

# **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

Prime Long Leasehold Leisure Investment let to Buzz Group Ltd

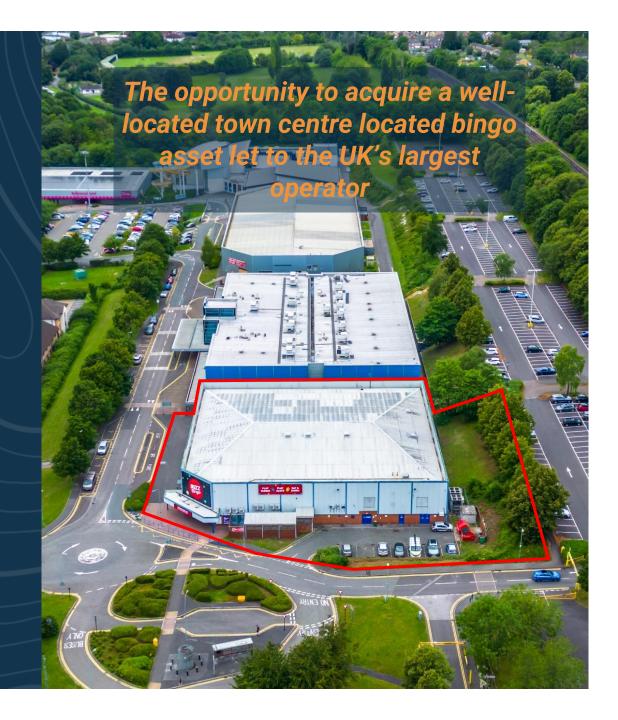
Excellent Leisure Park location neighbouring national operators including **Odeon Cinemas**, **Hollywood Bowl** and **McDonald's** 

FRI Lease to Buzz Group Ltd. Unexpired term of **15.9 years**. Expiry **24**<sup>th</sup> **December 2039** 

January 2024 estimated rent of £439,542 p.a. (£17.60 psf). Annual January RPI uplifts collared and capped at 1% and 4%.

The property is held on a long leasehold basis with 97.7 years unexpired and a head rent of £49,500 p.a. Head Rent is paid directly by the tenant, not the Long Leaseholder

The property extends 24,978 sq ft (2,320 sq m) on a 0.89 acre (0.36 hectares) site



### **BUZZ BINGO BASINGSTOKE**

#### LOCATION

Buzz Bingo Basingstoke is located in Basingstoke Leisure Park, 1.25 miles west of the town centre, an area which has been earmarked for regeneration – see details

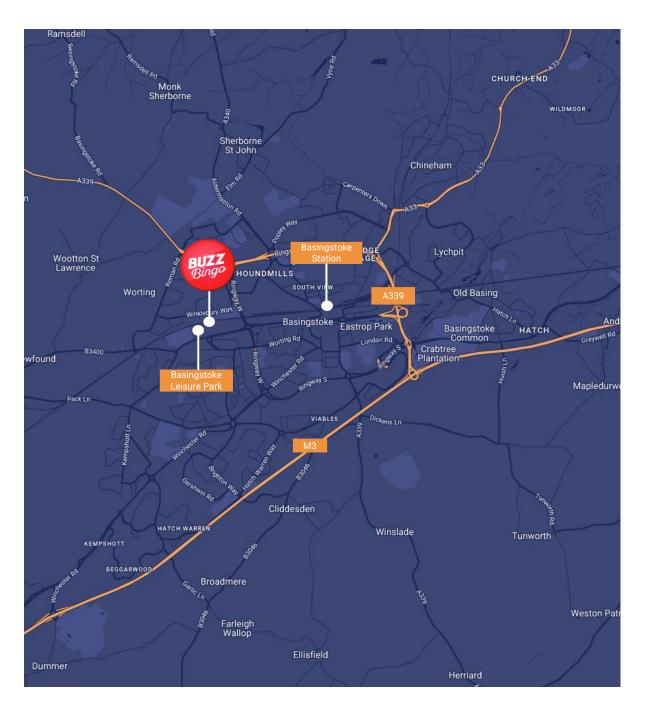
The asset benefits from excellent connectivity, situated a short distance from the A339, a major road in southern England connecting the towns of Basingstoke and Newbury. The A339 also provides access to the M3 motorway which facilitates efficient travel to key cities including London, Southampton and Portsmouth. Basingstoke Rail Station is 1.30 miles from the site providing regular services to London and other destinations across the South of England.

### **SITUATION**

The property occupies a prominent position on the East side of Basingstoke Leisure Park. Neighbouring occupiers within the Leisure Park include Basingstoke Aquadrome, Odeon Cinema, Hollywood Bowl, Planet Ice, Premier Inn and McDonald's. Other nearby attractions include Basingstoke Golf Centre, the Milestones Museum and Basingstoke F.C.

### PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

A purpose-built bingo club extending 24,978 sq ft on a 0.89 acre site. The property benefits from a smoking shelter and outdoor bingo terrace, as well as disabled access. There are 7 dedicated on-site customer parking spaces in addition to the wider parking provision across the leisure park.



### **BUZZ BINGO BASINGSTOKE**

#### **KEY INFORMATION**

Tenure	Long Leasehold
Lease Term	Approximately 24 years 11 months from 27th January 2015 to and including 24th December 2039
Tenant	Buzz Group Ltd
Rental Income	January 2024 Estimated £439,542 p.a. (£17.60 psf)
Rent Review Clause	Subject to annual December RPI uplifts collar and capped at 1% and 4%. Next rent review January 2025.
Headlease Term	125 years from 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 1996 (97.7 years unexpired)
Head Rent (Tenant Pays)	£49,500 p.a. 5 yearly rent reviews (16.2% rack rent value), next review 2026
Rateable Value	£116,000
EPC	D
Planning	Sui Generis
VAT	The property is elected for VAT

### BUZZ GROUP LTD IS THE LARGEST BINGO OPERATOR IN THE UK WITH 82 OPERATIONAL CLUBS



### **TENANT COVENANT**

- \* Buzz Group Ltd (formerly Gala Leisure Ltd) was acquired by Caledonia Investments in September 2015 for over £240m.
- \* Between 2017-2018, the business underwent a major rebranding both in name and offering with significant investment into gaming technology.
- + As part of the rebrand, Buzz Bingo, together with Playtech, began to provide ground breaking content delivery and the synchronisation of the retail and new online gaming platform to create a sophisticated omni-channel offering.
- + Buzz Bingo underwent a CVA in 2020 when it was acquired by its lenders, Intermediate Capital Group (ICG).
- + Buzz Bingo emerged from the CVA having rebased many of its rents and also surrendering loss making sites to create a more profitable and dynamic group.
- \* Buzz Bingo has demonstrated a resilient post-pandemic recovery, posting an operating profit of £10.2m in 2021, compared to an £11.0m loss in the previous year. Additionally, November 2022 saw a change in leadership at Buzz, with Dominic Mansour appointed CEO.
- + Many of the club revenues have now returned to pre-COVID levels as the bingo market continues to show signs of growth.
- + Group Turnover in January 2022 was £137.5m with a Gross Profit of £92.2m
- + 3A4 D&B Rated Covenant September 2023.

### **UK BINGO MARKET**

#### **INVESTMENT MARKET**

- + Investor demand is recovering across all elements of the hospitality sector. Gaming is benefitting due to operators focusing on their successful venues and closing weaker premises, thereby providing stronger rent cover on remaining clubs and, in turn, more profitable tenant companies.
- <sup>+</sup> This is encouraging investor demand for these long income opportunities, particularly for clubs benefitting from annual indexation to RPI levels.
- <sup>+</sup> The affordability of bingo clubs compares well with out-of-town destination retail, logistics and roadside uses offering investors excellent returns in an improving market. This is also underpinned by low base rents coupled with strong alternative underwrites.
- <sup>+</sup> The recovery in the gaming investment sector is proven by the following transactions:

Date	Club Name	Tenure	Rent p.a.	Area (Sq ft )	Price	NIY	Term (yrs)
Jun-23	Mecca Bingo, Oldbury	FH	£488,768	31,690	£6.0m	7.65%	2.8
Oct-22	Buzz Bingo, Walsall	FH	£233,358	28,850	£2.3m	9.50%	16.0
Jun-22	Mecca Bingo Portfolio of 3 Clubs	FH	£585,000	96,500	£7.0m	7.75%	4.5
Apr-22	Mecca Bingo, Hartlepool	FH	£277,680	30,138	£2.6m	10.00%	5.0
Mar-22	Buzz Bingo, Birmingham Longbridge	FH	£281,845	25,660	£2.9m	9.10%	2.5
Mar-22	Mecca Bingo, Bradford	FH	£100,541	32,396	£1.8m	5.23%	16.0

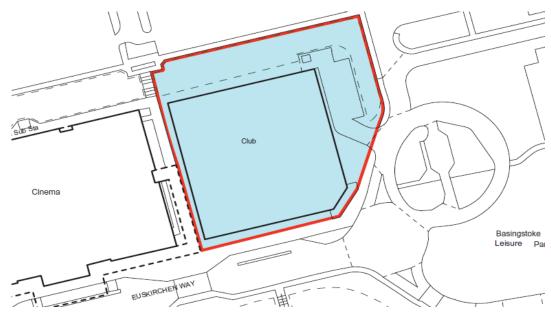
#### **RENTAL MARKET**

- Consolidation within the bingo sector has seen most new lettings occur from smaller operators such as Bingo 3000.
- Whilst the two main leaders, Mecca and Buzz, have been re-gearing and extending existing leases.
- The evidence below shows some examples of recent transactions as a benchmark for these rents.

Date	Club Name	Area (Sq ft)	Rent p.a.	Rent psf	Туре
Dec- 22	Buzz, Ashmore Park	27,318	£441,549	£16.16	Rent Review
Dec-22	Buzz, Grimsby	21,967	£322,468	£14.68	Rent Review
Sep-22	Mecca, Glasgow Forge	49,439	£472,500	£9.55	Lease Renewal
Feb-21	Mecca, Oldbury	31,690	£488,768	£15.42	Lease Renewal
Feb-18	Buzz, Derby	26,737	£318,750	£11.92	Lease re-gear
Jan-18	Club 3000, Blackpool	25,000	£250,000	£10.00	Open market letting
Dec-17	Buzz, Peterborough	34,928	£476,000	£13.63	Lease re-gear

## **BUZZ BINGO BASINGSTOKE**

### **TITLE PLAN**



### **ACCOMMODATION**

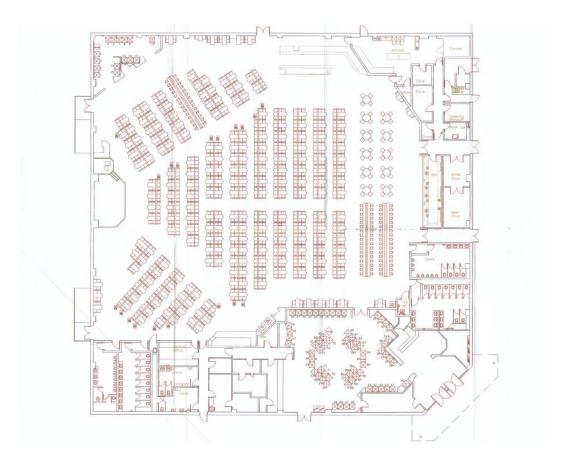
**Ground Floor** 

24,978 Sq ft (2,320 Sq m)

**Total GIA** 

24,978 Sq ft (2,320 Sq m)

### **FLOOR PLANS**



## **PROCESS**

Revised guide price of £2,740,000 (Two Million Seven Hundred and Forty Thousand Pounds). Subject to contract and exclusive of VAT for the asset.

This reflects a net initial yield of **15.00**% and a low capital value per square foot of **£75**.

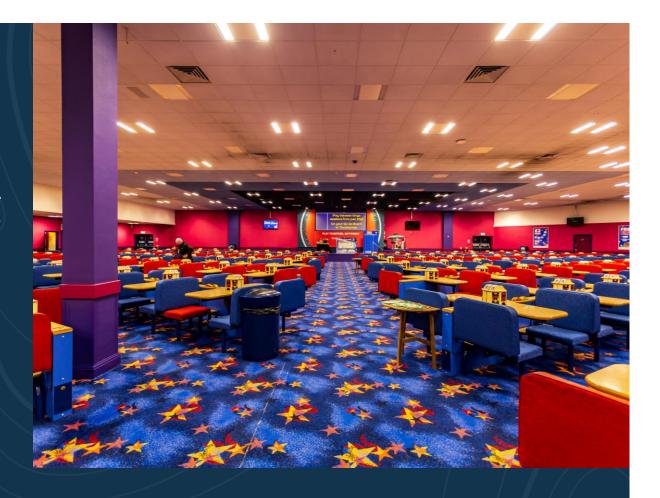
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