

# IMPORTANT NOTICES TO BE READ BY ALL BIDDERS

## BUYING AT AUCTION

1. This catalogue contains details about properties being sold at auction. Those details are subject to change up to and including the day of the auction. Please check our website regularly at: [www.sdlauctions.co.uk](http://www.sdlauctions.co.uk) and look out for any additional materials available on the day of the auction, in order to stay fully informed with the up to date information.
2. Prospective purchasers are advised that sales are subject to (a) the Common Auction Conditions of Sale printed in the catalogue; (b) Special Conditions of Sale which are available for inspection at the office of the Vendors Solicitors, the office of the Auctioneers, in the auction room and online from our website; (c) any addendums or alterations made available for inspection; (d) any late amendments distributed in the room or made by the auctioneers from the rostrum.
- 2A. Prospective purchasers should always check the addendum sheet on the day of the sale to see if there are any alterations or amendments to the particulars or special conditions on the property that they are interested in bidding for. The catalogue has been prepared on the basis of information provided. In some cases, for whatever reason, verification has not been possible prior to printing. Consequently amendments may be made and the purchaser deemed to have full knowledge of them.
3. Prospective purchasers shall be deemed to have inspected the relevant property and made all usual and necessary searches and enquiries with all relevant authorities and other bodies. It is advisable to arrange for a survey of the property prior to the auction.
4. As soon as the Auctioneer's gavel falls on a bid, the successful bidder is under a binding contract to purchase the relevant property. The purchaser is immediately at risk in relation to the property and should therefore have confirmed bank or building society finance arranged (if required) and will also be deemed to have made prior arrangements for any insurance cover that is required. (See footnote).
- 4A. Each bidder will be deemed to be personally liable on making an accepted bid even though he/she purports to act as an agent for the principal purchaser or purports to sign the Memorandum of Sale in a respective capacity.
5. On the fall of the gavel, the successful bidder must immediately present to the Auctioneers Clerk his name and address and if appropriate, the name and address of the person or company on whose behalf he has been bidding. All successful bidders are required to sign and exchange unconditional contracts, or a reservation contract if applicable, with the Auctioneers prior to leaving the room and pay to the Auctioneers a deposit of 10% (or 5% for an unconditional reservation fee sale) of the purchase price (subject to a minimum of £5,000) with completion on or before 20 business days unless an alternative date has been specified for a given property within the Contract and/ or within our Vendors Special Conditions of Sale. All Birmingham City Council properties must have deposits paid by Banker's Draft made payable to SDL Bigwood, all other Lots (unless specified in the Contract/Special Conditions) can be paid by Bank/Building Society draft or Visa debit card. Bank/Building Society drafts made payable to SDL Bigwood. Please contact the relevant auction office for advice about acceptable payments. In default of any of the above, the Auctioneer shall be entitled as Agent for the Vendor, to treat the failure or default as a repudiation and rescind the Contract. Thereafter the Auctioneer shall be entitled to re-submit the property for sale and if a successful bidder does not pay a deposit and/or complete the memorandum, the Vendor reserves the right to claim any loss he suffers as a result.
6. All purchasers whether buying prior, during or post Auction are required to pay a buyers administration fee of £1074 inc VAT (unless stated otherwise), except any Birmingham City Council lots, whereby the administration fee is £1194 inc VAT, this fee is to be added to the deposit, irrespective what costs may be included within the Contract or Special Conditions. A buyers administration fee does not apply where a reservation fee is payable. The reservation fee

- will be 4.8% inc VAT of the purchase price, subject to a minimum of £6000 inc VAT, unless stated otherwise.
7. If a successful purchaser wishes to remain in the sale room and bid for later lots before transferring to the contracts area, he/she shall be required to surrender to the Auctioneers clerk one form of identity and debit or credit card for retention by the auctioneers until such time as the memorandum of sale is completed.
  8. The Vendor has a right to sell before auction or withdraw the lot and neither the Auctioneer nor the Vendor is responsible for any abortive costs, loss or damages of a prospective purchaser. Information as to pre-sale or withdrawal of a lot can be obtained from enquiry of the Auctioneers at any time prior to the auction but valid only up to the time of enquiry.
  9. Prospective purchasers are strongly advised to check these particulars as to measurements, areas and all other matters to which the properties are expressed to be subject or have the benefit of and in respect of any contents, fixtures and fittings expressed to be included in the sale by making an inspection of the property and all the necessary enquiries with SDL Auctions, the Vendor, the Vendor's professional advisors and all other appropriate authorities. All measurements and areas referred to in these particulars are approximate only.
  10. The dimensions and/or areas shown in this catalogue are intended to be accurate to within + 5% of the figure shown. If greater accuracy is required we advise intending purchasers to carry out check measuring.
  11. All location plans published in the particulars of sale are copyright and are to enable prospective purchasers to locate the property only. The plans are photographically reproduced and therefore not to scale and are not intended to depict the interest to be sold but are for identification purposes only. The boundary lines and numbers on the photographs are again only to enable prospective purchasers to locate the property and are not intended to depict the interest to be sold. Purchasers are advised to view the special conditions in respect of the precise interest to be conveyed.
  12. Any guide prices issued or any estimates or values mentioned in negotiations or discussion with the Auctioneers or any of their representatives cannot be relied upon by a prospective purchaser as representing professional valuations for any purpose in accordance with the requirements or guidance notes of relevant professional bodies or other authorities. In all respects prospective purchasers are deemed to have relied upon their own knowledge or the advice of their own professional or other advisors.
  13. Inspection of investment properties is by courtesy of the tenant. Inspection of properties with vacant possession only by arrangement with the Auctioneers. Interested parties should refer to the viewing schedule in the front of the catalogue or alternatively contact the Auctioneers.
  14. Purchasers should be aware that they will not be entitled to the keys or access to the property (except by special arrangement) until completion date of the sale.
  15. The Auctioneers announcements at the commencement of the sale are an important part of the proceedings. Thereafter the Auction will proceed without delay and the Auctioneer will not describe the properties in detail nor read out the special conditions or amendments.
  16. The services, kitchen and sanitary ware, electrical appliances and fittings, plumbing and heating installations (if any) have NOT been tested by the Selling Agents. Prospective purchasers should therefore undertake their own investigations/survey to clarify the suitability of such services to meet their particular requirements.
  17. We are advised by the Vendor, where appropriate, that an EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) has been commissioned and will be available within the legal pack.
  18. The plans provided in this catalogue are for identification purposes only and their accuracy is not guaranteed. All Ordnance Survey maps are reproduced with the sanction of the Controller of HM Stationery Office (Crown Copyright Reserved Licence No. LIG0183).

19. If the purchaser wishes to complete earlier than the proposed completion date (granted prior agreement with the Vendor), then we strongly recommend that the deposit is paid by cleared funds e.g. Banker's Draft, Building Society Draft or Debit Card. The purchaser must notify the Auctioneer as early as possible of their intention to complete early in order that arrangements can be made to transfer the deposit monies held. The Auctioneers also reserve the right to pass on any charges levied from the bank to the purchaser for early transfer of monies.
20. Offers - We will not forward any offer to our Vendors, unless the offer is above the guide price and prospective purchasers have viewed the property (where applicable) and have perused the legal pack.

## PROPERTY INSURANCE

Once the hammer falls at a Property Auction the purchaser becomes liable for the insurance of the property he has bought.

## DEFINITION OF GUIDE PRICES

The guide price is an indication of the seller's reserve price and is given to assist prospective purchasers. It is usual, but not always the case, that a provisional reserve is agreed between the seller and the auctioneer at the start of marketing. The guide price can be adjusted by the seller at any time up to the day of the auction in light of the interest shown during the marketing period. The guide price can be shown in the form of a minimum and maximum price range within which an acceptable sale price (reserve) would fall, or as a single price figure within 10% of which the minimum acceptable price (reserve) would fall. Please note the reserve price will not exceed the top end of the guide price but the actual sale price can exceed the guide price. On occasions the sale price does exceed the guide price significantly.

## AUCTION FEES

The purchase of any property may include associated fees not listed in this catalogue. Any additional fees will be confirmed in the legal pack which can be downloaded from our website, [www.sdlauctions.co.uk](http://www.sdlauctions.co.uk) or to find out more about any additional fees associated with any property please call SDL Auctions on 0800 304 7879. Stamp Duty, Land Tax or Land and Buildings Transaction Tax may also apply in some circumstances. These costs will not be confirmed in the legal pack, it is up to the bidder to make their own enquiries via [www.gov.uk/stamp-duty-land-tax](http://www.gov.uk/stamp-duty-land-tax) or [www.revenue.scot/land-buildings-transaction-tax](http://www.revenue.scot/land-buildings-transaction-tax).

## DEFINITION OF RESERVE PRICE

The reserve price is the seller's minimum acceptable price at auction and the figure below which the auctioneer cannot sell. The reserve price is not disclosed and remains confidential between the seller and the auctioneer.

## CONDITION OF SALE

The Lots will, unless previously withdrawn, be sold subject to the Special and General Conditions of Sale which have been settled by the Vendors' Solicitors. These Conditions can usually be inspected during the usual office hours at the offices of the Vendor's Solicitors mentioned in these particulars during the five days (exclusive of Saturday and Sunday), immediately before and exclusive of the day of the Sale. Most auction packs may be viewed online, visit [www.sdlauctions.co.uk](http://www.sdlauctions.co.uk) The Conditions may also be inspected in the Sale Room at the time of the Sale, but they will NOT then be read. The Purchaser shall be deemed to bid on those terms, whether he shall have inspected the Conditions or not.

## PROPERTY MISREPRESENTATION

The Agents for themselves and for the Vendors of these Lots, whose Agents they are, give notice that: These Particulars do not constitute any part of an offer, or a contract. All the statements contained in these particulars as to the Lots are made without responsibility and are not to be relied on as statements or representations of fact and they do not make or give any representations or warranty whatsoever in relation to these Lots. Any intending Purchaser must satisfy himself by inspection or otherwise as to the correctness of each of the statements contained in these Particulars.