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**LIVE ONLINE AUCTION  
INFORMATION  
TO BE READ BY ALL BIDDERS**

GENERAL CONDITIONS, COMMON  
AUCTION CONDITIONS,  
AUCTIONEERS ADVICE & ADVERTS

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## Important notice to be read by all bidders

### Condition of Sale

Each Property/Lot will, unless previously withdrawn, be sold subject to the special and general conditions of sale which have been prepared by the Vendors Solicitors. These conditions are available for inspection prior to the auction sale at the Vendors Solicitors and Auctioneers offices and online at [www.cottons.co.uk](http://www.cottons.co.uk) and will also be available for inspection in the sale room on the day of the auction, but they will NOT then be read.

The purchaser shall be deemed to bid upon these terms whether they have inspected the conditions or not

### Auctioneers Advice

If your bid is successful, you will have entered into a binding contract to purchase that particular Lot. It is therefore important that you consider the following:

1. It is important for you to view the property and satisfy yourself as to the condition, obtaining any Surveyors reports you may feel appropriate. Viewing arrangements for each Lot are shown in the catalogue. Inspection of investment properties, is by courtesy of the tenant(s) and full consideration should be given to their occupancy.

2. It is assumed that interested parties have carefully inspected the relevant properties and made appropriate pre-contract searches and enquiries. You are advised to instruct your legal adviser to make these enquiries on your behalf. It is strongly recommended that prospective purchasers check the Auction particulars to satisfy themselves of the accuracy of all measurements, descriptions, statements etc and to confirm for their own purpose, any fixtures, fittings or contents present in the property, which are to be included or excluded from the sale. All measurements and areas referred to in these particulars are approximate only. Neither the Auctioneers nor the Vendor(s) are responsible for errors in description of any Lot or for any fault or defect, giving no warranty whatsoever, the buyers being held to have satisfied themselves as to the condition and description of the Lots before bidding. All information relating to investment properties has been provided by the vendors or agents acting on their behalf and whilst deemed to be accurate the auctioneers can provide no guarantees to this effect. All interested parties must satisfy themselves that the tenancy information contained within the auction catalogue is correct and bid on this basis.

3. The Auctioneers and/or Vendor(s) reserves the right to sell or withdraw any lot prior to the auction sale and cannot be held responsible for any abortive costs, losses or damages of a prospective purchaser. We would strongly recommend that you telephone on the day prior to the auction sale to confirm that the property you are interested in, is still for sale.

4. Some lots may be subject to last minute changes or corrections given on the day of the auction by way of addendum.

5. The Auctioneers provide no guarantee nor have they tested any of the services, sanitary fittings, drains and any other pipework, appliances, heating systems and electrical fittings. Prospective purchasers are advised to undertake their own investigations.

6. It is important that any finance arrangements are made well in advance of the auction date, as you will normally be expected to complete the sale within 28 days thereafter.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Bidders must arrive at the Auction with the required Identification Documents and an appropriate means of Deposit Payment. Full details are outlined below. If you fail to comply with these requirements, we will be unable to register you for Bidding.

### Proceeds of Crime Act 2002/ Money Laundering Regulations 2003

Money Laundering Regulations were introduced by the Government from 1st March 2004 governing the way in which auction deposits are taken.

To comply with this Act, we require all purchasers to pay their deposit by any of the following methods:

- **Bank/Building Society Draft**
- **Personal/Company Cheque (All cheques must be accompanied by a Bank/Building Society statement showing proof of funds)**
- **Card Payments**
  - Please note that we accept Visa and Mastercard Personal Debit Cards
  - Personal Credit Cards are NOT accepted
  - Business or Corporate Cards are accepted, which are subject to a surcharge of 1.8%
  - All Cards must be Chip & Pin enabled

All purchasers are requested to ensure that cleared funds are available on the day of the auction which may entail a transfer of funds to their bank account three days before the auction.

### ID

All purchasers will be required to provide proof of both their Identity and Current Address. We require that all parties intending to bid for any properties, must bring with them the following items:

- **Full UK Passport or Photo Driving Licence (for identification)**
- **Either a Recent Utility Bill, Council Tax Bill or Bank Statement (as proof of your residential address)**

### Third Party Bidding

If bidding on behalf of a third party, the bidder must provide the name and address of that third party on whose behalf they are bidding, together with required identification documents for both the successful bidder and for the third party, together with the third party's written authority under which the bid has been made.

7. We the Auctioneers may refuse to accept a bid. We do not have to explain why. If there is a dispute over bidding we are entitled to resolve it and our decision is final. Unless stated otherwise, each lot is subject to a reserve price. If no bid equals or exceeds that reserve price the lot will be withdrawn from the auction. The seller may bid (or ask us or another agent to bid on the seller's behalf) up to the reserve price but 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.

8. At the fall of the hammer the property is legally sold and the purchaser is liable for insuring the property they have purchased under the terms of the auction contract. The Auctioneers can arrange through their special "Auction Block Policy" insurance cover for 28 days from the auction date. This insurance is subject to receipt of instructions from the purchaser within 30 minutes of the sale, and subject to normal underwriting criteria.

9. At the fall of the hammer, the successful bidder must immediately present to the Auctioneers staff their name, address and solicitors details, and if bidding on behalf of a third party, the name and address of the person or company, on whose behalf they have been bidding. Proof of identity is required, so ensure that you bring with you a Driving Licence, Passport or other acceptable form of identification.

10. The successful bidder will be required to sign a contract and to deposit 10% of the purchase price or successful bid before leaving the auction room. If the purchaser fails to comply with this condition, the money deposited, in part payment or the full purchase price, if this has been paid by the purchaser, shall be forfeited and any or all of the Lots may, at the discretion of the Auctioneers, be re-sold by public or private sale and any deficiency, together with all costs, attending such a re-sale, shall be made good by the defaulter at this sale.

**11. If any question should arise, not provided for in any of the conditions, the Auctioneers shall decide the same and their decision shall be final.**

12. The Auctioneers reserve the right to photograph successful bidders for security purposes.

13. The successful bidder will be required to pay an Administration Fee of **£1250** (inclusive of VAT), in addition to the 10% deposit (subject to a minimum deposit of £2000), being payable on each lot purchased whether purchasing prior, during or after auction, except for Lots with a purchase price of £10,000 or less, then the fee will be £250 (inclusive of VAT).

14. Value Added Tax: It is the responsibility of all bidders to inspect the legal packs and make their own enquiries relating to whether or not VAT will be charged in addition to the purchase price for a particular Lot.

15. If you have never been to an auction or require more information about a particular Lot, you are welcome to contact our office with any enquiries which you may have. All bidders are reminded that it is their responsibility to inspect the legal packs to satisfy themselves that they are fully aware of all terms and conditions including any Auctioneers or Solicitors fees/costs and Disbursements for which they are responsible, completion dates and other relevant matters that they will be obliged to comply with once they have successfully purchased the property. The auctioneers assume that by bidding for a property you have made all appropriate enquiries.

16. Under the provisions of the general data protection regulations (GDPR), please review our privacy policy located on our website [www.cottons.co.uk/contact/](http://www.cottons.co.uk/contact/) if you require any clarification upon how we hold data.

If bidding for a company evidence of the company's incorporation, directorships and required identification documents for the authorised officer together with written authority to bid should be provided.

The successful bidder will be required to sign a contract and to deposit 10% of the purchase price or successful bid and pay the auctioneer's administration fee before leaving the auction room.

If you have questions regarding deposit payment or relating to the documentation required, then please do not hesitate to contact the auction department prior to the sale day.

### Misrepresentation Act

The Auctioneers for themselves and for the Vendors or Lessors of the property, whose agents they are, give notice that:

1. The particulars are set out as a general outline only for the guidance of intending purchasers or lessees, and do not constitute nor constitute part of any offer or contract.
2. All descriptions, dimensions, references to conditions and necessary permissions for use and occupation and any other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct. Any intending purchasers or tenants should not rely on them as statements or representations of fact, but must satisfy themselves by inspection or otherwise as to the correctness of each of them.
3. No person in the employment of the Auctioneers has authority to make any or give any representation or warranty whatever in relation to these properties.

### Definition

#### Definition of Guide Prices

The guide price is an indication of the seller's current minimum price expectation at auction and the guide price, or range of guide prices, is given to assist prospective purchasers. 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 and bidders will be notified of this change on our website and by the auctioneer prior to the lot being offered.

#### 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. 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 and the Final Reserve Price will be agreed between the auctioneer and the seller prior to the auction sale. Whilst the reserve price is confidential it will usually be set within the quoted guide range and in any event will not exceed the highest quoted guide price.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE RELATING TO FEES / COSTS / CHARGES PAYABLE BY THE BUYER IN ADDITION TO THE PURCHASE PRICE**

### **AUCTION ADMINISTRATION FEE**

All buyers will be required to pay an Auction Administration Fee of £1,250 (Inclusive of VAT) payable on each Lot purchased whether purchasing prior, during or after auction, except for Lots with a purchase price of £10,000 or less, in which case the fee will be £250 (Inclusive of VAT).

### **ADDITIONAL FEES / COSTS / CHARGES**

Additional Fees / Costs / Charges MAY be payable by the buyer in addition to the purchase price. These MAY include sellers search costs/disbursements, reimbursement of sellers solicitors & auctioneers costs, outstanding service charge, ground rent payments, rent arrears / apportionment of rent, Value Added Tax (VAT), Stamp Duty, etc. and all prospective purchasers are advised to inspect the Legal Documents including the Sale Contract / Special Conditions and seek their own independent legal advice as to the full cost of purchasing a specific property.

**It is assumed all bidders have inspected the Legal Packs available on our website and in the Auction Room prior to bidding and are fully aware of all terms and conditions including any Fees / Costs / Charges for which they are responsible, completion dates and other relevant matters that they will be obliged to comply with, once they have successfully purchased the property.**

## **AUCTION TEAM**

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This is a Live Online Auction.

The auction will go ahead with all bidders able to carry out telephone, proxy or internet bids to secure their purchases, however it will be held behind closed doors with no public attendance.

You must submit your telephone, proxy or internet bid by completing the form contained on Page 7 of this catalogue and also on our website, providing ID documents, proof of funds and then the required Bidding Security payments of £6,250, which shall be fully refunded in the event your bid is unsuccessful.

All Bidding Registrations should be received no later than 24 prior to the auction sale to allow sufficient time for processing. Please don't leave it too late.

Telephone Bids will be strictly on a first come first served basis.

To discuss any matter please contact the Auction Team on 0121 247 2233

## **DEPOSITS AND ADMINISTRATION FEE**

On the fall of the hammer the successful bidder will be deemed to have legally purchased the lot and will be required to pay a deposit representing 10% of the purchase price (subject to a minimum of £2000).

In addition an Administration fee of £1,250 (inclusive of VAT) being payable on each lot purchased whether purchasing prior, during or after auction, except for lots with a purchase price of £10,000 or less then the fee will be £250 (inclusive of VAT).

Payment will be required by bank transfer within 24 hours of the auction ending and your bidding security payment will be credited against the monies due.

- All purchasers are requested to ensure that cleared funds are available on the day of the auction which may entail a transfer of funds to their bank account three days before the auction.

If you need any help please contact the Auction Team Tel 0121 247 2233



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Please note all Legal Packs are available on our website and all parties wishing to inspect a Legal Pack must register their correct details and password with the site. The Legal Packs are updated regularly during our marketing but documents may be added or changed during this period prior to the auction. Whilst we will endeavour to inform all persons registered for Legal Packs of any changes it is the responsibility of all bidders to re-check the Legal Packs for any changes prior to bidding and the Auctioneers/ Vendors accept no liability whatsoever for a bidder not adhering to this advise.

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## Sale Memorandum

Date

Name and address of **seller**

Name and address of **buyer**

The **lot**

The **price** (excluding any **VAT**)

Deposit paid

The **seller** agrees to sell and the **buyer** agrees to buy the **lot** for the **price**. This agreement is subject to the **conditions** so far as they apply to the **lot**.

We acknowledge receipt of the deposit \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by the **buyer**

Signed by us as agent for the **seller**

The **buyer's** conveyancer is

Name

Address

Contact

# Common Auction Conditions for Auction of Real Estate in England & Wales

## 4th Edition

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. We recommend that these conditions are set out in a two-part notice to bidders in the auction catalogue, part one containing advisory material — which auctioneers can tailor to their needs — and part two the auction conduct conditions.

### 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.

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 printed in bold black type appear in bold blue 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** 69.3:

- (a) the date specified in the **special condition**; 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 rent charge).

### 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**.

**Your** (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 blue 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) treat 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 £2000 (or the total **price**, if less).

A **special condition** may, however, require a higher minimum deposit.

**A6.2** The deposit will be held by the **auctioneers** as agents for the **seller** unless the sale is subject to **VAT** when it will be held as stakeholder.

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

The **general conditions** (including any extra general conditions) apply to the **contract** except to the extent that they are varied by **special conditions** or by an **addendum**.

#### **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

(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 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**.

#### **G30. Extra General Conditions**

G30.1 If a cheque for all or part of the deposit is not cleared on first presentation, the **auctioneers** are under no obligation to re-present the cheque, but should they do so (at their sole discretion) then the **buyer** will pay to the **auctioneers** a fee of £100 plus VAT, such payment being due whether or not the cheque ultimately clears.

G30.2 Vacant possession of the **lot** shall be given to the **buyer** on **completion** except where stated in the **special conditions**. The **buyer** accepts that vacant possession of the whole or any part of the **lot** offered with vacant possession notwithstanding that:

(a) there may be furniture fittings or effects remaining at the **lot** in which case the **buyer** shall not be entitled to require the removal of such items or delay **completion** on the grounds that the existence of such items does not constitute vacant possession, and

(b) that all or part of the **lot** whether comprising a house, part of a house, flat or flats may not legally be used for immediate residential occupation.

G30.3 The **buyer** will pay to the **auctioneers** a Buyers Administration Fee of £600 inclusive of VAT (£300 for transactions of less than £10,000). If for any reason this sum is not paid on exchange of contracts then it will be payable to the **seller's** solicitors on **completion** in addition to the purchase **price**.

G30.4 Any description of the **lot** which includes reference to its use does not imply or warrant that it may be legally used for that purpose.

G30.5 If the **buyer** is unable to provide adequate means of identification in the auction room either for himself or for the contractual **buyer** (if this is different) the **auctioneers** may retain the **sale memorandum** signed by or on behalf of the **seller** until such identification is produced and in the absence of its production may (as agents for the **seller**) treat this as the **buyers** repudiation of the **contract** and re-offer the **lot** for sale.

G30.6 The **auctioneers** shall be under no financial liability in respect of any matters arising out of the **auction** or the **particulars** of any **lot** or any of the **conditions** relating to any **lot**. No claims shall be made against the **auctioneers** by the **buyer** in respect of any loss or damage or claim actually or allegedly suffered by or made against the **buyer** by reason of the **buyer** entering into the **contract**.

G30.7 The **auctioneers** have undertaken their best endeavours to satisfy themselves as to the bone fides of the **seller** and that he is the beneficial owner but we give no warranty.

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