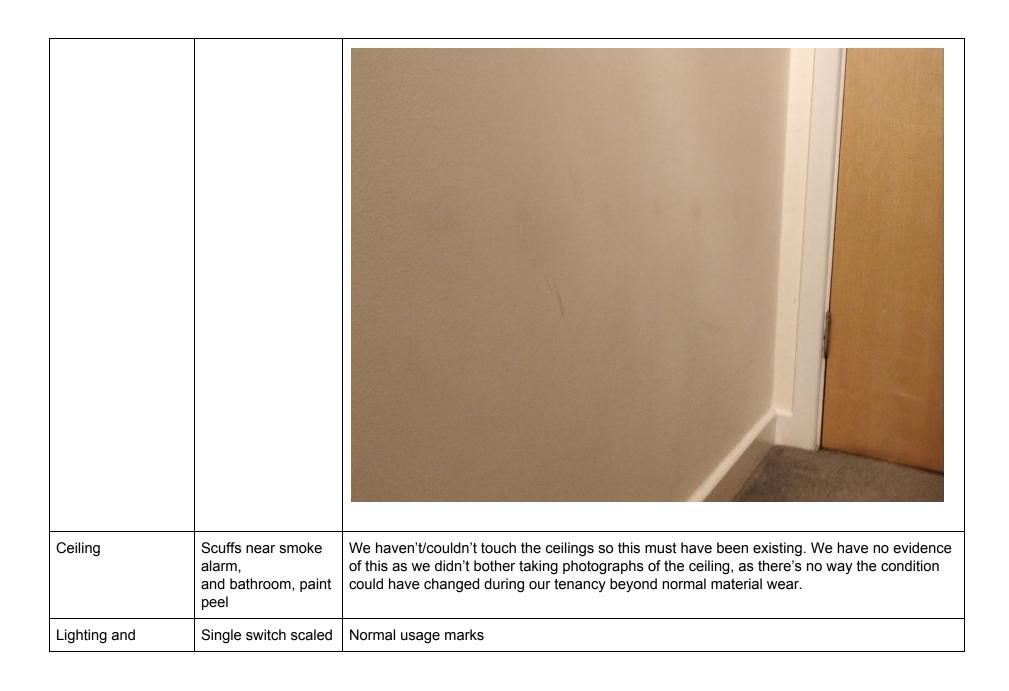
Entrance Hall

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence	
Walls	Scuffs around switch, water mark RHS of storage, scuffed below door level	Water damage to the walls/carpet has always been ecupboard. During our tenancy 5 different instances of leak coming from our apartment - I assume the water can all be attributed to this unidentified leak which were also with the work of the work	ccurred where people tried to identify a r mark, stained carpet, and peeling paint

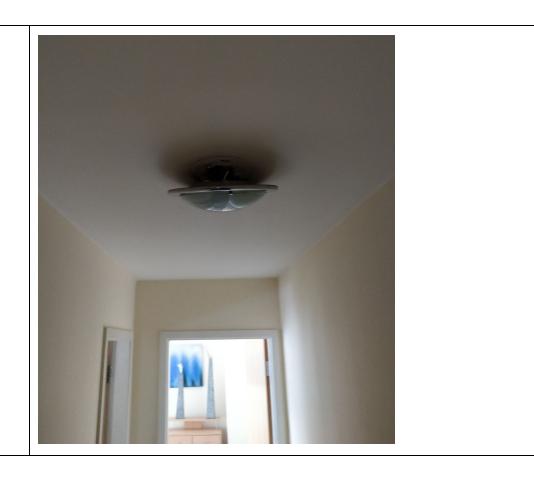


General comment on the above photo - note the dust and filth on the skirting board - this is considerably worse than the clean and tidy state we left the apartment in. Your check out report noted no dust at all throughout this entrance hall section.

Referring to the scuffs below door level, this was taken when we moved in; a large black scuff on the wall behind the entrance door. There are also several small scuff marks/greasy marks along the wall, and skirting boards.



Sockets					
Fixtures and Fittings	2 lights not working	attached moved i	as one missing bulb when we moved in as diphoto shows the condition of one of the one - This was rectified and the bulb replaced inventory.		
		Approa	ach, Front Door & Hallway		
		Ref No	Description/Detail	Condition/Notes	
		1	Communal approach and stairs to ground floor apartment		
			2	Polished wooden door with: Yale lock Mortice lock White painted wooden door frame 1 x door mat	IGC, NUM, minor scuffs and marks to bottom of door, frame IGC/NUM, door mat IGC/NUM
	3	Interior of door: Polished wooden door with: Yale lock Mortice lock Brass door handle White painted wooden door frame	Long vertical black stain from door closer to door top to bottom and still dripping, faint marks LL		
		4	Ceiling painted white emulsion	IGC, clean	
		5	1 x fitted ceiling light with opaque shade 1 x fitted chrome ceiling light with 3 prongs 1 x integral smoke detector	WO WO, <mark>1 bulb missing</mark> NT	
		6	Walls painted cream emulsion	IGC/NUM	



Bedroom 1

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence			
Floor	Floor Lightly scaled with debris	18	Grey short pile carpet	Faded and worn, hairs seen near window, minor spot marks near door and around bed	
		Above is the condition of the floor upon move in. The floor was vacuumed throughout the day			

		we left.	
Walls Paint patch work and 1 nail	16 Walls painted cream emulsion	Generally IGC, unable to inspect fully due to tenants possessions LHS wall: minor marks RHS of bedhead Facing wall: faint mark LHS of window RHS wall: marks around heater, blue tack marks around pictures to centre of wall, 5 filled in holes by door	
		- here is a photo of the paintings hung on the wall in erenced in the move in inventory excerpt above.	
Ceiling	Patch filling at	We haven't/couldn't touch the ceilings so	this must have been existing. We have no evidence

	entrance	of this as we didn't bother taking photographs of the ceiling, as there's no way the condition could have changed during our tenancy beyond normal material wear. Filling on a ceiling would likely have been done by a contractor as we have no physical way to have done this.		
Fixtures and Fittings	Large map - missing Small silver framed mirror- missing	The large map is behind the wardrobe in the second bedroom because it is gigantic and there was nowhere else to put it as it wasn't hung up when we arrived and we were not going to drill the walls to hang it up. The silver framed mirror is hung up. There was only 1 mirror noted on the original inventory - see below.		
	Double door wardrobe- scuffed walls at bottom Replaced items; New 2 chests of 2 drawers New chest of 4 drawers	Fire label not seen, stain to Bottom drawer base is miss does not shut properly, faint 2 x blue/white frameless modern art pictures 1 x large framed map of the world 1 x small silver framed mirror 1 x white double door wardrobe This single mirror is hung on the wall in the photos from your check out in	ing, top right hand drawer scuffs to top	



The two chests of drawers (bedside tables) that are noted in this bedroom, are the two missing bedside tables from bedroom two. Upon moving in there was no bedside table in bedroom one, this can be seen in the excerpt from the move in inventory above that lists bedroom furniture.

The new chest of 4 drawers was agreed to replace the 6 drawer unit which was completely broken (videos available upon request).

En Suite

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence
Lighting and	Light - dusty	The floor, skirting, towel rail and pull cord were all dirty, dusty or marked. While the

Sockets		room v	us inventory makes no comment about the was dusty/dirty upon move in. We have som greatly.	•
Basins	Tap and waste scaled		White porcelain pedestal wash hand basin with: SS mixer tap SS waste and push plug have been bleached and cleaned thoro than move in.	NT, IGC, minor mildew to sealant behind taps bughly before move out - considerably
Shower	Shower cubicle base cracked		know anything about this. We've cleaned we moved in. Shower cubicle: SS temperature control SS shower hose SS shower head SS riser White acrylic base with waste SS door and screen with chrome effect frame	NT, IGC, minor marks to shower head, no cracked tiles seen in shower area, staining to grout mainly LL, minor staining to sealant around base NUM, minor wear and staining IGC/NUM, water marks to glass, mildew to sealant up edge of frame, staining along bottom of frame by glass, exterior of base is dirty and minor marks
Items, Fixtures and Fittings	Silver framed mirrors - large mirror dented frame and 2 scaled	We haven't damaged these during our tenancy and these dents were pre-existing.		



Bedroom 2

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence	
Ceiling	Light scuffs above wardrobe	The wardrobes were over 2m tall so I don't see how it would be possible for us to damage the ceiling above the wardrobe unless we were doing it maliciously which I assure you wasn't the case.	
Woodwork	Skirting chipped below mirror	43 White painted wooden skirting IGC, light NUM Increased wear - last years inventory showed light normal usage marks.	
Lighting and sockets	1 prong missing to light	1 x grey light fitting with 3 bendy prongs WO, 1 bulb NW, outer wire bracket to 2 prongs	
Windows and frames	Dusty	The window ventilation upon move in was filled with white bathroom sealant which had been left to fester and grow mildew up to the point at which we moved in. This was the condition of the bedroom two windows upon move in -	



47 White framed double glazed window, 1 opening with white handles

Air vents missing and filled in to RHS, tape marks and scuffs around frame, mildew marks to LL sealant

Fixtures and Fittings	Replaced; Chest of 6 drawers Bedside chest of 3 drawers- missing	The bedside drawers were relocated to bedroom 1.
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Bathroom

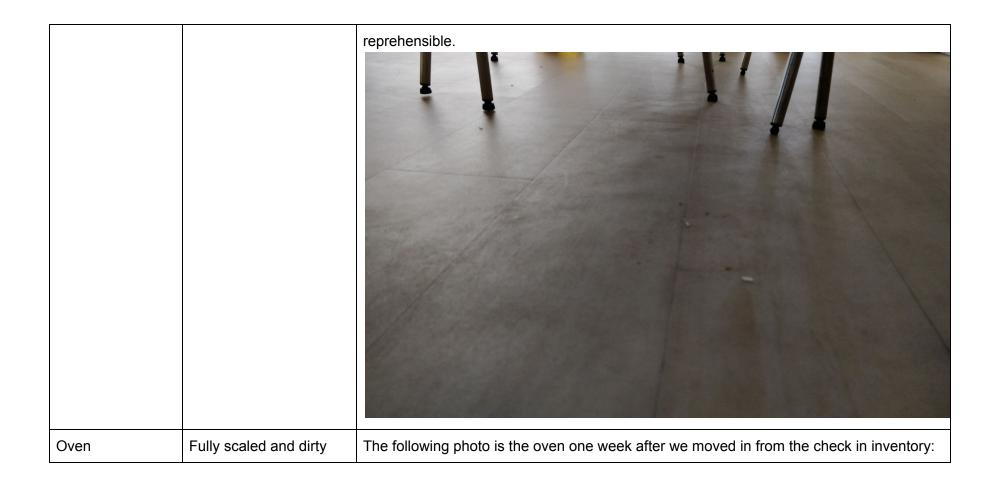
Item	Check out condition	Our evidence	
Door	Scaled handle inside	Cleaned on the day of moving out	
Lighting and sockets	Light - dusty	55 1 x pullcord 1 x chrome light fitting with 3 prongs WO, small brown marks Light had small brown marks upon move in	
Windows and frames	Scaled and dusty	Windows had mildew growth and green marks when we moved in which we dealt with and cleaned up. Mildew growth and green marks when we moved in which we dealt with and cleaned up.	
Toilet	good	-	
Bath	clean	Regarding the toilet and bath/shower, both of these items had stained and discolored grout surrounding them, and the bath had mildew when we moved in which has been cleaned up. 65 White acrylic bath with: Cream plastic side panel 2 handles SS hot and cold mixer tap Wall mounted SS shower fittings	

56	Walls painted cream emulsion with white and grey ceramic tiles around bathroom fittings	Back wall: 2 small damp patches RHS tiles near heater, red and green marks to tiles around shower LHS wall: damp patch with paint peeling near skirting
		LHS wall: damp patch with paint peeling near skirting Facing wall: discolouration to grouting by toilet basin and bath
		RHS wall: discolouration to grouting around shower

Kitchen and Dining

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence		
Walls	Back wall -Stained below switch Left wall - stained above left of sink	Walls painted cream emulsion with white ceramic tiles over worktop Back wall: smudges around light switch LHS wall: discolouration and grease marks to grouting by hob, brown splash marks and cobwebs to emulsion near ceiling Facing wall: marks to grouting behind sink top RHS wall: 2 nails, blue mark near fuse switch, blue tack mark above heater, NUM to LL Everything noted in the check out report was pre-existing and worse when we moved in.		
Lighting and sockets	Shade - dusty Ceiling light - dusty	we have improved the cleanliness of the kitchen more so than any other room in the property. 71		
	Extractor fan - dirty Appliance switch and sockets above counter-	The extractor fan/cooker hood was always greasy and dirty. We did clean this before leaving, and this is still and improvement. 84		
Fridge	Scaled Dirty freezer drawers	When we moved in, the fridge freezer was not unplugged and was still frozen. It was in		

		use until the afternoon we moved out. We cleaned the fridge and freezer to a high standard, and then switched it off. You will have seen the freezer after it has fully defrosted revealing any debris left behind within the ice/frost. Cleaned on the day of move out - Normal usage.	
Sink	scaled		
Units	Jnits Grubby handles Base units- grubby around oven	81 Kitchen units: Blue laminate doors with chrome handles White and wood effect framed units Wall units: black marks and scuffs to interior of back panels, clean, minor wear to exterior door RHS of cooker hood Base units: NUM around handles, light scuffs and marks to interior of units, no major damage seen	
		Both under the units and the floor were dirty when we moved in.	
		The floor had not been cleaned at all and there was still food crumbs present from the previous occupiers. To complain about dust on the lights when we have dealt with this	





This is the standard to which we clean an oven. The following photo is the oven on the day we moved in one week prior.



Fixtures and Fittings

Dining chairs- replaced with white chairs

Waste bin - missing

Mirrors- scaled

All other items- see pictures

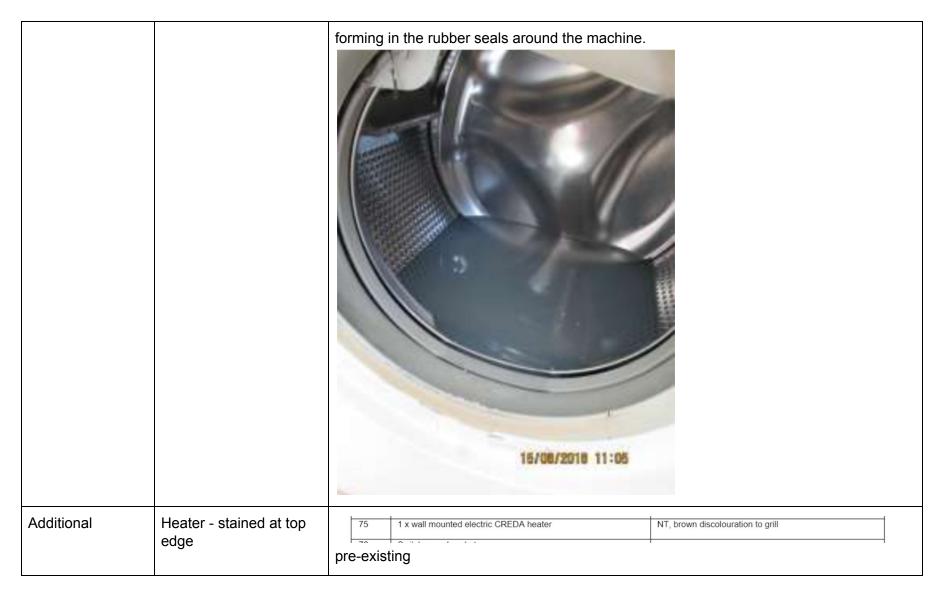
Worksurfaces -

	80	White/grey speckled laminate worktop	Mildew to sealant around sink top, NUM behind sink top, underneath edge warped with water damage near sink top and washing machine
- [04	Vitaban unita	Mall units: block marks and souffs to interior of book

The disposal of the waste bin was agreed upon (by Charlie Rogers and the Landlord) No agreement to replace this was made so we used our own waste bin which we took with us when we left. Here is the waste bin as it was when we moved in along with the agreement to dispose of it.



The items he is happy to be disposed would be the bin, toilet brush, small mirrors and also the two bedside tables with glass tops which were originally agreed. I understand your frustration in regards to the works but we do have to go by the landlords wishes, if any things are requested, we ask for this to be done as part of the application offer to put forward to the landlord, we are also able to provide a copy of the ex-tenants inventory upon request. I have contacted the ex-tenants in regards to the coffee table as this wasn't broken or damaged when they moved in they would be liable for this Kind regards Mirrors were also marked when we arrived -8 x wall mounted mirror NUM, marked 1 x SS storage rack with 4 shelves 1 x wood effect pull out dining table Chips and scratches to surface, warped to centre join 4 x wood effect dining chair with SS legs Numerous scuffs and scratches to seats 1 x SAMSUNG microwave NT. IGC 1 x 2 slot toaster NT, dusty, dirty, crumbs to interior WO, marks to surface 1 x circular clock 1 x waste bin IGC/NUM Washing Machine Rubber scaled Out of everything in here, this is by far the most insulting. The washing machine was full of dirty stinking water from the moment we moved in for three weeks. We were left without a washing machine for 3 full weeks. This led to mold



Reception Room

Item	Check out condition	Our evidence	
Walls	Stained above heater and below switch level	94 Walls painted cream emulsion 97 Electric night storage heater Stains around the heater could have stemmed from round to look at the storage heater as it broke during the storage h	

Items removed -

The mirror, large map and bedside tables which your check out report lists as removed have been addressed above and these are still in the property (bedside tables have been replaced with non-broken units). The bin has been removed and not replaced as agreed.

Free labour -

During our tenancy, we built 8 items of furniture in the apartment which are still there today. This took us three evenings after work, and an additional evening to collect these from Ikea. We were reimbursed for the direct cost of the furniture and nothing more. Please do consider the savings incurred by not having to hire a contractor to assemble this. We have been extremely accommodating during our tenancy, and truly have left the apartment in a good shape. To attempt to dispute our deposit funds is ridiculous.

Broken fixtures and fittings -

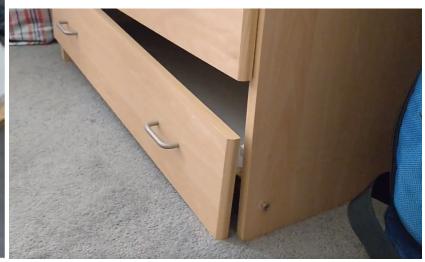
Several times throughout the tenancy, the door to the reception room has seized shut because the handle has lost traction on the door opening mechanism. I have fixed this since moving in.

When we moved in, there was a light fixture dangling from the ceiling. When we moved in, 4 different chest of drawers were broken and smashed, and several dining room chairs were snapped completely in half, or held together with only 2 instead of 4 screws. The coffee table had a hole in it and the sofa had collapsed on one side. Several of these things we saw during our viewing 6 weeks prior

to move in. We were told they would be addressed. Some of these have still not been addressed more than a year later.







Health risks -

Seriously now, there are 236 assorted kitchen items under the kitchen sink. I conducted a full inventory of these when we moved in, as did the independent inventory company shortly thereafter, and we both found several of these items to be dirty (old food/new mold). To have this sat in a cupboard for over a year, after having been told we cannot dispose of it, is a joke, and a borderline biohazard.







89	1 x set of 3 coffee, sugar and tea blue container with lid	2 lid badly damaged and repaired, chips to 2
	1 x Cafetiere coffee pot	NUM
	1 x cut glass milk jug	IGC
	1 x white electric kettle and base	NT
	1x pressure cooker	NT
	1x pair of salt & pepper shakers	NUM
	1x grill pan handle	NUM
	1x wooden fork	handle broken
	1x glass chopping board	IGC
	1x cheese grater	IGC, rust marks
	1x plastic colander	NUM, worn
	4x chopping board -assorted	NUM, knife marks
	1x oven glove	NUM, worn
	3x cake tin	NUM
	4x baking tray	NUM
	1x sieve	NUM
	3x serving dish	NUM
	20x cooking utensil – assorted	IGC
	1x grill pan	NUM
	3x frying pan'	NUM
	1x wok	NUM
	1x tea pot	IGC
	3x shot glass	IGC
	2x wine glass	IGC
	8x brandy glass	IGC
	4x whiskey glass	IGC
	4x glass tumbler	1 broken
	19x bowl – assorted	IGC, 2 chipped, several dirty
	16x side plate -assorted	NUM
	19x dinner plate – assorted	NUM
	13x mug – assorted	NUM
	10x sauce pan - assorted	IGC
	12x sauce pan lid – assorted	IGC
	1x knife block & 9 knives	IGC
	4x place mat	NUM, worn
	3x breadknife	NUM
	1x bottle opener	NUM
	Assorted cutlery	NUM
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Closing remarks -

If you can lease a property without cleaning it, with broken furniture throughout, with unsafe dangling live light fixtures; with a washing machine brimming with water, and festering bowls in the kitchen cupboards, then you can lease the apartment in the state we left it in without any hassle at all. You don't need to incur any cost to clean the property again, to a higher standard than the already high standard with which we cleaned the property to.

This isn't supposed to be a rant about the state of the apartment, but a compilation of evidence to show that our deposit monies should be returned in full, because the apartment is infinitely more desirable and cleaner now than it was this time last year. We would appreciate a full response to this by Tuesday 27th August 2019 at the latest, to show that you have taken on board the evidence enclosed.

Regards, Sam Hignett and Eleanor Crook