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**Friday**

**6th September 2019**

**2.00pm**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE AUCTIONEERS



Lot 2 25 Frontfield Crescent, Plymouth



Lot 3 Lake Lodge, 13 Boscawen Road, Perranporth

## Welcome to our September Property Auction

We have three development projects to offer you, of various sizes. Lot 1 is a leasehold bedsit flat in Plymouth; in need of comprehensive renovation with an auction guide of £15,000 + fees. Lot 2 is a fire damaged four bedroom end terrace house in Plymouth with an auction guide of £50,000 + fees and Lot 3 is a large semi detached dormer bungalow in Perranporth (unsuitable for mortgage purposes) with an auction guide of £175,000 + fees. Regular viewing sessions are available on all our Lots and auction Legal Packs are available free of charge via our website.

For those interested in bidding but unable to attend, proxy bidding facilities can be arranged. Please see our proxy bidding form and terms and conditions in the rear section of this catalogue and make sure you submit your proxy bid at least 1 week before the auction.

We are now taking entries for our 25th October auction and if you do need to sell fast please contact us to arrange an auction appraisal.

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**Auction House Devon & Cornwall Auctioneer**



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# AUCTION INFORMATION



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**Attending the Auction** It is always wise to allow sufficient time to get to the auction. Legal packs for most of the properties will be available for inspection. It is important you read these and the final addendum/amendment sheet which will also be available as any purchase will be subject to these.



**Bidding** Each property will be offered individually by the Auctioneer. Ensure that your bids are clear and noticed by the Auctioneer. If you are successful in bidding for the property you will be approached by a member of Auction House staff who will request your personal information and identification. You will then be guided to our administration area and then the cashier desk for payment of the deposit.



**Bidding by Proxy or Telephone** If you are unable to attend the auction you are invited to contact us to discuss special arrangements for bidding by proxy or telephone. A Non-Attending Bid or Telephone Bid form and conditions are included in auction catalogues or can be downloaded from the Bidding Form links on our website.



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**Plans, Maps and Photographs** The plans, floorplans, maps, photograph's and video tours published on our website and in the catalogue are to aid identification of the property only. The plans are not to scale.



**Pre Auction Sales** Offers made on property included in this auction may be accepted by the Vendor prior to the auction. In such instances all buyer charges will be payable including the Administration Charge, any Buyers Premium plus all other payments detailed in the Special Conditions of Sale. If you are intending to bid at the auction for a specific lot, we recommend that you keep in contact with the Auctioneer's office.

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**Reserve Price** Each property will be offered subject to a reserve price which we expect will be set within the guide price range or no more than 10% above a single figure guide. This is a confidential figure set between the Vendor and the Auctioneer just prior to the auction. It is a figure below which the Auctioneer cannot sell the property during the auction. After the auction offers will be sought and considered on Unsold Lots at prices below the reserves.



**Solicitors Details** The name, address and telephone number of the solicitor who will be acting for you in any purchase will be required before you leave the auction room.



**The Catalogue** Details of the property and land to be sold are set out in our catalogue and on our website [auctionhouse.co.uk](http://auctionhouse.co.uk) All lots are sold subject to Special Conditions of Sale. It is important that prospective purchasers satisfy themselves as to the location, boundaries, condition and state of the lots before the auction.



**The Contract** The Memorandum of Sale will be signed in duplicate. One copy will be given to you, which you must give to your solicitor. The second copy will be retained by the Vendors' solicitor. Completion usually takes place after 28 days but this date can vary. The legal pack of each property will state the completion date due. The date may also be announced immediately prior to the commencement of bidding of each lot.



**The Legal Aspect** Buying at auction is a contractual commitment. Before making an offer prior to auction or bidding at the auction or post auction, it is advisable to consult a solicitor regarding the General and Special Conditions of Sale, the local authority search and other legal documentation.



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Due to the nature of some auction properties, electricity may not be turned on therefore viewing times are restricted. Viewers will also have to bring their own lighting/ladders if wanting to inspect cupboards, cellars and roof spaces.

# ORDER OF SALE

**Friday 6th September 2019 2.00pm**

Exeter Golf & Country Club, Topsham Road, Countess Wear, Exeter EX2 7AE

LOT	ADDRESS	*GUIDE PRICE	LOT TYPE
1	Flat 1, 70 Mount Gould Road, Plymouth, Devon	£15,000	Residential for Improvement
2	25 Frontfield Crescent, Plymouth, Devon	£50,000	Redevelopment
3	Lake Lodge, 13 Boscawen Road, Perranporth, Cornwall	£175,000	Residential

## RESULTS

**Friday 28th June 2019 2.00pm**

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LOT	ADDRESS	*GUIDE PRICE	RESULTS
1	Stithians Parish Institute, New Road, Stithians, Truro, Cornwall	£40,000 - £50,000	SOLD FOR £115,000
2	Land to the South of Salvator, Wheal Rose, Scorrier, Redruth, Cornwall	£150,000	SOLD PRIOR
3	16 and 17 Laity Lane, Halsetown, St. Ives, Cornwall	£200,000	SOLD FOR £220,000
4	Dunsford, Trethevy, Tintagel, Cornwall	£195,000	SOLD IN AN ONLINE AUCTION SINCE
5	Land to the South of Carr Lane, Slapton, Kingsbridge, Devon	£225,000 - £250,000	SOLD SUBJECT TO CONTRACT
6	Aspen Gardens, Treswithian Downs, Camborne, Cornwall	£435,000	SOLD POST AUCTION

**\*Description on Auction Information page**

## LEGAL PACKS



We remind all prospective buyers that prior to auction day, the legal documents can be viewed at our offices, or online for free, thus making the process of purchasing at auction much easier and open to everyone.

We also offer a service for non attending bids by way of telephone or proxy if you cannot make the auction day. Non Attending Bid Forms are included to the rear of this Catalogue.

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## Residential for Improvement



### Flat 1, 70 Mount Gould Road, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 7PX

**\*GUIDE PRICE: £15,000 (plus fees)**



#### OVERVIEW

A basement bedsit flat within an end terrace property converted into four flats. We believe the landlord is absent and it is clear that no maintenance has been carried out on the property or gardens in recent years. The flat has a 999 year lease from 2007 and the flat requires comprehensive refurbishment to be occupied.

#### Description:

**ENTRANCE:** From the pavement at the front of the property, 10 steps lead to the basement bedsit flat. Front door to:

LOBBY AREA With door to:

TOILET With obscured glazed window.

Door and further 2 steps to:

FORMER KITCHEN AREA 9' 10" x 8' 9" (3.0m x 2.68m)

INNER HALL 6' 2" x 4' 11" (1.89m x 1.50m) With access to:

FORMER SHOWER ROOM 5' 5" x 4' 1" (1.66m x 1.27m)

Open access from inner hall to:

FORMER BEDSIT ROOM 9' 4" x 8' 11" (2.86m x 2.72m) With rear door and steps leading to rear outside space.

**OUTSIDE:** There is a garden at the rear of the flats which is currently overgrown. The garden is held on a separate freehold title. There is also a rear pedestrian access to Gwyn Road.

**VIEWINGS:** There will be regular viewing sessions in the lead up to the auction. Please telephone Auction House Devon & Cornwall T: 01392 455928 for details.

**FULL DETAILS:** Photographs, room dimensions, floor plans and area measurements (when available) are included within our full details online at [www.auctionhouse.co.uk](http://www.auctionhouse.co.uk). All published information is to aid identification of the property and is not to scale.

**NOTICE TO BUYERS:** In this instance the sellers require the deposit to be paid from cleared funds i.e. a BACS payment by telephone or internet banking. Completion is set for 14 days after an auction sale or earlier by mutual agreement. Please be aware that the seller has no personal knowledge of the property, and that these details have been prepared on the basis of the limited information we have received.

**Tenure:** Leasehold

**Local Authority:** Plymouth City Council

**Energy Performance Certificate (EPC):** Band G

**Solicitors:** Optima Legal Services, Hepworth House, Claypit Lane, Leeds, LS2 8AE T: 0344 571 6524

Attn: Neil Doherty E: [repossession.sales5@optimalegal.co.uk](mailto:repossession.sales5@optimalegal.co.uk)

#### Additional Fees

**Buyer's Premium:** £1140 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts.

**Administration Charge:** £600 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts.

**Disbursements:** Please see the legal pack for any disbursements listed that may become payable by the purchaser on completion.





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## Redevelopment



### 25 Frontfield Crescent, Plymouth, Devon, PL6 6RY

**\*GUIDE PRICE: £50,000 (plus fees)**



#### OVERVIEW

Fire damaged end terraced house. An ex local authority property which was extended. We believe the accommodation comprised of a hallway, two reception rooms, kitchen, four bedrooms and bathroom. There appears to have been a good sized garden with potential for off street parking.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** We are advised that the property is now unsafe to enter and it was used by a previous resident for criminal activities as a cannabis farm.

**VIEWINGS:** There will be no allocated viewing sessions as the property is unsafe to enter. Interested parties can view the property externally and carry out their own due diligence before expressing interest.

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**Tenure:** Freehold

**Local Authority:** Plymouth City Council

**Energy Performance Certificate (EPC):** Band D

**Solicitors:** Aberdein Considine, 30 Cloth Market, Newcastle, NE1 1EE T: 0191 607 8450

Attn: Deborah Goodall e: [dgoodall@acandco.com](mailto:dgoodall@acandco.com)

#### Additional Fees

**Buyer's Premium:** £1140 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts.

**Administration Charge:** £600 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts.

**Disbursements:** Please see the legal pack for any disbursements listed that may become payable by the purchaser on completion.

## Residential



# Lake Lodge, 13 Boscawen Road, Perranporth, Cornwall, TR6 0EP

**\*GUIDE PRICE: £175,000 (plus fees)**



### OVERVIEW

A semi detached 1920's dormer bungalow set in a popular seaside town location. The accommodation comprises two reception rooms and three bedrooms and the property overlooks the boating lake. The majority of windows have PVCu double glazed units and there is electric heating and domestic hot water. At the rear of the bungalow is an off street parking area and there are small front and rear garden areas.

**AUCTIONEERS NOTE:** A stage 1 mundic examination was carried out on 9th July 2019 and this resulted in an unclassified category. A stage 2 mundic test is required to report a classification. The current petrographic analysis and surveyors report is available within the auction legal pack documents. As it stands the property would be deemed unsuitable for mortgage purposes. If a stage 2 mundic test is carried out there is no guarantee of a successful conclusion. We believe the adjoining property received an adverse mining test report and that it is unsuitable for mortgage purposes.

### Description:

**GROUND FLOOR:** From Boscawen Road there are two pedestrian entrances to the property.

**ENTRANCE** Front door opening into lobby with door to:

**HALL** 20' 2" x 19' 7" (6.16m x 5.98m) (maximum). A T shaped hall with stair case to landing and under stairs cupboard. Night store heater and doors to:

**BEDROOM** 12' 4" x 9' 10" (3.76m x 3.00m) With window and wash basin.

**LOUNGE** 16' 0" x 7' 4" (4.90m x 2.25m) Plus additional bay window area. Fire place with windows either side.

**DINING ROOM** 17' 5" x 8' 0" (5.33m x 2.44m) Plus two alcoves. Two windows, night store heater and connecting door to:

**KITCHEN** 14' 0" x 9' 11" (4.27m x 3.03m) With two PVCu double glazed windows. Door to outside passageway, fitted kitchen units and work top, stainless steel single drainer sink unit and original larder cupboard now incorporating plumbing for washing machine, electric meter consumer unit and fuse boxes.

**Tenure:** Freehold

**Local Authority:** Cornwall Council

**Energy Performance Certificate (EPC):** Band F

**Solicitors:** Nigel Pullen Solicitors, 6 Vicarage Road, St Agnes, Cornwall, TR5 0TJ T: 01872 553131

Attn: Nigel Pullen E: [nigel@cornwall-law.co.uk](mailto:nigel@cornwall-law.co.uk)

**TOILET** With obscured glazed window and toilet.

**SHOWER ROOM** With large shower cubicle with electric shower unit, wash basin and cupboard, heated towel rail, fitted airing cupboard with factory lagged tank and obscured glazed window.

**FIRST FLOOR:** LANDING A stair case leads to the first floor landing with doors to: **BEDROOM** 20' 4" x 8' 0" (6.21m x 2.44m) Plus dormer window space. Good view across boating lake, connecting door to:

**EN SUITE SHOWER ROOM** With large shower cubicle and electric shower unit, toilet and extractor fan.

**BEDROOM** 13' 11" x 8' 2" (4.25m x 2.50m) With two windows, wash basin and access to roof space.

**OUTSIDE:** There is a small front garden area and a passageway to the side of the bungalow leading to the rear garden. There is an outside store shed adjacent to the kitchen rear door.

**VIEWINGS:** There will be regular viewing sessions in the lead up to the auction.

Please telephone joint Auctioneers Millerson, Perranporth T: 01872 573700 or Auction House Devon & Cornwall T: 01392 455928 to arrange a viewing.

**FULL DETAILS:** Photographs, room dimensions, floor plans and area measurements (when available) are included within our full details online at [www.auctionhouse.co.uk](http://www.auctionhouse.co.uk). All published information is to aid identification of the property and is not to scale.

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### Partner Agent



### Additional Fees

**Administration Charge:** £600 inc VAT payable on exchange of contracts.

**Disbursements:** Please see the legal pack for any disbursements listed that may become payable by the purchaser on completion.

# MEMORANDUM OF SALE



Property Address:

Lot No.

Price:

The Vendor:

The Purchaser:

Post Code:

Tel:

It is agreed that the Vendor sells and the Purchaser buys the property described in the accompanying particulars and \*conditions of sale subject to their provisions and the terms and stipulations in them at the price above mentioned.

Purchase Price:

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Dated:

Completion Date:

Signed:

Authorised Agent for Vendor

As Agents for the Vendor we acknowledge receipt of the deposit in the form

of:

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The Purchaser

Purchasers Solicitor:

Post Code:

Tel:

Vendors Solicitor:

Post Code:

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\* For the purpose of this contract, the conditions of sale include the three sections of the RICS Common Auction Conditions, the Glossary, Conduct of the Auction and the General Conditions.

In addition and at the same time, the purchaser is required to pay by cheque to the Auctioneer an Administration Charge of £600.00 (£500.00 + VAT) plus Buyers Premium if applicable. Please make cheques payable to Auction House Devon and Cornwall.





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## AUTHORISATION FOR BIDDING BY PROXY OR TELEPHONE

Full Name (s):

Name of Company (if applicable):

Home or Company (address):  Postcode:

Tel:  Mobile:

Email:

Hereby authorise Auction House to bid on my behalf by proxy / telephone (delete as applicable) bid for the property detailed below.

I confirm that I have read and understood the General Conditions of Sale and signed the Conditions of Bidding by Proxy or Telephone set out overleaf.

## PROPERTY AND BID DETAILS

Lot No.:  Property Address:

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(amount in words):

## DEPOSIT (tick as applicable)

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I attach a cheque for 10% of my proxy bid or £3000, whichever is the greater, plus £600.00 (£500.00 + VAT) (Administration Charge) plus Buyers Premium if applicable.

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I attach a blank cheque to be completed by the Auctioneer if my bid is successful, within which he will include £600.00 (£500.00 + VAT) (Administration Charge) plus Buyers Premium if applicable.

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## SOLICITORS

My solicitors are:

Of (address):

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Tel:  Person Acting:

If my bid is successful, I authorise the Auctioneer to sign the Memorandum of Sale on my behalf and recognise that I will be the legally bound purchaser of the property referred to above and must complete the purchase of the property within the time specified in the General/Special Conditions of Sale.

Signed:  Date:

**PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE EITHER PROXY OR TELEPHONE BID**

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR TELEPHONE BIDS AND BIDDING BY LETTER

Anyone not able to attend the auction and wishing to make a bid for any property,  
do so on the following terms and conditions:

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3. The form must be sent to, or delivered to: Written & Telephone Bids, Auction House Devon and Cornwall, The Old City Library, 1 Castle Street, Exeter, Devon EX4 3PT to arrive before 6pm two working days prior to the start of the auction. It is the bidders responsibility to check that the form is received by Auction House and this can be done by telephoning the office
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6. In the case of a written bid, Auction House staff will compete in the bidding up to the maximum of the authorisation. If no maximum is inserted, Auction House reserve the right not to bid.
7. Auction House reserve the right not to bid on behalf of written bidders, in the event of any error, doubt, omission, uncertainty as to the bid, any failure to validate Proof of Identification, or for any reason whatsoever and give no warranty, or guarantee, that a bid would be made on behalf of the bidder and accept no liability.
8. In the event that the written or telephone bid is successful, the Auctioneer will sign the Memorandum of the Contract on behalf of the bidder (a Contract would have been formed on the fall of the hammer).
9. In the event of a Contract, the deposit monies will be applied so far as necessary to meet the requirement for a 10% deposit (minimum £3,000) and the balance of the deposit (if any) will be held by the vendors solicitor pending completion. An Administration charge of £600.00 (£500.00 + VAT) should be added to the deposit cheque or a separate cheque should be made payable to Auction House Devon and Cornwall.
10. In the event that the bidder is unsuccessful in gaining the Contract, the deposit monies shall be returned to the bidder promptly.
11. The Auctioneer will make no charge to a prospective purchaser for this service and will accept no liability whatsoever for any bid not being made on behalf of the prospective purchaser whether through lack of clarity of instructions or for any other reason whatsoever. Prospective telephone purchasers will not hold Auction House liable for any loss or claims relating to the telephone bidding system. The prospective purchaser will be advised if the relevant lot has been successfully purchased on his behalf as soon as possible after the auction. Where the lot has not been purchased the prospective purchaser will be notified by post and the deposit returned as soon as reasonably possible.
12. Once delivered to the Auctioneers, the authority to bid is binding on the bidder on the day on which the particular Lot is auctioned. This is to allow for the possibility of a Vendor agreeing to sell post auction where the bidding has not reached the reserve.
13. The authority can only be withdrawn by notification in writing delivered to Auction House at their office two hours before the start of the auction on the day the relevant Lot is scheduled to be auctioned, or by delivery into the hands of the Auctioneer in the auction room half-an-hour before the start of that day's auction. It is the bidders responsibility to obtain a receipt on a copy of the withdrawal notification signed by one of the Auctioneers and without such a receipt the authority stands, any successful Contract is binding on the bidder.
14. If the bidder, or an agent, actually bids at the auction without having previously withdrawn the authority, the Auctioneer is at liberty to accept such bid in addition to any bid from Auction House staff as empowered under the written authority. Auction House will have no liability whatsoever if the price achieved is the result only of this competition in bidding without intervention from other bidders.
15. Prospective purchasers are advised in respect of telephone bids should they become disconnected during bidding or are unobtainable, Auction House will not be held responsible or liable for any loss suffered in respect thereof. I hereby confirm that I have read and understood the above terms and conditions to bid by letter.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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# COMMON AUCTION CONDITIONS (EDITION 3)

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## INTRODUCTION

The Common Auction Conditions have been produced for real estate auctions in England and Wales to set a common standard across the industry. They are in three sections:

## GLOSSARY

The glossary gives special meanings to certain words used in both sets of conditions..

## AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

The Auction Conduct Conditions govern the relationship between the auctioneer and anyone who has a catalogue, or who attends or bids at the auction. They cannot be changed without the auctioneer's agreement.

## SALE CONDITIONS

The Sale Conditions govern the agreement between each seller and buyer. They include general conditions of sale and template forms of special conditions of sale, tenancy and arrears schedules and a sale memorandum.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

A prudent buyer will, before bidding for a lot at an auction:

- take professional advice from a conveyancer and, in appropriate cases, a chartered surveyor and an accountant;
- read the conditions;
- inspect the lot;
- carry out usual searches and make usual enquiries;
- check the content of all available leases and other documents relating to the lot;
- check that what is said about the lot in the catalogue is accurate;
- have finance available for the deposit and purchase price;
- check whether VAT registration and election is advisable;

The conditions assume that the buyer has acted like a prudent buyer. If you choose to buy a lot without taking these normal precautions you do so at your own risk.

## GLOSSARY

This glossary applies to the auction conduct conditions and the sale conditions.

Wherever it makes sense:

- singular words can be read as plurals, and plurals as singular words;
- a "person" includes a corporate body;
- words of one gender include the other genders;
- references to legislation are to that legislation as it may have been modified or re-enacted by the date of the auction or the contract date (as applicable); and
- where the following words are printed in bold type they have the specified meanings.

## Actual completion date

The date when completion takes place or is treated as taking place for the purposes of apportionment and calculating interest.

## Addendum

An amendment or addition to the conditions or to the particulars or to both whether contained in a supplement to the catalogue, a written notice from the auctioneers or an oral announcement at the auction.

## Agreed completion date

Subject to condition G9.3:

- (a) the date specified in the special conditions; or
- (b) if no date is specified, 20 business days after the contract date; but if that date is not a business day the first subsequent business day.

## Approved financial institution

Any bank or building society that has signed up to the Banking Code or Business Banking Code or is otherwise acceptable to the auctioneers.

## Arrears

Arrears of rent and other sums due under the tenancies and still outstanding on the actual completion date.

## Arrears schedule

The arrears schedule (if any) forming part of the special conditions.

## Auction

The auction advertised in the catalogue.

## Auction conduct conditions

The conditions so headed, including any extra auction conduct conditions.

## Auctioneers

The auctioneers at the auction.

## Business day

Any day except (a) a Saturday or a Sunday; (b) a bank holiday in England and Wales; or (c) Good Friday or Christmas Day.

## Buyer

The person who agrees to buy the lot or, if applicable, that person's personal representatives: if two or more are jointly the buyer their obligations can be enforced against them jointly or against each of them separately.

## Catalogue

The catalogue to which the conditions refer including any supplement to it.

## Completion

Unless otherwise agreed between seller and buyer (or their conveyancers) the occasion when both seller and buyer have complied with their obligations under the contract and the balance of the price is unconditionally received in the seller's conveyancer's client account.

## Condition

One of the auction conduct conditions or sales conditions.

## Contract

The contract by which the seller agrees to sell and the buyer agrees to buy the lot.

## Contract date

The date of the auction or, if the lot is not sold at the auction:

- (a) the date of the sale memorandum signed by both the seller and buyer; or
- (b) if contracts are exchanged, the date of exchange. If exchange is not effected in person or by an irrevocable agreement to exchange made by telephone, fax or electronic

mail the date of exchange is the date on which both parts have been signed and posted or otherwise placed beyond normal retrieval.

## Documents

Documents of title (including, if title is registered, the entries on the register and the title plan) and other documents listed or referred to in the special conditions relating to the lot.

## Financial charge

A charge to secure a loan or other financial indebtedness (not including a rentcharge).

## General conditions

That part of the sale conditions so headed, including any extra

general conditions.

## Interest rate

If not specified in the special conditions, 4% above the base rate from time to time of Barclays Bank plc. (The interest rate will also apply to judgment debts, if applicable.)

## Lot

Each separate property described in the catalogue or (as the case may be) the property that the seller has agreed to sell and the buyer to buy (including chattels, if any).

## Old arrears

Arrears due under any of the tenancies that are not "new tenancies" as defined by the Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Act 1995.

## Particulars

The section of the catalogue that contains descriptions of each lot (as varied by any addendum).

## Practitioner

An insolvency practitioner for the purposes of the Insolvency Act 1986 (or, in relation to jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom, any similar official).

## Price

The price that the buyer agrees to pay for the lot.

## Ready to complete

Ready, willing and able to complete: if completion would enable the seller to discharge all financial charges secured on the lot that have to be discharged by completion, then those outstanding financial charges do not prevent the seller from being ready to complete.

## Sale conditions

The general conditions as varied by any special conditions or addendum.

## Sale memorandum

The form so headed (whether or not set out in the catalogue) in which the terms of the contract for the sale of the lot are recorded.

## Seller

The person selling the lot. If two or more are jointly the seller their obligations can be enforced against them jointly or against each of them separately.

## Special conditions

Those of the sale conditions so headed that relate to the lot.

## Tenancies

Tenancies, leases, licences to occupy and agreements for lease and any documents varying or supplemental to them.

## Tenancy schedule

The tenancy schedule (if any) forming part of the special conditions.

## Transfer

Transfer includes a conveyance or assignment (and "to transfer" includes "to convey" or "to assign").

## TUPE

The Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006.

## VAT

Value Added Tax or other tax of a similar nature.

## VAT option

An option to tax.

## We (and us and our)

The auctioneers.

## You (and your)

Someone who has a copy of the catalogue or who attends or bids at the auction, whether or not a buyer.

## AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

### A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 Words in bold type have special meanings, which are defined in the Glossary.

A1.2 The catalogue is issued only on the basis that you accept these auction conduct conditions. They govern our relationship with you and cannot be disappled or varied by the sale conditions (even by a condition purporting to replace the whole of the Common Auction Conditions). They can be varied only if we agree.

### A2 OUR ROLE

A2.1 As agents for each seller we have authority to:

- (a) prepare the catalogue from information supplied by or on behalf of each seller;
- (b) offer each lot for sale;
- (c) sell each lot;
- (d) receive and hold deposits;
- (e) sign each sale memorandum; and
- (f) enter a contract as repudiated if the buyer fails to sign a sale memorandum or pay a deposit as required by these auction conduct conditions.

A2.2 Our decision on the conduct of the auction is final.

A2.3 We may cancel the auction, or alter the order in which lots are offered for sale. We may also combine or divide lots. A lot may be sold or withdrawn from sale prior to the auction.

A2.4 You acknowledge that to the extent permitted by law we owe you no duty of care and you have no claim against us for any loss.

### A3 BIDDING AND RESERVE PRICES

A3.1 All bids are to be made in pounds sterling exclusive of any applicable VAT.

A3.2 We may refuse to accept a bid. We do not have to explain why.

A3.3 If there is a dispute over bidding we are entitled to resolve it, and our decision is final.

A3.4 Unless stated otherwise each lot is subject to a reserve price (which may be fixed just before the lot is offered for sale). If no bid equals or exceeds that reserve price the lot will be withdrawn from the auction.

A3.5 Where there is a reserve price the seller may bid (or ask us or another agent to bid on the seller's behalf) up to the reserve price but may not make a bid equal to or exceeding the reserve price. You accept that it is possible that all bids up to the reserve price are bids made by or on behalf of the seller.

A3.6 Where a guide price (or range of prices) is given that guide is the minimum price at which, or range of prices within which, the seller might be prepared to sell at the date of the guide price. But guide prices may change. The last published guide price will normally be at or above any reserve price, but not always – as the seller may fix the final reserve price just before bidding commences

### A4 THE PARTICULARS AND OTHER INFORMATION

A4.1 We have taken reasonable care to prepare particulars that correctly describe each lot. The particulars are based on

information supplied by or on behalf of the seller. You need to check that the information in the particulars is correct.

A4.2 If the special conditions do not contain a description of the lot, or simply refer to the relevant lot number, you take the risk that the description contained in the particulars is incomplete or inaccurate, as the particulars have not been prepared by a conveyancer and are not intended to form part of a legal contract.

A4.3 The particulars and the sale conditions may change prior to the auction and it is your responsibility to check that you have the correct versions.

A4.4 If we provide information, or a copy of a document, provided by others we do so only on the basis that we are not responsible for the accuracy of that information or document.

### A5 THE CONTRACT

A5.1 A successful bid is one we accept as such (normally on the fall of the hammer). This condition A5 applies to you if you make the successful bid for a lot.

A5.2 You are obliged to buy the lot on the terms of the sale memorandum at the price you bid plus VAT (if applicable).

A5.3 You must before leaving the auction:

- (a) provide all information we reasonably need from you to enable us to complete the sale memorandum (including proof of your identity if required by us);
- (b) sign the completed sale memorandum; and
- (c) pay the deposit.

A5.4 If you do not we may either:

- (a) as agent for the seller treat that failure as your repudiation of the contract and offer the lot for sale again: the seller may then have a claim against you for breach of contract; or
- (b) sign the sale memorandum on your behalf.

A5.5 The deposit:

- (a) is to be held as stakeholder where VAT would be chargeable on the deposit were it to be held as agent for the seller, but otherwise is to be held as stated in the sale conditions; and
- (b) must be paid in pounds sterling by cheque or by bankers' draft made payable to us on an approved financial institution. The extra auction conduct conditions may state if we accept any other form of payment.

A5.6 We may retain the sale memorandum signed by or on behalf of the seller until the deposit has been received in cleared funds.

A5.7 If the buyer does not comply with its obligations under the contract then:

- (a) you are personally liable to buy the lot even if you are acting as an agent; and
- (b) you must indemnify the seller in respect of any loss the seller incurs as a result of the buyer's default.

A5.8 Where the buyer is a company you warrant that the buyer is properly constituted and able to buy the lot.

### A6 EXTRA AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

A6.1 Despite any special condition to the contrary the minimum deposit we accept is £3,000 (or the total price, if less). A special condition may, however, require a higher minimum deposit.

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE

Words in bold type have special meanings, which are defined in the Glossary

### G1. THE LOT

G1.1 The lot (including any rights to be granted or reserved, and any exclusions from it) is described in the special conditions, or if not so described the lot is that referred to in the sale memorandum.

G1.2 The lot is sold subject to any tenancies disclosed by the special conditions, but otherwise with vacant possession on completion.

G1.3 The lot is sold subject to all matters contained or referred to in the documents, but excluding any financial charges: these the seller must discharge on or before completion.

G1.4 The lot is also sold subject to such of the following as may affect it, whether they arise before or after the contract date and whether or not they are disclosed by the seller or are apparent from inspection of the lot or from the documents:

- (a) matters registered or capable of registration as local land charges;
- (b) matters registered or capable of registration by any competent authority or under the provisions of any statute;

- (c) notices, orders, demands, proposals and requirements of any competent authority;
- (d) charges, notices, orders, restrictions, agreements and other matters relating to town and country planning, highways or public health;

(e) rights, easements, quasi-easements, and wayleaves;

(f) outgoing and other liabilities;

(g) any interest which overrides, within the meaning of the Land Registration Act 2002;

(h) matters that ought to be disclosed by the searches and enquiries a prudent buyer would make, whether or not the buyer has made them; and

(i) anything the seller does not and could not reasonably know about.

G1.5 Where anything subject to which the lot is sold would expose the seller to liability the buyer is to comply with it and indemnify the seller against that liability.

G1.6 The seller must notify the buyer of any notices, orders, demands, proposals and requirements of any competent authority of which it learns after the contract date but the buyer must comply with them and keep the seller indemnified.

G1.7 The lot does not include any tenant's or trade fixtures or fittings.

G1.8 Where chattels are included in the lot the buyer takes them as they are at completion and the seller is not liable if they are not fit for use.

G1.9 The buyer buys with full knowledge of:

- (a) the documents, whether or not the buyer has read them; and



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- (b) the physical condition of the lot and what could reasonably be discovered on inspection of it, whether or not the buyer has inspected it.
- G1.10 The buyer is not to rely on the information contained in the particulars but may rely on the seller's conveyancer's written replies to preliminary enquiries to the extent stated in those replies.
- G2. DEPOSIT**
- G2.1 The amount of the deposit is the greater of:
- (a) any minimum deposit stated in the auction conduct conditions (or the total price, if this is less than that minimum); and
  - (b) 10% of the price (exclusive of any VAT on the price).
- G2.2 The deposit
- (a) must be paid in pounds sterling by cheque or banker's draft drawn on an approved financial institution (or by any other means of payment that the auctioneers may accept); and
  - (b) is to be held as stakeholder unless the auction conduct conditions provide that it is to be held as agent for the seller.
- G2.3 Where the auctioneers hold the deposit as stakeholder they are authorised to release it (and interest on it if applicable) to the seller on completion or, if completion does not take place, to the person entitled to it under the sale conditions.
- G2.4 If a cheque for all or part of the deposit is not cleared on first presentation the seller may treat the contract as at an end and bring a claim against the buyer for breach of contract.
- G2.5 Interest earned on the deposit belongs to the seller unless the sale conditions provide otherwise.
- G3. BETWEEN CONTRACT AND COMPLETION**
- G3.1 Unless the special conditions state otherwise, the seller is to insure the lot from and including the contract date to completion and:
- (a) produce to the buyer on request all relevant insurance details;
  - (b) pay the premiums when due;
  - (c) if the buyer so requests, and pays any additional premium, use reasonable endeavours to increase the sum insured or make other changes to the policy;
  - (d) at the request of the buyer use reasonable endeavours to have the buyer's interest noted on the policy if it does not cover a contracting purchaser;
  - (e) unless otherwise agreed, cancel the insurance at completion, apply for a refund of premium and (subject to the rights of any tenant or other third party) pay that refund to the buyer; and
  - (f) (subject to the rights of any tenant or other third party) hold on trust for the buyer any insurance payments that the seller receives in respect of loss or damage arising after the contract date or assign to the buyer the benefit of any claim;
- and the buyer must on completion reimburse to the seller the cost of that insurance (to the extent not already paid by the buyer or a tenant or other third party) for the period from and including the contract date to completion.
- G3.2 No damage to or destruction of the lot nor any deterioration in its condition, however caused, entitles the buyer to any reduction in price, or to delay completion, or to refuse to complete.
- G3.3 Section 47 of the Law of Property Act 1925 does not apply.
- G3.4 Unless the buyer is already lawfully in occupation of the lot the buyer has no right to enter into occupation prior to completion.
- G4. TITLE AND IDENTITY**
- G4.1 Unless condition G4.2 applies, the buyer accepts the title of the seller to the lot as at the contract date and may raise no requisition or objection except in relation to any matter that occurs after the contract date.
- G4.2 If any of the documents is not made available before the auction the following provisions apply:
- (a) The buyer may raise no requisition on or objection to any of the documents that is made available before the auction.
  - (b) If the lot is registered land the seller is to give to the buyer within five business days of the contract date an official copy of the entries on the register and title plan and, where noted on the register, of all documents subject to which the lot is being sold.
  - (c) If the lot is not registered land the seller is to give to the buyer within five business days an abstract or epitome of title starting from the root of title mentioned in the special conditions (or, if none is mentioned, a good root of title more than fifteen years old) and must produce to the buyer the original or an examined copy of every relevant document.
  - (d) If title is in the course of registration, title is to consist of certified copies of:
    - (i) the application for registration of title made to the land registry;
    - (ii) the documents accompanying that application;
    - (iii) evidence that all applicable stamp duty land tax relating to that application has been paid; and
    - (iv) a letter under which the seller or its conveyancer agrees to use all reasonable endeavours to answer any requisitions raised by the land registry and to instruct the land registry to send the completed registration documents to the buyer.
  - (e) The buyer has no right to object to or make requisitions on any title information more than seven business days after that information has been given to the buyer.
- G4.3 Unless otherwise stated in the special conditions the seller sells with full title guarantee except that (and the transfer shall so provide):
- (a) the covenant set out in section 3 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 shall not extend to matters recorded in registers open to public inspection; these are to be treated as within the actual knowledge of the buyer; and
  - (b) the covenant set out in section 4 of the Law of Property (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1994 shall not extend to any condition or tenant's obligation relating to the state or condition of the lot where the lot is leasehold property.
- G4.4 The transfer is to have effect as if expressly subject to all matters subject to which the lot is sold under the contract.
- G4.5 The seller does not have to produce, nor may the buyer object to or make a requisition in relation to, any prior or superior title even if it is referred to in the documents.
- G4.6 The seller (and, if relevant, the buyer) must produce to each other such confirmation of, or evidence of, their identity and that of their mortgagees and attorneys (if any) as is necessary for the other to be able to comply with applicable Land Registry Rules when making application for registration of the transaction to which the conditions apply.
- G5. TRANSFER**
- G5.1 Unless a form of transfer is prescribed by the special conditions:
- (a) the buyer must supply a draft transfer to the seller at least ten business days before the agreed completion date and the engrossment (signed as a deed by the buyer if condition G5.2 applies) five business days before that date or (if later) two business days after the draft has been approved by the seller; and
  - (b) the seller must approve or revise the draft transfer within five business days of receiving it from the buyer.
- G5.2 If the seller remains liable in any respect in relation to the lot (or a tenancy) following completion the buyer is specifically to covenant in the transfer to indemnify the seller against that liability.
- G5.3 The seller cannot be required to transfer the lot to anyone other than the buyer, or by more than one transfer.
- G6. COMPLETION**
- G6.1 Completion is to take place at the offices of the seller's conveyancer, or where the seller may reasonably require, on the agreed completion date. The seller can only be required to complete on a business day and between the hours of 0930 and 1700.
- G6.2 The amount payable on completion is the balance of the price adjusted to take account of apportionments plus (if applicable) VAT and interest.
- G6.3 Payment is to be made in pounds sterling and only by:
- (a) direct transfer to the seller's conveyancer's client account; and
  - (b) the release of any deposit held by a stakeholder.
- G6.4 Unless the seller and the buyer otherwise agree, completion cannot take place until both have complied with their obligations under the contract and the balance of the price is unconditionally received in the seller's conveyancer's client account.
- G6.5 If completion takes place after 1400 hours for a reason other than the seller's default it is to be treated, for the purposes of apportionment and calculating interest, as if it had taken place on the next business day.
- G6.6 Where applicable the contract remains in force following completion.
- G7. NOTICE TO COMPLETE**
- G7.1 The seller or the buyer may on or after the agreed completion date but before completion give the other notice to complete within ten business days (excluding the date on which the notice is given) making time of the essence.
- G7.2 The person giving the notice must be ready to complete.
- G7.3 If the buyer fails to comply with a notice to complete the seller may, without affecting any other remedy the seller has:
- (a) terminate the contract;
  - (b) claim the deposit and any interest on it if held by a stakeholder;
  - (c) forfeit the deposit and any interest on it;
  - (d) resell the lot; and
  - (e) claim damages from the buyer.
- G7.4 If the seller fails to comply with a notice to complete the buyer may, without affecting any other remedy the buyer has:
- (a) terminate the contract; and
  - (b) recover the deposit and any interest on it from the seller or, if applicable, a stakeholder.
- G8. IF THE CONTRACT IS BROUGHT TO AN END**
- If the contract is lawfully brought to an end:
- (a) the buyer must return all papers to the seller and appoints the seller its agent to cancel any registration of the contract; and
  - (b) the seller must return the deposit and any interest on it to the buyer (and the buyer may claim it from the stakeholder, if applicable) unless the seller is entitled to forfeit the deposit under condition G7.3.
- G9. LANDLORD'S LICENCE**
- G9.1 Where the lot is or includes leasehold land and licence to assign is required this condition G9 applies.
- G9.2 The contract is conditional on that licence being obtained, by way of formal licence if that is what the landlord lawfully requires.
- G9.3 The agreed completion date is not to be earlier than the date five business days after the seller has given notice to the buyer that licence has been obtained.
- G9.4 The seller must:
- (a) use all reasonable endeavours to obtain the licence at the seller's expense; and
  - (b) enter into any authorised guarantee agreement properly required.
- G9.5 The buyer must:
- (a) promptly provide references and other relevant information; and
  - (b) comply with the landlord's lawful requirements.
- G9.6 If within three months of the contract date (or such longer period as the seller and buyer agree) the licence has not been obtained the seller or the buyer may (if not then in breach of any obligation under this condition G9) by notice to the other terminate the contract at any time before licence is obtained. That termination is without prejudice to the claims of either seller or buyer for breach of this condition G9.
- G10. INTEREST AND APPORTIONMENTS**
- G10.1 If the actual completion date is after the agreed completion date for any reason other than the seller's default the buyer must pay interest at the interest rate on the price (less any deposit paid) from the agreed completion date up to and including the actual completion date.
- G10.2 Subject to condition G11 the seller is not obliged to apportion or account for any sum at completion unless the seller has received that sum in cleared funds. The seller must pay to the buyer after completion any sum to which the buyer is entitled that the seller subsequently receives in cleared funds.
- G10.3 Income and outgoings are to be apportioned at actual completion date unless:
- (a) the buyer is liable to pay interest; and
  - (b) the seller has given notice to the buyer at any time up to completion requiring apportionment on the date from which interest becomes payable by the buyer;
- in which event income and outgoings are to be apportioned on the date from which interest becomes payable by the buyer.
- G10.4 Apportionments are to be calculated on the basis that:
- (a) the seller receives income and is liable for outgoings for the whole of the day on which apportionment is to be made;
  - (b) annual income and expenditure accrues at an equal daily rate assuming 365 days in a year, and income and expenditure relating to some other period accrues at an equal daily rate during the period to which it relates; and
  - (c) where the amount to be apportioned is not known at completion apportionment is to be made by reference to a reasonable estimate and further payment is to be made by seller or buyer as appropriate within five business days of the date when the amount is known.
- G11. ARREARS**
- Part 1 Current rent**
- G11.1 "Current rent" means, in respect of each of the tenancies subject to which the lot is sold, the instalment of rent and other sums payable by the tenant in advance on the most recent rent payment date on or within four months preceding completion.
- G11.2 If on completion there are any arrears of current rent the buyer must pay them, whether or not details of those arrears are given in the special conditions.
- G11.3 Parts 2 and 3 of this condition G11 do not apply to arrears of current rent.
- Part 2 Buyer to pay for arrears**
- G11.4 Part 2 of this condition G11 applies where the special conditions give details of arrears.
- G11.5 The buyer is on completion to pay, in addition to any other money then due, an amount equal to all arrears of which details are set out in the special conditions.
- G11.6 If those arrears are not old arrears the seller is to assign to the buyer all rights that the seller has to recover those arrears.
- Part 3 Buyer not to pay for arrears**
- G11.7 Part 3 of this condition G11 applies where the special conditions:
- (a) so state; or
  - (b) give no details of any arrears.
- G11.8 While any arrears due to the seller remain unpaid the buyer must:
- (a) try to collect them in the ordinary course of management but need not take legal proceedings or forfeit the tenancy;
  - (b) pay them to the seller within five business days of receipt in cleared funds (plus interest at the interest rate calculated on a daily basis for each subsequent day's delay in payment);
  - (c) on request, at the cost of the seller, assign to the seller or as the seller may direct the right to demand and sue for old arrears, such assignment to be in such form as the seller's conveyancer may reasonably require;
  - (d) if reasonably required, allow the seller's conveyancer to have on loan the counterpart of any tenancy against an undertaking to hold it to the buyer's order;
  - (e) not without the consent of the seller release any tenant or surety from liability to pay arrears or accept a surrender of or forfeit any tenancy under which arrears are due; and
  - (f) if the buyer disposes of the lot prior to recovery of all arrears obtain from the buyer's successor in title a covenant in favour of the seller in similar form to part 3 of this condition G11.
- G11.9 Where the seller has the right to recover arrears it must not without the buyer's written consent bring insolvency proceedings against a tenant or seek the removal of goods from the lot.
- G12. MANAGEMENT**
- G12.1 This condition G12 applies where the lot is sold subject to tenancies.
- G12.2 The seller is to manage the lot in accordance with its standard management policies pending completion.
- G12.3 The seller must consult the buyer on all management issues that would affect the buyer after completion (such as, but not limited to, an application for licence; a rent review; a variation, surrender, agreement to surrender or proposed forfeiture of a tenancy; or a new tenancy or agreement to grant a new tenancy) and:
- (a) the seller must comply with the buyer's reasonable requirements unless to do so would (but for the indemnity in paragraph (c)) expose the seller to a liability that the seller would not otherwise have, in which case the seller may act reasonably in such a way as to avoid that liability;
  - (b) if the seller gives the buyer notice of the seller's intended act and the buyer does not object within five business days giving reasons for the objection the seller may act as the seller intends; and
  - (c) the buyer is to indemnify the seller against all loss or liability the seller incurs through acting as the buyer requires, or by reason of delay caused by the buyer.
- G13. RENT DEPOSITS**
- G13.1 This condition G13 applies where the seller is holding or otherwise entitled to money by way of rent deposit in respect of a tenancy. In this condition G13 "rent deposit deed" means the deed or other document under which the rent deposit is held.
- G13.2 If the rent deposit is not assignable the seller must on completion hold the rent deposit on trust for the buyer and, subject to the terms of the rent deposit deed, comply at the cost of the buyer with the buyer's lawful instructions.
- G13.3 Otherwise the seller must on completion pay and assign its interest in the rent deposit to the buyer under an assignment

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- in which the **buyer** covenants with the **seller** to:
- (a) observe and perform the **seller's** covenants and conditions in the rent deposit deed and indemnify the **seller** in respect of any breach;
  - (b) give notice of assignment to the tenant; and
  - (c) give such direct covenant to the tenant as may be required by the rent deposit deed.
- G14. VAT**
- G14.1** Where a sale condition requires money to be paid or other consideration to be given, the payer must also pay any VAT that is chargeable on that money or consideration, but only if given a valid VAT invoice.
- G14.2** Where the special conditions state that no VAT option has been made the **seller** confirms that none has been made by it or by any company in the same VAT group nor will be prior to completion.
- G15. TRANSFER AS A GOING CONCERN**
- G15.1** Where the special conditions so state:
- (a) the **seller** and the **buyer** intend, and will take all practicable steps (short of an appeal) to procure, that the sale is treated as a transfer of a going concern; and
  - (b) this condition G15 applies.
- G15.2** The **seller** confirms that the **seller**
- (a) is registered for VAT, either in the **seller's** name or as a member of the same VAT group; and
  - (b) has (unless the sale is a standard-rated supply) made in relation to the lot a VAT option that remains valid and will not be revoked before completion.
- G15.3** The **buyer** confirms that:
- (a) it is registered for VAT, either in the **buyer's** name or as a member of a VAT group;
  - (b) it has made, or will make before completion, a VAT option in relation to the lot and will not revoke it before or within three months after completion;
  - (c) article 5(2B) of the Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) Order 1995 does not apply to it; and
  - (d) it is not buying the lot as a nominee for another person.
- G15.4** The **buyer** is to give to the **seller** as early as possible before the agreed completion date evidence:
- (a) of the **buyer's** VAT registration;
  - (b) that the **buyer** has made a VAT option; and
  - (c) that the VAT option has been notified in writing to HM Revenue and Customs; and if it does not produce the relevant evidence at least two business days before the agreed completion date, condition G14.1 applies at completion.
- G15.5** The **buyer** confirms that after completion the **buyer** intends to:
- (a) retain and manage the lot for the **buyer's** own benefit as a continuing business as a going concern subject to and with the benefit of the tenancies; and
  - (b) collect the rents payable under the tenancies and charge VAT on them
- G15.6** If, after completion, it is found that the sale of the lot is not a transfer of a going concern then:
- (a) the **seller's** conveyancer is to notify the **buyer's** conveyancer of that finding and provide a VAT invoice in respect of the sale of the lot;
  - (b) the **buyer** must within five business days of receipt of the VAT invoice pay to the **seller** the VAT due; and
  - (c) if VAT is payable because the **buyer** has not complied with this condition G15, the **buyer** must pay and indemnify the **seller** against all costs, interest, penalties or surcharges that the **seller** incurs as a result.
- G16. CAPITAL ALLOWANCES**
- G16.1** This condition G16 applies where the special conditions state that there are capital allowances available in respect of the lot.
- G16.2** The **seller** is promptly to supply to the **buyer** all information reasonably required by the **buyer** in connection with the **buyer's** claim for capital allowances.
- G16.3** The value to be attributed to those items on which capital allowances may be claimed is set out in the special conditions.
- G16.4** The **seller** and **buyer** agree:
- (a) to make an election on completion under Section 198 of the Capital Allowances Act 2001 to give effect to this condition G16; and
  - (b) to submit the value specified in the special conditions to HM Revenue and Customs for the purposes of their respective capital allowance computations.
- G17. MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS**
- G17.1** The **seller** agrees to use reasonable endeavours to transfer to the **buyer**, at the **buyer's** cost, the benefit of the maintenance agreements specified in the special conditions.
- G17.2** The **buyer** must assume, and indemnify the **seller** in respect of, all liability under such contracts from the actual completion date.
- G18. LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1987**
- G18.1** This condition G18 applies where the sale is a relevant disposal for the purposes of part I of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1987.
- G18.2** The **seller** warrants that the **seller** has complied with sections 5B and 7 of that Act and that the requisite majority of qualifying tenants has not accepted the offer.
- G19. SALE BY PRACTITIONER**
- G19.1** This condition G19 applies where the sale is by a practitioner either as **seller** or as agent of the **seller**.
- G19.2** The practitioner has been duly appointed and is empowered to sell the lot.
- G19.3** Neither the practitioner nor the firm or any member of the firm to which the practitioner belongs has any personal liability in connection with the sale or the performance of the **seller's** obligations. The transfer is to include a declaration excluding that personal liability.
- G19.4** The lot is sold:
- (a) in its condition at completion;
  - (b) for such title as the **seller** may have; and
  - (c) with no title guarantee;
- and the **buyer** has no right to terminate the contract or any other remedy if information provided about the lot is inaccurate, incomplete or missing.
- G19.5** Where relevant:
- (a) the documents must include certified copies of those under which the practitioner is appointed, the document of appointment and the practitioner's acceptance of appointment; and
  - (b) the **seller** may require the transfer to be by the lender exercising its power of sale under the Law of Property Act 1925.
- G19.6** The **buyer** understands this condition G19 and agrees that it is fair in the circumstances of a sale by a practitioner.
- G20. TUPE**
- G20.1** If the special conditions state "There are no employees to which TUPE applies", this is a warranty by the **seller** to this effect.
- G20.2** If the special conditions do not state "There are no employees to which TUPE applies" the following paragraphs apply:
- (a) The **seller** must notify the **buyer** of those employees whose contracts of employment will transfer to the **buyer** on completion (the "Transferring Employees"). This notification must be given to the **buyer** not less than 14 days before completion.
  - (b) The **buyer** confirms that it will comply with its obligations under TUPE and any special conditions in respect of the Transferring Employees.
  - (c) The **buyer** and the **seller** acknowledge that pursuant and subject to TUPE, the contracts of employment between the Transferring Employees and the **seller** will transfer to the **buyer** on completion.
  - (d) The **buyer** is to keep the **seller** indemnified against all liability for the Transferring Employees after completion.
- G21. ENVIRONMENTAL**
- G21.1** This condition G21 only applies where the special conditions so provide.
- G21.2** The **seller** has made available such reports as the **seller** has as to the environmental condition of the lot and has given the **buyer** the opportunity to carry out investigations (whether or not the **buyer** has read those reports or carried out any investigation) and the **buyer** admits that the price takes into account the environmental condition of the lot.
- G21.3** The **buyer** agrees to indemnify the **seller** in respect of all liability for or resulting from the environmental condition of the lot.
- G22. SERVICE CHARGE**
- G22.1** This condition G22 applies where the lot is sold subject to tenancies that include service charge provisions.
- G22.2** No apportionment is to be made at completion in respect of service charges.
- G22.3** Within two months after completion the **seller** must provide to the **buyer** a detailed service charge account for the service charge year current on completion showing:
- (a) service charge expenditure attributable to each tenancy;
  - (b) payments on account of service charge received from each tenant;
  - (c) any amounts due from a tenant that have not been received;
  - (d) any service charge expenditure that is not attributable to any tenancy and is for that reason irrecoverable.
- G22.4** In respect of each tenancy, if the service charge account shows that:
- (a) payments on account (whether received or still then due from a tenant) exceed attributable service charge expenditure, the **seller** must pay to the **buyer** an amount equal to the excess when it provides the service charge account;
  - (b) attributable service charge expenditure exceeds payments on account (whether those payments have been received or are still then due), the **buyer** must use all reasonable endeavours to recover the shortfall from the tenant at the next service charge reconciliation date and pay the amount so recovered to the **seller** within five business days of receipt in cleared funds;
- but in respect of payments on account that are still due from a tenant condition G11 (arrears) applies.
- G22.5** In respect of service charge expenditure that is not attributable to any tenancy the **seller** must pay the expenditure incurred in respect of the period before actual completion date and the **buyer** must pay the expenditure incurred in respect of the period after actual completion date. Any necessary monetary adjustment is to be made within five business days of the **seller** providing the service charge account to the **buyer**.
- G22.6** If the **seller** holds any reserve or sinking fund on account of future service charge expenditure or a depreciation fund:
- (a) the **seller** must pay it (including any interest earned on it) to the **buyer** on completion; and
  - (b) the **buyer** must covenant with the **seller** to hold it in accordance with the terms of the tenancies and to indemnify the **seller** if it does not do so.
- G23. RENT REVIEWS**
- G23.1** This condition G23 applies where the lot is sold subject to a tenancy under which a rent review due on or before the actual completion date has not been agreed or determined.
- G23.2** The **seller** may continue negotiations or rent review proceedings up to the actual completion date but may not agree the level of the revised rent or commence rent review proceedings without the written consent of the **buyer**, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- G23.3** Following completion the **buyer** must complete rent review negotiations or proceedings as soon as reasonably practicable but may not agree the level of the revised rent without the written consent of the **seller**, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- G23.4** The **seller** must promptly:
- (a) give to the **buyer** full details of all rent review negotiations and proceedings, including copies of all correspondence and other papers; and
  - (b) use all reasonable endeavours to substitute the **buyer** for the **seller** in any rent review proceedings.
- G23.5** The **seller** and the **buyer** are to keep each other informed of the progress of the rent review and have regard to any proposals the other makes in relation to it.
- G23.6** When the rent review has been agreed or determined the **buyer** must account to the **seller** for any increased rent and
- interest recovered from the tenant that relates to the **seller's** period of ownership within five business days of receipt of cleared funds.
- G23.7** If a rent review is agreed or determined before completion but the increased rent and any interest recoverable from the tenant has not been received by completion the increased rent and any interest recoverable is to be treated as arrears.
- G23.8** The **seller** and the **buyer** are to bear their own costs in relation to rent review negotiations and proceedings.
- G24. TENANCY RENEWALS**
- G24.1** This condition G24 applies where the tenant under a tenancy has the right to remain in occupation under part II of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 (as amended) and references to notices and proceedings are to notices and proceedings under that Act.
- G24.2** Where practicable, without exposing the **seller** to liability or penalty, the **seller** must not without the written consent of the **buyer** (which the **buyer** must not unreasonably withhold or delay) serve or respond to any notice or begin or continue any proceedings.
- G24.3** If the **seller** receives a notice the **seller** must send a copy to the **buyer** within five business days and act as the **buyer** reasonably directs in relation to it.
- G24.4** Following completion the **buyer** must:
- (a) with the co-operation of the **seller** take immediate steps to substitute itself as a party to any proceedings;
  - (b) use all reasonable endeavours to conclude any proceedings or negotiations for the renewal of the tenancy and the determination of any interim rent as soon as reasonably practicable at the best rent or rents reasonably obtainable; and
  - (c) if any increased rent is recovered from the tenant (whether as interim rent or under the renewed tenancy) account to the **seller** for the part of that increase that relates to the **seller's** period of ownership of the lot within five business days of receipt of cleared funds.
- G24.5** The **seller** and the **buyer** are to bear their own costs in relation to the renewal of the tenancy and any proceedings relating to this.
- G25. WARRANTIES**
- G25.1** Available warranties are listed in the special conditions.
- G25.2** Where a warranty is assignable the **seller** must:
- (a) on completion assign it to the **buyer** and give notice of assignment to the person who gave the warranty; and
  - (b) apply for (and the **seller** and the **buyer** must use all reasonable endeavours to obtain) any consent to assign that is required. If consent has not been obtained by completion the warranty must be assigned within five business days after the consent has been obtained.
- G25.3** If a warranty is not assignable the **seller** must after completion:
- (a) hold the warranty on trust for the **buyer**; and
  - (b) at the **buyer's** cost comply with such of the lawful instructions of the **buyer** in relation to the warranty as do not place the **seller** in breach of its terms or expose the **seller** to any liability or penalty.
- G26. NO ASSIGNMENT**
- The **buyer** must not assign, mortgage or otherwise transfer or part with the whole or any part of the **buyer's** interest under this contract.
- G27. REGISTRATION AT THE LAND REGISTRY**
- G27.1** This condition G27.1 applies where the lot is leasehold and its sale either triggers first registration or is a registrable disposition. The **buyer** must at its own expense and as soon as practicable:
- (a) procure that it becomes registered at Land Registry as proprietor of the lot;
  - (b) procure that all rights granted and reserved by the lease under which the lot is held are properly noted against the affected titles; and
  - (c) provide the **seller** with an official copy of the register relating to such lease showing itself registered as proprietor.
- G27.2** This condition G27.2 applies where the lot comprises part of a registered title. The **buyer** must at its own expense and as soon as practicable:
- (a) apply for registration of the transfer;
  - (b) provide the **seller** with an official copy and title plan for the **buyer's** new title; and
  - (c) join in any representations the **seller** may properly make to Land Registry relating to the application.
- G28. NOTICES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**
- G28.1** All communications, including notices, must be in writing. Communication to or by the **seller** or the **buyer** may be given to or by their conveyancers.
- G28.2** A communication may be relied on if:
- (a) delivered by hand; or
  - (b) made electronically and personally acknowledged (automatic acknowledgement does not count); or
  - (c) there is proof that it was sent to the address of the person to whom it is to be given (as specified in the sale memorandum) by a postal service that offers normally to deliver mail the next following business day.
- G28.3** A communication is to be treated as received:
- (a) when delivered, if delivered by hand; or
  - (b) when personally acknowledged, if made electronically; but if delivered or made after 1700 hours on a business day a communication is to be treated as received on the next business day.
- G28.4** A communication sent by a postal service that offers normally to deliver mail the next following business day will be treated as received on the second business day after it has been posted.
- G29. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999**
- No one is intended to have any benefit under the contract pursuant to the Contract (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

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