# GHY

20 – 25 & 26 – 28 GLASSHOUSE YARD, LONDON EC1 PRIME FARRINGDON OFFICE INVESTMENT

FREEHOLD ANCHORED BY AMAZON

# **Investment Summary**

#### Freehold

Two office buildings, 20-25 and 26-28 Glasshouse Yard (GHY), which form a prominent corner site with fantastic views over the Grade I listed Charterhouse.

Prime Central London location 100 metres from Barbican Station and 250 metres from Farringdon Station (East) entrance.

Situated in London's most desirable district with a varied occupier base including TikTok, DLA Piper, Alexander McQueen, Snapchat and Sainsbury's Plc.

**26 – 28 GHY** is an HQ office building comprising **47,611 sq ft** arranged of LG, G and six upper floors. It is let in its entirety to **Amazon UK Services Ltd** at a passing rent of **£2,664,475 per annum** reflecting a low passing rent of **£55.96 per sq ft** until 01/04/2028 with a tenant break option on 31/03/2026.

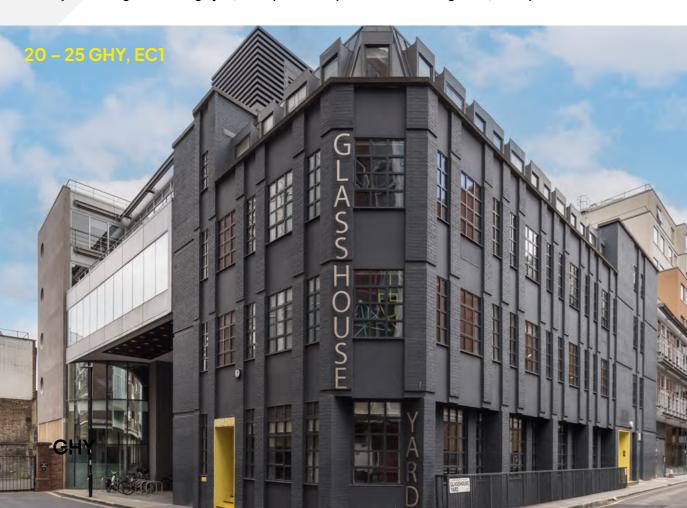
26-28 GHY houses one of only two Amazon Audible recording studios in Europe.

20-25 GHY comprises 6,759 sq ft office building which was fully refurbished in Dec 2022. The building has a topped up passing rent of £410,520 per annum reflecting £60.74 per sq ft.

Total topped up passing rent of £3,074,995 per annum reflecting a highly reversionary £56.56 per sq ft .

Prime Farringdon and Barbican rents are £112.50 per sq ft.

**Anomaly** have undertaken an initial feasibility study outlining the potential to enhance value by increasing the massing by 19,524 sq ft a 36% uplift in floor area to give 73,894 sq ft.





amazon

87% of contracted income to Amazon

2 Office Buildings ANOMYLY

Potential to increase massing to 73,894 sq ft.

**54,370** sq ft of office

Topped up passing rent of £3,074,995 per annum reflecting a highly reversionary £56.56 per sq ft overall.

OFFERS ARE INVITED IN EXCESS OF £34,900,000 REFLECTING A NET INITIAL YIELD OF 8.25% (ASSUMING PURCHASER'S COSTS OF 6.8%). SUBJECT TO CONTRACT AND EXCLUSIVE OF VAT.

THIS REFLECTS A CAPITAL VALUE OF £642 PER SQ FT ON EXISTING AND £472 PER SQ FT ON THE PROPOSED SCHEME.

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# A Journey Through GHY

Click to view the building video tour and get an insight into GHY



# Barbican & Farringdon

GHY is situated immediately to the north of Barbican underground station and approximately 250 metres to the north-east of the East entrance to Farringdon Station, providing exceptional transport connectivity across London.

In recent years the Barbican and Farringdon district has been subject to significant office development, with best-in-class schemes such as Kaleidoscope, JJ Mack Building, The Bloom and Verdant setting record rents in Farringdon / Barbican and benchmark prime yields.

The locality is synonymous with tech, creative and design occupiers such as Snapchat, LinkedIn (Microsoft), TikTok, Kurt Geiger, Alexander McQueen and LiveNation. In recent years Farringdon and Barbican have been a choice location for corporate occupiers, namely **DLA Piper**, Pepsi, Sainsbury's PLC, Julius Bär and Partners Group.

The area immediately surrounding GHY has a diverse mix of amenities and cultural offerings, creating a vibrant environment to work, live and socialise. To the rear of GHY is the Grade Histed Charterhouse which adjoins the Smithfield Market. 300 metres to the east is the vibrant White Cross Market, London's premier daily food market that is frequented by City office workers.





### **OCCUPIERS**

1. Kurt Geiger

2. Publicis Sapient Group 13. Partners Group

3. Tik Tok

4. DLA Piper

5. Alexander McQueen

6. Unilever

7. Leigh Day

8. Pepsi Co

9. Thirdway

10. Brewin Dolphin

11. Travers Smith

12. Sainsburys Plc

14. Julius Bar

15. Snap Inc

16. Macquarie Bank Plc

17. JA Kemp

18. Live Nation

19. Hogan Lovells

20. LinkedIn

23. Tesco Digital

21. Adidas 22. Moonpig

## SLEEP

37. Ruby Stella Hotel

38. Yotel

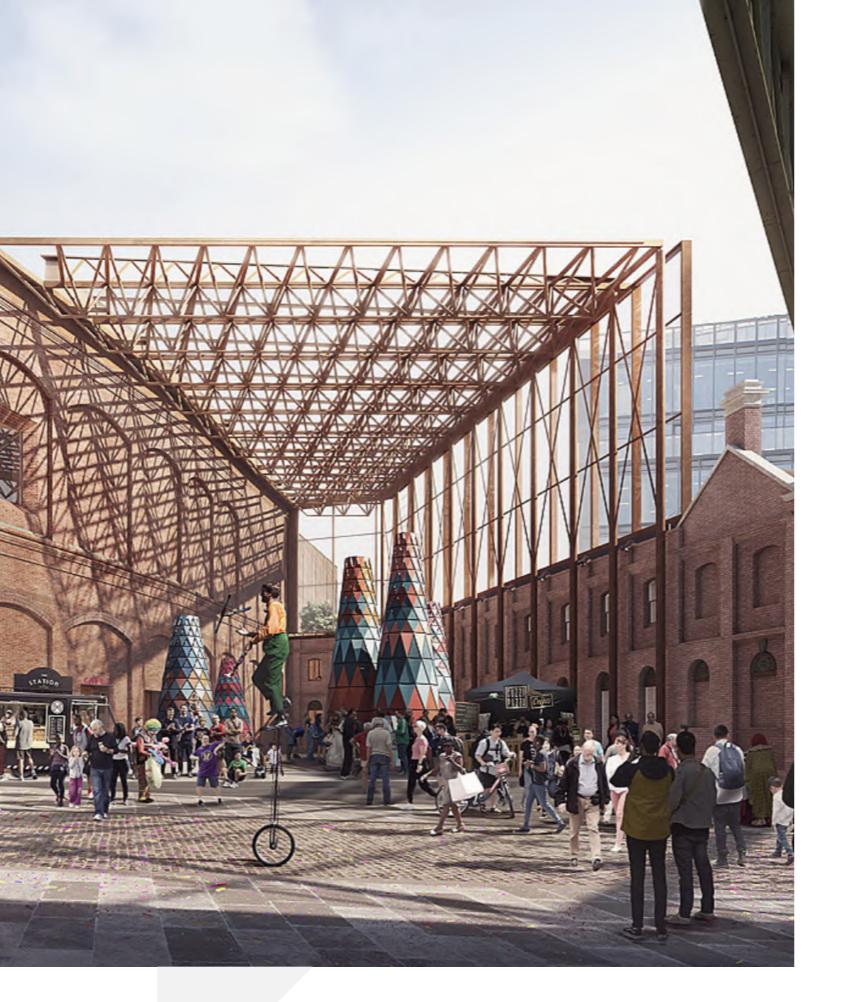
39. Malmaison

40. The Zetter hotel

41. Marrables hotel

42. The Rookery

43. Citadines





# The Culture Mile

New Museum of London:

2 million

**Expected visitors** 

1,700

Jobs created

Smithfield Market is due to undergo a large-scale redevelopment and provide a new home to the **Museum** of London and form part of what is branded the new 'Culture Mile'.

The Culture Mile is forecast to be completed in 2026. It will feature the new Museum of London, designed by architects **Stanton Williams** and **Asif Khan**, and the **Iron Mountain** which will provide brand new public realm accommodation.

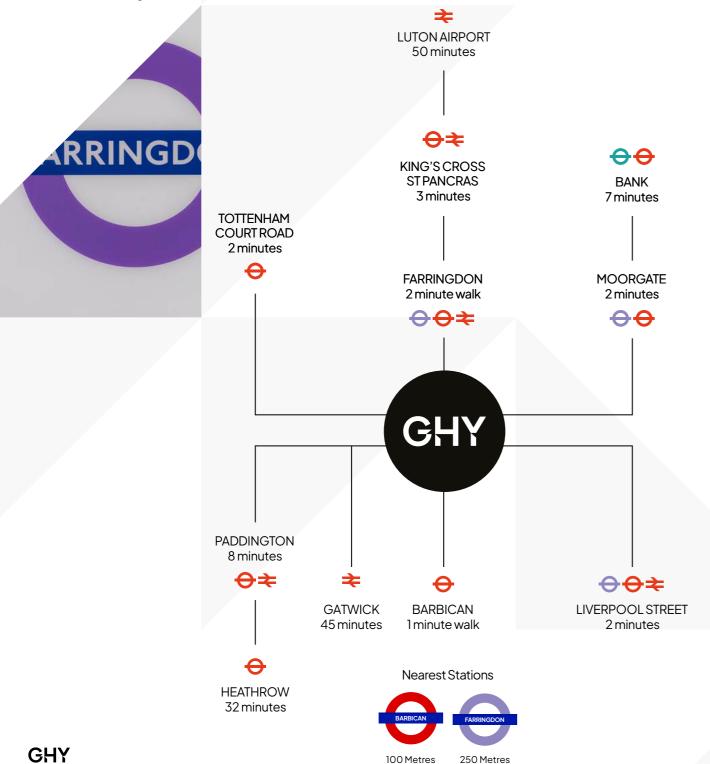
The regeneration of the existing Smithfield Market is expected to attract over **2,000,000 visitors** a year and create over **1,700 jobs**.

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# Connectivity

GHY benefits from excellent transport connectivity being located less than 250 metres from the Farringdon Station East Entrance. Farringdon is serviced by the Elizabeth Line, Thameslink and three London underground lines. It is London's busiest transport interchange and provides direct access to Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton airports.

Barbican Station is 100 metres to the south of GHY and is serviced by the Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City and Circle Underground lines.



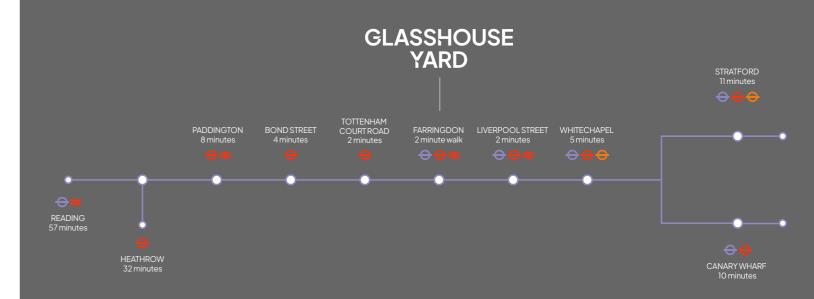
## The Elizabeth Line

The Elizabeth Line was Europe's largest infrastructure project. It was completed in Q2 2022.

The service comprises a 100km east-west underground line, significantly enhancing the property's existing connectivity, providing direct access to the West End, City, Heathrow & Canary Wharf.

The Elizabeth Line has increased London's rail capacity by 10% and is forecast to provide a £42 billion benefit to the London economy. The service runs trains every 3 minutes during peak hours and on average transports 600,000 passengers per day.

The Elizabeth Line has boosted Farringdon's appeal, attracting businesses and occupiers due to its enhanced connectivity to both the City and the West End. This increased accessibility is driving demand for office space.









63k jobs created



£24 Billion to the UK Economy





## Best in Class Office Developments

Farringdon and Barbican are established as London's most desirable submarket with a diverse occupier base attracting globally renowned corporations, tech platforms, banks and law firms.

Tight supply and high demand have led to strong rental growth increasing the **prime rent to £112.50 per sq ft**.

## **Under Construction / Planned**



Verdant, Aldersgate EC1

Developer: Topland Size: 135,500 sq ft

Status: Target Completion Q42024

Pre-let to TikTok



Panorama, St Pauls, EC1

Developer: Orion Size: 135,500 sqft

Status: Target Completion Q12025

Pre-let to HSBC



20 Giltspur Street, EC1

Developer: Norges Size: 90,000 sqft

Status: Target Completion Q1 2026

Under offer on a Pre-let



## 1 Golden Lane, EC1

Developer: Castleforge

Size: 168,401

Status: Target completion 2025

## **Completed Schemes**



The Bloom, EC1

Developer: HB Reavis Size: 146,000 sq ft Let to Snap Inc and Macquarie Bank

Acquired by UBS in October 2023 for c.£216m/5.36%/£1,479 psf



Kaleidoscope, EC1

Developer: Helical PLC Size: 90,884 sq ft Pre-let to Tik Tok

Acquired by Chinachem in September 2022

for£158m/4.26%/£1,789 psf



## JJ Mack, EC1

Developer: Helical PLC Size: 205,961 sq ft

Let to Sainsburys Plc and Partners Group



## 8 Bleeding Heart Yard, EC1

Developer: Seaforth Land Size: 27,152 sq ft

Pre-let to Julius Bär

Acquired by a Private Spanish Investor for

£45m/4.24%/£1,657 psf

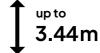


# 26 – 28 Glasshouse Yard EC1 Aformer telephone exchange that was compressing 2011 to provide 47 foll so ft of well specified 6

A former telephone exchange that was comprehensively redeveloped in 2011 to provide 47,611 sq ft of well specified Grade A offices. The modern spacious office is accessed from Glasshouse Yard through an impressive double height glazed reception.

The office accommodation is over eight bright, spacious floors arranged as lower ground, ground and 1st to 6th floors. The upper floors have fantastic views of the historic grade 1 listed Charterhouse and the 3rd – 6th floors have outside terraces.

## Office Specification







DDA compliant toilet on each floor



Floor to ceiling windows



6x Basement showers



2xKONE10 person/ 800 kg passenger lifts



Cycle storage



Male & Female toilet



terraces







# 20 – 25 Glasshouse Yard EC1 20-25 GHY comprises of 6,759 sq ft of off accommodation arranged over lower grown

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The building was comprehensively refurbished in 2018 inclusive of new M&E and windows. In Dec 2022 all floors were fully fitted and furnished to Cat A+ specification to provide office suites with excellent floor-to-ceiling heights, high quality furnishings, and exposed services.

## Office Specification



Refurbished in Dec 2022



Fully fitted Cat A+ Office



Air conditioning throughout



2 Circles Internet



Plug and Play



Passenger lift

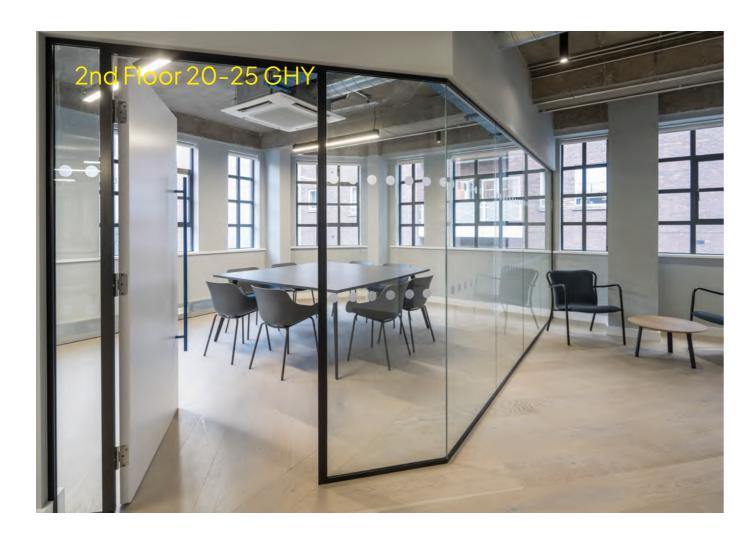


Demised WC's

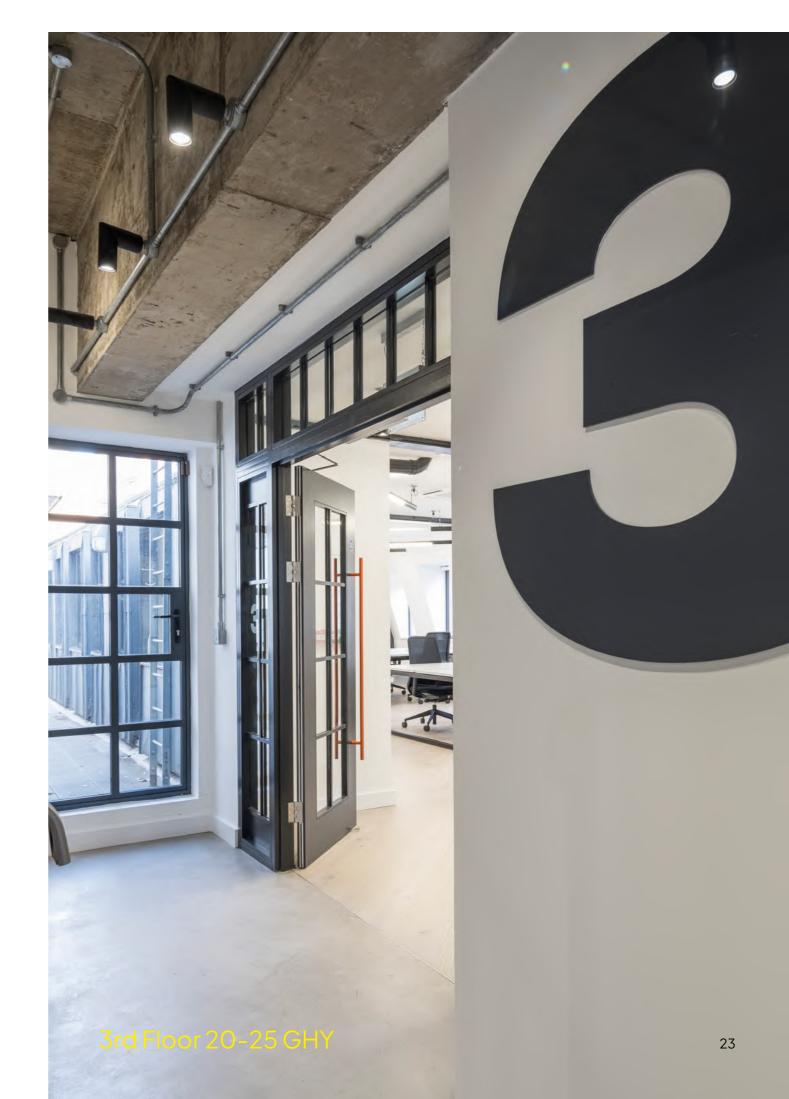


End of trip / Shower facilities









## 26-28 Glasshouse Yard, EC1

5th

## Accommodation

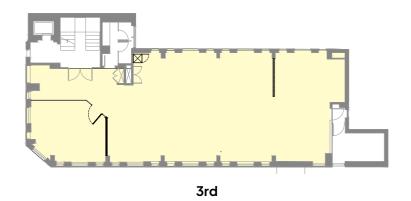
The buildings combined have a total NIA 54,370 sqft. Both have been measured in accordance with the RICS code of measuring practice (Sixth Edition).

## Accommodation Sche<mark>dul</mark>e

Floor	Use		NIA Sq M	NIA Sq Ft
26-28 Glasshouse Y				
6th	Office		152.7	1,644
5th	Office		390.1	4,199
4th	Office		662.9	7,135
3rd	Office		708.5	7,626
2nd	Office		816.5	8,789
lst	Office		746.5	8,035
Ground	Office		577.6	6,217
Ground	Reception		67.0	721
Basement	Office		301.5	<mark>3,24</mark> 5
Sub Total			4,423.3	47,611
20-25 Glasshouse Yard				
3rd	Office		95.7	1,030
2nd	Office		143.2	1,541
lst	Office		143.3	1,542
Ground	Office		116.1	1,250
Lower Ground	Office		129.7	1,396
Sub Total		628	6,759	
Total			5,051.3	54,370

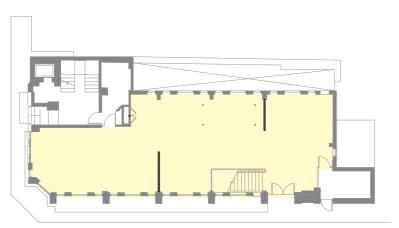


6th

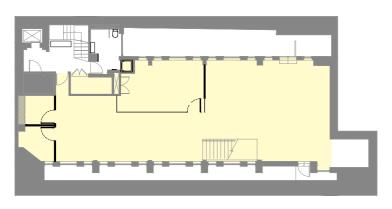




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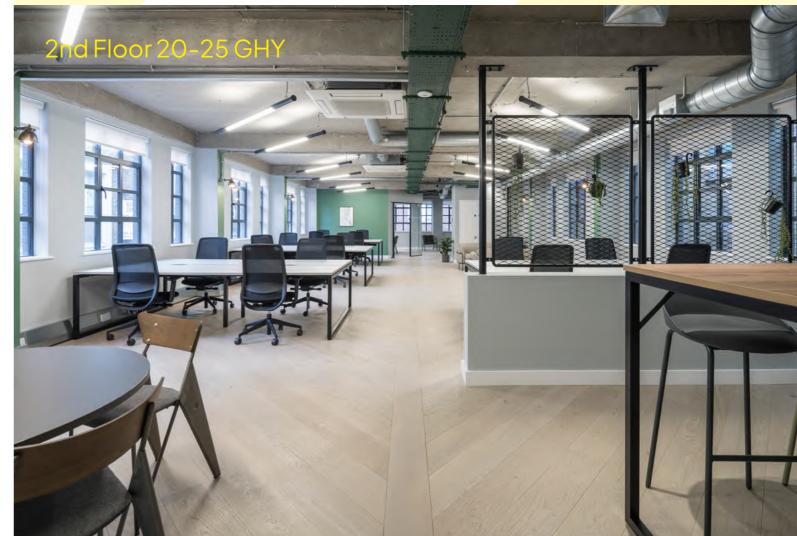


Ground



Lower Ground





# Tenancy Schedule

GHY is an important office building for Amazon (87% of the contracted income). It houses their Fire TV, Wholefoods and Amazon Audible brands.

	Demise	Tenant	Size (sq ft)	Lease Start	Break	Lease Expiry	Rent per annum	Rent per sqft	Comments
26-28 Glasshouse Yard, EC1	Entire Building	Amazon UK Services Limited	47,611	01/04/2022	31/03/2026 (T) (6 months notice)	01/04/2028	£2,664,475	£55.96	Amazon benefit from 4 months' rent free should the break not be actioned.
	Sub Total		47,611				£2,664,475	£55.96	
	3rd	Vacant	1,030				£61,800	£60.00	18-month rent, rates and service charge top up.
	2nd	Vacant	1,541				£92,460	£60.00	18-month rent, rates and service charge top up.
	lst	DB3	1,542	29/11/2023	29/11/2026 (M) (6 months notice)	29/11/2028	£97,500	£63.23	The tenant will receive one month's rent compensation should the landlord action the break DB3 benefit from 1 month rent free should the break not be actioned.
20 - 25 Glasshouse									Rent deposit the equivalent of three months' rent, the equivalent to £24,375 + VAT
Yard, EC1									Landlord development break from 31/10/2026 onwards with six months notice.
	Ground	Vacant	1,250				£75,000	£60.00	18-month rent, rates and service charge top up.
	Lower	Vacant	1,396				£83,760	£60.00	18-month rent, rates and service charge top up.
	Sub Total		6,759				£410,520	£60.74	
	Total		54,370				£3,074,995	£56.56	

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# amazon Occupied Building

26-28 GHY has housed Amazon for over a decade, providing a secure and stable covenant.

Key points-

## **Prestigious Tenancy:**

GHY is home to one of Audible's two European recording locations, favoured for its discreet position, making it ideal for high-profile recordings.

## Long-Term Occupancy:

Long-Term Occupancy: Amazon has occupied GHY since 2012, extending their lease with the current owner twice, showcasing their long-term commitment to the building.

## **Diverse Brand Presence:**

The building hosts a roster of Amazon brands, including Audible, Wholefoods and Fire TV.

#### **Amazon Brands**







## **Tenant Covenant**

26 - 28 GHY, EC1

87%

amazon

**87% of the contracted income** is secured against the undoubted covenant **Amazon UK Services Limited**.

Amazon, founded by Jeff Bezos in 1994, operates in over 20 countries and employs more than 1.5 million people globally. It is the world's largest online retailer, offers cloud services via Amazon Web Services (AWS), and provides streaming through Amazon Prime Video.

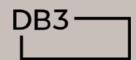
The company also makes consumer electronics like Kindle and Echo, runs physical stores including Whole Foods, and has a strong logistics network. Known for its customer focus and innovation, Amazon is one of the world's most influential companies.

aboutamazon.co.uk

Credit Safe Rating 91A "Very Low Risk

20 – 25 GHY, EC1

1st Floor contracted to



DB3 are an award-winning global practice for sustainable Architecture and Design, founded in 1883 and with seven studios across the UK.

Renowned for quality design and technical delivery, they have long standing relationships with some of the biggest global brands.

db3group.com

Credit Safe Rating 77A "Very Low Risk



# Unique Redevelopment Opportunity



A rare opportunity to invest in / or redevelop GHY, a property with unmatched potential in the heart of Farringdon.

Key points-

GHY

## **Scarcity of Redevelopment Opportunities:**

GHY is one of the last remaining opportunities for redevelopment in the sought-after Barbican and Farringdon district.

## **Exceptional Views:**

The property offers uninterrupted views over Charterhouse to the west, protected by its listed status, and panoramic views east over Barbican.

## **Architectural Feasibility:**

The feasibility study by Anomaly architects underscores the building's redevelopment potential, promising a unique and valuable proposition.





## **Future Vision**

One of the few remaining repositioning opportunities in the Farringdon and Barbican district.

Leading London architect **Anomaly** has undertaken an initial feasibility study exploring the potential to maximise the existing site. The proposed scheme replaces 20 – 25 GHY, extends the floor plates, in the enlarged building, to circa 12,000 sq ft, rebuilding the 6th floor adds a new 7th floor. The scheme creates a reception befitting of the quality of the building, improves amenity with the **addition of large terraces** and increases the **NIA by 19,524 sq ft**.

## **ANOMALA**

Key Enhancements

ADDITIONAL NIA

19,524 sq ft

TERRACING

6,512 sq ft

NEW DETAILS

Glazed corner reception

Contiguous floor plates

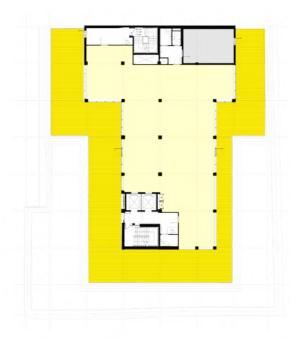
Increased tenant amenity



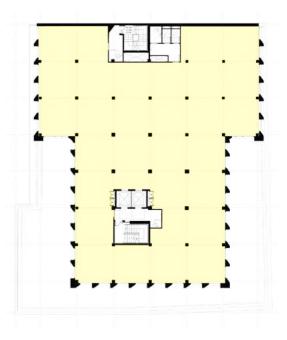
# The Proposed Scheme

Floor	GIA - Sq Ft	NIA – Sq Ft	Terrace
7th	4,542	3,143	3,563
6th	8,299	7,782	
5th	8,299	7,782	2,949
4th	12,518	11,076	
3rd	12,518	11,076	
2nd	12,518	11,076	
lst	11,862	10,452	
Ground	11,819	7,793	
Basement	8,923	3,714	
Total	91,299	73,894	6,512



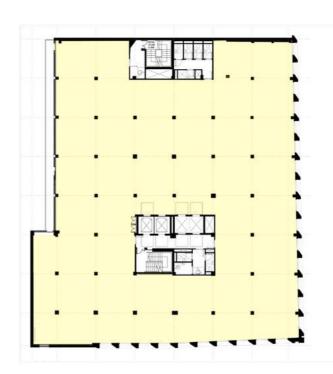


New Floor 7 3,143 Sq Ft

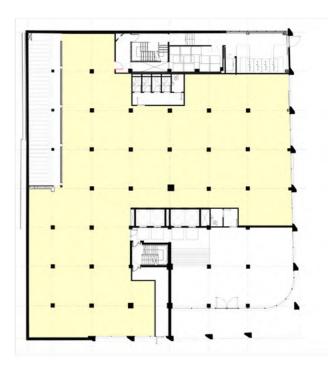


New Floor 67,782 Sq Ft

Typical Upper Floor 11,076 Sq Ft



Ground Floor 7,793 Sq Ft

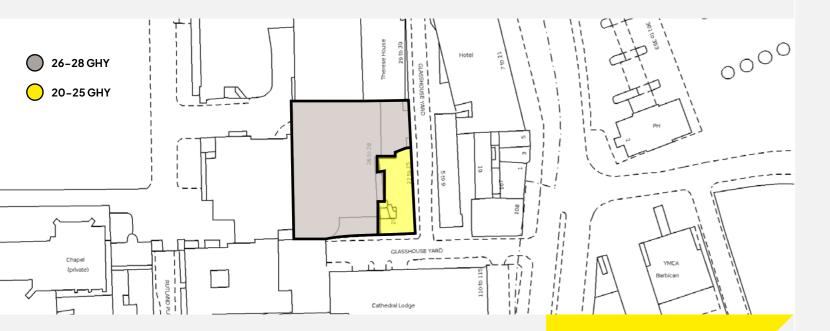


## **Further Information**

## **Tenure**

26 - 28 GHY is held freehold under title number LN124914.

20 - 25 GHY is held freehold under title number TQ3282SW.



## **Planning**

Located in the London Borough of Islington the property is not Listed and does not lie in a Conservation Area.

## **VAT**

The property is elected for VAT, and it is proposed that the sale will be structured as a TOGC.

#### Data room

Data room access is available upon request.

## **EPC**

The EPC's for 20 - 25 and 26 - 28 GHY are available in the data room.

### **Price**

Offers are invited in excess of £34,900,000 reflecting a Net Initial Yield of 8.25% (assuming purchaser's costs of 6.8%). Subject to contract and exclusive of VAT.

This reflects a capital value of £642 per sq ft on existing and £472 per sq ft on the proposed scheme.

There is the potential for a corporate transaction that could provide significant tax benefits to an incoming purchaser. Further information is available on request.

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