

Previously developed land with potential for residential development. Site extends to approximately 0.95-acres (0.39-hectares).

Offers Invited

Closing Date 4.00pm Monday Monday 3rd June 2024



Durham County Council ('DCC') offers for sale by informal tender the site of the former Trimdon Infants and Nursery School. The site, in total, extends to approximately 0.95-acres (0.39-hectares).

Location

The village of Trimdon is located within the administrative area of Durham County Council. It has a population of approximately 2,958 (2011 Census).

Sedgefield is located approximately 3.4-miles to the south of the village (via the B1278), Peterlee is positioned approximately 9.4-miles to the northeast of the village (via the A181) and the City of Durham is located approximately 9.4-miles to the north west (via the A177). Junction 61 of the A1(M) Motorway is located approximately 4.5-miles, to the north west.

The village has a range of ecclesiastical, educational, cultural, leisure and shopping facilities and is well connected to nearby settlements.

Communications

Road – The site has road frontage to Church Road, to the west. In turn this road links to the B1278, which runs along the western edge of the village. The B1278 connects to Fishburn and Sedgefield, to the south and to Trimdon Grange and the A181, to the north.

Rail – Durham Railway Station (approximately 9.5 miles to the northwest) provides routes to Newcastle upon Tyne, to the north and to Darlington, to the south. The newly opened Horden Railway Station also provides coastal services between Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough.

Air – Teesside International Airport is located approximately 15.6-miles to the south. It provides scheduled and chartered flights to a range of national and international destinations.



Site

The site is located within the central area of Trimdon Village. It fronts Church Street which is the central highway traversing the village. The Village Hall and associated open space is located to the immediate south of the site. Housing and the library carpark are positioned to the north, with further housing to the east.

Description

The site comprises an area of predominantly brownfield land located in the centre of Trimdon Village. The majority of the site was formerly occupied by Trimdon Village Community Infant and Nursery School, although there is also a section of undeveloped land to the east of the site which once formed the school's playground. Following the closure of the school in 2016, the old school buildings were subsequently demolished in 2017. The site is now laid to grass, is fairly regular in shape and slopes gently from west to the east, away from Church Road. A number of medium sized trees line most of the boundaries. A low-level brick wall binds the western boundary with palisade and timber fencing binding the rest of the site.

Access is available from the south and west boundaries, with a pedestrian access at the south-west corner.

Planning

For the avoidance of doubt, the site is not subject of planning permission for development. It will be the responsibility of the successful party to procure a planning permission for development.

Pre-application Advice Report

On 9th September 2020, Durham County Council Planning Team issued a Preapplication Advice Report, which details the potential for the development of the site.

The report concludes: -

'Having regard to the above, and on the basis of the information submitted to date, whilst the proposals could be supported in principle there are a number of areas where the scheme requires careful consideration before a favourable recommendation can be made. Any prospective purchasers of the land would be advised to contact the LPA with more detailed proposals for assessment and submit the necessary supporting information for detailed assessment prior to pursuing any formal submission.'

A copy of the report can be found within the Information Pack.

Nutrient Neutrality

The site is located within the Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast Nutrient Neutrality Catchment Area. Interested parties are advised to take advice prior to submitting a bid and should refer to Durham County Council's 'Submitting an Application' page for more information. https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/8293/Submit-an-application

Interested parties will be required to detail their approach to Nutrient Neutrality within its tender (Submission of Offer form).



Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

The site was assessed as green (7/ TV/265) in the council's 2019 Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). As previously developed land, the site was considered to be suitable for residential development with a potential yield of approximately 10 dwellings.

A copy of the assessment is contained within the Information Pack.

Technical Housing Standards

Policy 29 of the County Durham
Plan confirms that all new residential
development will be required to comply
with the Nationally Described Space
Standards ('NDSS'). A copy of the NDSS
is available in the Information Pack.

Any interested party should satisfy themselves on planning requirements and proposed uses for the site. For enquiries please contact Planning on planning@durham.gov.uk



Tenure and Possession

DCC owns the free (title absolute) of the site being offered for sale. It is registered with the Land Registry under the title number: DU253435.

Rights of Way, Wayleaves and Easements

The sale is subject to all rights of support, public and private rights of way, water, light, drainage and other easements, all or any other like rights, whether mentioned in these particulars or not.

Method of Sale

DCC are offering the freehold for sale by Informal Tender, with vacant possession on completion.

Price on application/offers invited

Offers are invited on a conditional basis (conditional on grant of planning permission for development).

Closing Date

Offers must reach the Head of Legal and Democratic Services no later than **4.00pm** on **Monday 3rd June 2024**.

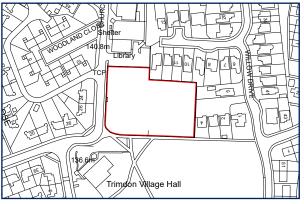
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All interested parties should make their own enquiries of HMRC.

Services

It is understood that all major services are present within or close to the edge of the site. Where relevant the Council will make infrastructure plans available. It is the responsibility of prospective purchasers to confirm the extent of the services, their availability and suitability, with the relevant utility service providers.





Local Government Act

The purchaser should be aware that under Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, Local Authorities are obliged to dispose of surplus property for the best price reasonably obtainable. Offers for the property are made and accepted subject to contract and until such time contracts are exchanged, prospective purchasers should note that the County Council is obliged to give consideration to any new offers which might be forthcoming and any surveys/ planning applications are undertaken at the purchasers risk.

Additional Information

An electronic information pack is available upon request.

The information pack contains the location and site plans, utilities plans, Preapplication Advice Report, topographical survey and other site related information.

Submitting Your Bid

Completed Offer Forms must be returned via the NEPO Portal system no later than the date and time stipulated on the sales particulars.

Submissions (including any part thereof) received after the stated deadline will not be accepted. It is entirely the responsibility of the bidding organisation to ensure that it submits its response in line with the stated deadline date and time.

In the event that a bidding organisation believes that it is unable to submit a bid through the NEPO Portal and requires technical assistance or further information to do so, bidders must contact the NEPO Portal administrators using the helpline contact details given on the Portal website (www.nepo.org), ensuring there is adequate time for the administrators to support the bidding organisation to upload their submission by the stated deadline. In such cases, if a bidding organisation's response is received after the stated deadline then the Council may. at its sole discretion, then take this into consideration if a submission is received after the stated deadline.

It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the bid has been completed accurately. All of the information presented will be taken at face value and the Council reserves the right to request further clarification. All offers should have regard to the informal advice provided and make the due allowance in their bid. Interested parties are expected to have spoken to the Department Management team regarding their individual scheme.

Costs

The purchaser will be responsible for the Council's Surveyor Fee based on 3% of the accepted offer price (to a minimum of £1,000) in addition the purchaser will be responsible for the Council's reasonable legal fees.

Submission of Offers

The submission should clearly state the sum being offered to DCC for the site. DCC is not bound to accept the highest offer made, or any offer, and will accept no responsibility for any costs incurred by any party in connection with their submission of an offer whether successful or not.

The sum offered should reflect any conditions attached and these should be clearly stated.

Offers will be reported to the Council at the earliest available date. Interested parties will be notified of the Council's decision as soon as possible after that time.

Health and Safety Policy

The DCC Health and Safety policy requires all interested parties undertaking viewings of this site to be accompanied by a member of our staff. They must wear their own Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). If interested parties do not adhere to our policy and view the site unaccompanied or without PPE then they do so at their own risk and we/ the seller cannot be held liable for any personal injury or associated claim for compensation.

Supporting Information

Details of the person(s) or company that is offering to purchase the freehold interest. Any company should include details of the full company name, registration number, registered address and contact details for the individual submitting the offer. Please see the

Submission of Offers document at the end of this brochure.

The applicant must provide detailed information to confirm their funding arrangements not only for the acquisition, but also any redevelopment/refurbishment proposed.



Notice is hereby given that:

These particulars are set out as a general outline only for the guidance of interested purchasers and do not constitute, or constitute part of, an offer or contract. All descriptions, dimension, reference to condition and necessary permissions for use and occupation, and other details are given without responsibility and intending purchasers should not reply on them as statements or representatives of fact but must satisfy themselves by inspection or otherwise as to the correctness of each of them.

Contractual Obligations

The purchaser will be required to exchange contracts within 6 weeks of the draft contract being provided to the successful applicant's solicitor. If the purchaser fails to meet the required timescale, the vendor reserves the right to withdraw from the transaction without any payment or reimbursement of any fees, costs or compensation to the purchaser.

The purchaser will be required to complete the purchase within 4 weeks of conditions being satisfied. If the purchaser fails to meet the required timescale, the Council reserves the right to withdraw from the transaction without any payment or reimbursement of any fees, costs or compensation to the purchaser.

The Council reserves the right to repurchase the site at the original sale price, or the current market value whichever is lower, if development has not commenced within 12 months of the completion of the sale.

The Council further reserves the right to repurchase the site if development has not completed within 36 months of the completion of the sale. If development has commenced the purchase price shall be the original price paid for the plot or the current open market value of the unfinished development, whichever is the lower.

The Council reserves the right to impose a Clawback provision in the event that a subsequent planning consent enhances the value of the site, if deemed appropriate.

No person in the employment of the Vendors has any authority to make or give any representation or warranty whatever in relation to this property.

The Vendors are not bound to accept the highest or any offer. Offers based on phased payments will not be considered by the vendor. The vendor will also require evidence of proof of finance prior to any offer being accepted through the form of bank statements, finance agreement or a mortgage offer in principle.

Money Laundering Legislation

The Council will need to comply with the anti - money laundering legislation and will take all necessary steps to comply with the legislation.

Contacts for Further Information

Strategy and Property Management (Sales/Marketing)

Adam Marr

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Regeneration, Economy and Growth

Durham County Council

County Hall Durham

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Planning

Planning Development (North)

Regeneration, Economy and Growth

Durham County Council

County Hall Durham DH1 5UL

Telephone: 03000 262 830

Email: Planning@durham.gov.uk

Spatial Policy

Regeneration, Economy and Growth

Durham County Council

County Hall

Durham

DH1 5UQ

Telephone: 03000 261 907

Email: **Spatialpolicy@durham.gov.uk**

Highways

Highway Development Management

Transport

Regeneration, Economy and Growth

Durham County Council

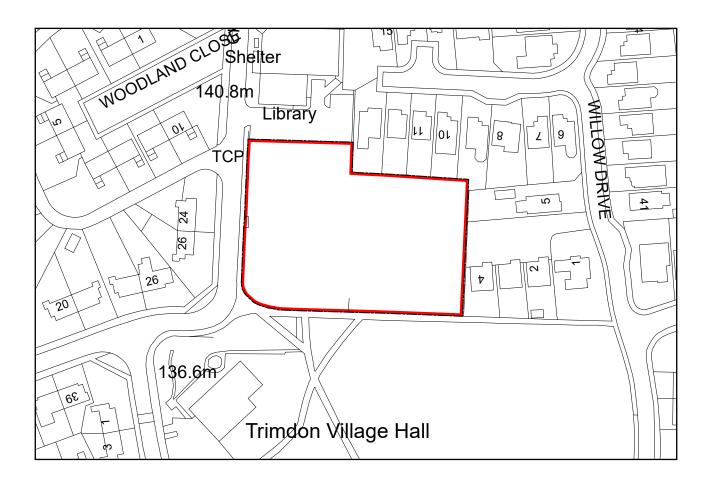
County Hall Durham

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For

Land to the east of Church Road, Trimdon Village, County Durham TS29 6LB



Subject to Contract and Council Approval

Head of Legal and Democratic Services Durham County Council County Hall Durham DH1 5UL

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Durham County Council requests that perspective buyers submit their proposals for the site by no later than 4pm on Monday 3rd June 2024.

1. Site

We (the buyer) confirm that we are offering to acquire the site known as Land to the east of Church Road, Trimdon Village, County Durham TS29 6LB. The site is registered with the Land Registry under title number(s): DU253435. It is shown outlined in red on the site plan contained within the information pack and within the sale particulars.

2. Offer

We (the buyer) confirm we are offering the purchase price of: £

Total sum in words:

Please note that DCC are seeking a fixed purchase price that is not subject to any further deductions.

3. Lump Sum or Deferred Payment

We (the buyer) confirm that we are offering [a lump sum/deferred payments]. If you/ your company is offering deferred payments, please can you provide the [sum/%], payment periods below:

Please note that the DCC preference is for full payment on completion of the sale of the site.

4. Deposit

We (the buyer) confirm that we are offering a [(non-refundable/refundable/or a combination of the two)] deposit of:

[%/£]

Total sum in words:

Please note that DCC's preference is for a non-refundable deposit.

Complete/Print out and complete

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5.	Overage
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Contact name:

Position Held:

5.	Overage We (the buyer) confirm that we [are/are not] offering an overage: If you are, please give details below:
6.	Prospective Purchaser Please confirm your company details below: Company name: Registered office/company number: Address:
	Postcode: Contact name: Position Held: Telephone No: Email:
7.	Prospective Purchaser's Solicitor Please confirm your solicitor's details below: Company name: Registered office/company number: Address:
	Postcode:

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	Telephone No:
	Email:
8.	Company Status
	With the offer, please provide a copy of your company's audited accounts for the last 2-years and/or proof of funding.
9.	Funding Arrangements
	Please confirm your company's bank and funding arrangements below:
	Company name:
	Registered office/company number:
	Address:
	Postcode:
	Contact name:
	Position Held:
	Telephone No:
	Email:
10.	Conditions
	Please confirm all of the conditions relating to the offer:

If any further intrusive and/or survey work is undertaken by the buyer, as part of its due diligence, then such work will be undertaken in the joint names of DCC and the buyer, together with a letter of reliance being provided by the consultants to DCC.

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11. Proposed Layout and Schedule of Accommodation

Please can you provide your company's proposed layout and schedule of accommodation. This should take into consideration the information contained within the sales brochure, information pack and your own inquiries of the planning Department at DCC, in relation to the site.

12. Gross Development Value

Please provide your company's opinion on the Gross Development value and prices (£ per sq. ft.) for open market and affordable dwellings. (If applicable) please also confirm the Registered Provider that you will be using:

13. Assumptions and Allowances

Please confirm the assumptions and allowances that your company has made in respect of:

i. Ground Conditions and Foundation Specification

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ii.	Surface	water	and fou	l water	drainage

iii. Provision of services

iv. Any abnormal costs

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	V.	The provision of affordable housing (overall %, tenure mix and unit mix) (if applicable)
	vi.	Approach to Nutrient Neutrality
14.		ormation Pack
		ase confirm that you have read and understood the various reports and surveys tained within the information pack.
15.	Tim	nescales
	Plea	ase confirm your timescales for the following: -
	Exc	hange of Contracts

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Board Approval (please also include board approval procedure)
Pre-application Enquiry (if applicable)
Site Investigations
Planning Application (submission of)
Planning Application (submission of)

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Submission of Offers

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	Completion
	Delivery/Development
16.	Longstop Date Please confirm your company's proposed longstop date:
17.	Legal and Agents Fees Please confirm that your company will cover DCC's reasonable legal (TBC) and
	agents fees (3% subject to a minimum of £1,000) associated with the sale of the site:
	ham County Council is not bound to accept the highest or any offer received. er to be submitted no later than 4.00 pm on Monday 3rd June 2024.

Remember to enclose scheme plans and proposals with full details of proposed use.

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PLEASE AFFIX STAMP

URGENT - OFFER FOR LAND TO THE EAST OF CHURCH ROAD, TRIMDON VILLAGE, COUNTY DURHAM TS29 6LB

HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY HALL **DURHAM** DH1 5UL

COMPLETED OFFER FORMS SHOULD REACH COUNTY HALL NO LATER THAN 4.00pm. ON MONDAY 3RD JUNE 2024