



Connells

Tom Browns & Autobitz High East Street
Dorchester



Property Description

The property comprises two adjoining mid-terrace buildings known as Tom Browns and Autobitz, located in a prominent position in central Dorchester. Tom Browns is a well-established public house arranged over ground and first floors, featuring a function room on the upper level and a spacious beer garden to the rear. Above the licensed trade areas are two self-contained residential flats, arranged over the first and second floors. Adjacent to this, Autobitz is a commercial premises (Use Class E) comprising a large open-plan retail showroom on the ground floor, upper-level storage, and a rare and substantial rear barn currently used for additional storage purposes.

Full planning permission has been secured for a comprehensive mixed-use redevelopment. The approved scheme includes the retention and continued use of the ground floor of Tom Browns as a public house (currently under management), conversion of the vacant Autobitz retail unit into a commercial unit, and the creation of four new residential flats above. To the rear, consent has been granted for the construction of five new dwellings (three houses and two flats), alongside associated access improvements and landscaped communal areas.

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Internal Accommodations

Tom Browns Public House offers a traditional ground floor bar area, a skittle alley/function room, a fully equipped commercial kitchen, and a lower ground floor beer cellar.

Residential Flats are located above the public house. The first floor flat is a generously sized three-bedroom apartment comprising a separate dining room and sitting room, along with a family bathroom. The second floor flat offers two bedrooms, a fitted kitchen, a separate lounge, a shower room, and a separate WC, providing well-proportioned living space suitable for owner-occupation or letting.

Autobitz Unit includes three sizeable open-plan retail zones on the ground floor, three individual office rooms, a staff kitchen, and a substantial rear barn ideal for storage or ancillary commercial use. On the first floor, there are two additional storage rooms, offering further scope for commercial or alternative use subject to planning.

External Features

The rear of the site includes a generous beer garden and courtyard with seating capacity for approximately 60 patrons, serving as a valuable outdoor amenity for the public house.

Location

Situated at 47-48 High East Street, the property enjoys a prime location in the heart of Dorchester, the historic county town of Dorset. The town benefits from strong transport links, with the A35 and A37 connecting it to nearby centres such as Bridport, Weymouth, and Poole. Dorchester is also well served by public transport, with Dorchester South and Dorchester West stations providing mainline rail services to regional and national destinations.

Total Site Area: 0.406 acres (0.164 hectares)

Planning Information

Full planning permission was granted on 15 October 2024 under reference P/FUL/2021/02397. The consent allows for the refurbishment of No. 47, including conversion of the rear into a residential dwelling (Use Class C3), and the demolition and reconstruction of No. 48 to provide a ground floor commercial unit (Use Class E or Public House (Sui Generis)) with four residential flats above. Additionally, the approved plans include the development of five new dwellings-three houses and two flats-positioned to the rear of the site, complete with access arrangements and landscaping.

Tenure

The property is offered for sale on a Freehold basis.

Service

We are advised that all mains services are connected to the property.

Rateable Values & Council Tax

According to the latest figures from West Dorset District Council:

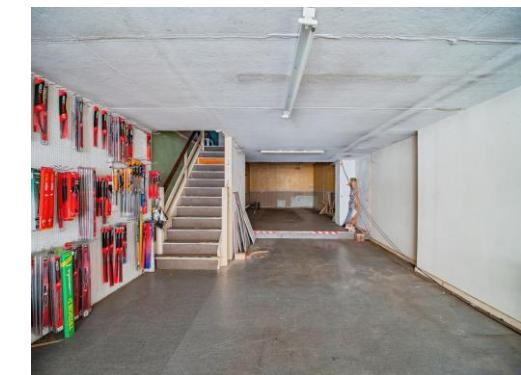
o Tom Browns: £13,750

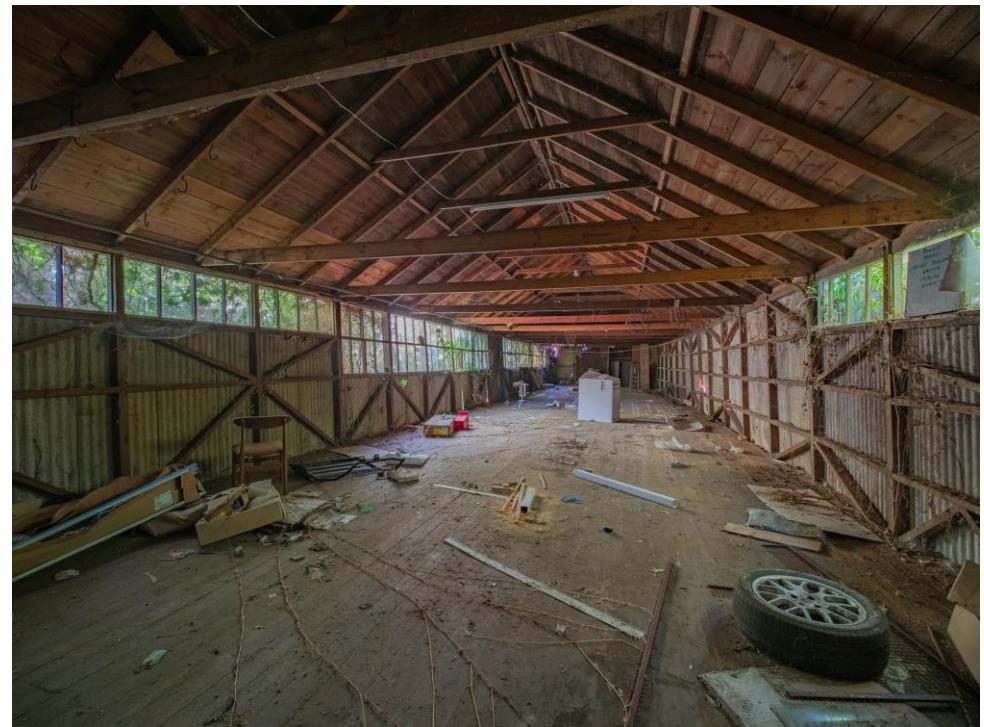
o Autobitz: £23,250

Each residential flat is self-contained and assessed within Council Tax Band B.

Licensing

The premises benefits from an existing premises licence.









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