

Common Auction Conditions (Edition 4)

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INTRODUCTION

The Common Auction Conditions are designed for real estate auctions, to set a consistent practice across the industry. There are three sections, all of which must be included without variation, except where stated:

GLOSSARY

The glossary gives special meanings to certain words used in the conditions.

AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

The Auction Conduct Conditions govern the relationship between the auctioneer and anyone who participates in the auction. They apply wherever the property is located, and cannot be changed without the auctioneer's agreement.

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

SALE CONDITIONS

The Sale Conditions apply only to property in England and Wales, and 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. They must not be used if other standard conditions apply.

GLOSSARY

This glossary applies to the AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS and the SALE CONDITIONS. It is a compulsory section of the Common AUCTION Conditions that must be included without variation (but the SPECIAL CONDITIONS may include defined words that differ from the glossary so long as they apply only to the SPECIAL CONDITIONS).

The laws of England and Wales apply to the CONDITIONS and YOU, WE, the SELLER and the BUYER all submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of England and Wales.

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 appear in small capitals 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 G9.3:

- the date specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS; or
- 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 is regulated by a competent UK regulatory authority 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) Saturday or Sunday or (b) a bank or public holiday in England and Wales.

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 for the AUCTION as it exists at the date of the AUCTION (or, if the catalogue is then different, the date of the CONTRACT) including any ADDENDUM and whether printed or made available electronically.

COMPLETION

Unless the SELLER and the BUYER otherwise agree, the occasion when they have both complied with the obligations under the CONTRACT that they are obliged to comply with prior to COMPLETION, and the amount payable on COMPLETION has been unconditionally received in the SELLER'S conveyancer's client account (or as otherwise required by the terms of the CONTRACT).

CONDITION

One of the AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS or SALE 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 sold before or after 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 (apart from FINANCIAL CHARGES).

EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS

Any CONDITIONS added or varied by the AUCTIONEERS starting at CONDITION G30.

FINANCIAL CHARGE

A charge to secure a loan or other financial indebtedness (but not including a rentcharge or local land charge).

GENERAL CONDITIONS

The SALE CONDITIONS headed 'GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE'; including any EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS.

INTEREST RATE

If not specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, the higher of 6% and 4% above the base rate from time to time of Barclays Bank plc. The INTEREST RATE will also apply to any judgment debt, unless the statutory rate is higher.

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, a person undertaking a similar role).

PRICE

The PRICE (exclusive of VAT) 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 schedule of TENANCIES (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.

YOU (and YOUR)

Someone who has seen the CATALOGUE or who attends or bids at or otherwise participates in the AUCTION, whether or not a BUYER.

AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS

Words in small capitals have the special meanings defined in the Glossary. The AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS (as supplemented or varied by CONDITION A6, if applicable) are a compulsory section of the Common Auction Conditions. They cannot be disappled or varied without OUR agreement, even by a CONDITION purporting to replace the Common Auction Conditions in their entirety.

A1 INTRODUCTION

A1.1 The AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS apply wherever the LOT is located.

A1.2 If YOU make a bid for a LOT or otherwise participate in the AUCTION it is on the basis that YOU accept these AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS. They govern OUR relationship with YOU. 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 or fails to provide identification as required by the AUCTIONEERS.

OUR decision on the conduct of the AUCTION is final.

A2.2 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.

A2.3 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.

A2.4 WE may refuse to admit one or more persons to the AUCTION without having to explain why.

A2.5 YOU may not be allowed to bid unless YOU provide such evidence of YOUR identity and other information as WE reasonably require from all bidders.

A3 BIDDING AND RESERVE PRICES

A3.1 All bids are to be made in pounds sterling exclusive of 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.

A4 THE PARTICULARS AND OTHER INFORMATION

A4.1 WE have taken reasonable care to prepare PARTICULARS that correctly describe each LOT.

A4.2 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.

A4.3 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.

A4.4 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.

A4.5 If WE provide information, or a copy of a DOCUMENT, 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 only 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). 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.

A5.3 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.

A5.4 The deposit

(a) must be paid in pounds sterling by cheque or by bankers' draft made payable to US (or, at OUR option, the SELLER'S conveyancer) drawn on an APPROVED FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (CONDITION A6 may state if WE accept any other form of payment);

(b) may be declined by US unless drawn on YOUR account, or that of the BUYER, or of another person who (we are satisfied) would not expose US to a breach of money laundering regulations;

(c) is to be held by US (or, at OUR option, the SELLER'S conveyancer); and

(d) 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 stakeholder unless the SALE CONDITIONS require it to be held as agent for the SELLER.

A5.5 WE may retain the SALE MEMORANDUM signed by or on behalf of the SELLER until the deposit has been received in cleared funds.

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A5.7	Where WE hold the deposit as stakeholder WE 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.		(a) the LOT is sold subject to a TENANCY that requires the SELLER to insure the LOT or	G5	TRANSFER
A5.8	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.	G3.2	(b) the SPECIAL CONDITIONS require the SELLER to insure the LOT. If the SELLER is required to insure the LOT then the SELLER (a) must produce to the BUYER on request all relevant insurance details; (b) must use reasonable endeavours to maintain that or equivalent insurance and pay the premiums when due; (c) gives no warranty as to the adequacy of the insurance; (d) must 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) must, 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 as from the CONTRACT DATE (to the extent not already paid by the BUYER or a tenant or other third party).	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.
A5.9	Where the BUYER is a company YOU warrant that the BUYER is properly constituted and able to buy the LOT.			G5.2	If the SELLER has any liability (other than to the BUYER) 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.
GENERAL CONDITIONS OF SALE					
Words in small capitals have the special meanings defined in the Glossary. The GENERAL CONDITIONS (as WE supplement or change them by any EXTRA GENERAL CONDITIONS or ADDENDUM) are compulsory but may be disappplied or changed in relation to one or more LOTS by SPECIAL CONDITIONS. The template form of SALE MEMORANDUM is not compulsory but is to be varied only if WE agree. The template forms of SPECIAL CONDITIONS and schedules are recommended, but are not compulsory and may be changed by the SELLER of a LOT.					
G1	THE LOT			G5.3	The SELLER cannot be required to TRANSFER the LOT to anyone other than the BUYER, or by more than one TRANSFER.
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 is that referred to in the SALE MEMORANDUM.			G5.4	Where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state that the SELLER is to grant a new lease to the BUYER (a) the CONDITIONS are to be read so that the TRANSFER refers to the new lease, the SELLER to the proposed landlord and the BUYER to the proposed tenant; (b) the form of new lease is that described by the SPECIAL CONDITIONS; and (c) the SELLER is to produce, at least five BUSINESS DAYS before the AGREED COMPLETION DATE, the engrossed counterpart lease, which the BUYER is to sign and deliver to the SELLER on COMPLETION.
G1.2	The LOT is sold subject to any TENANCIES disclosed by the SPECIAL CONDITIONS, but otherwise with vacant possession on COMPLETION.	G3.3	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.	G6	COMPLETION
G1.3	The LOT is sold subject to all matters contained or referred to in the DOCUMENTS. The SELLER must discharge FINANCIAL CHARGES on or before COMPLETION.	G3.4	Section 47 of the Law of Property Act 1925 does not apply to the CONTRACT.	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.
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, under 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.	G3.5	Unless the BUYER is already lawfully in occupation of the LOT the BUYER has no right to enter into occupation prior to COMPLETION.	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, but no other amounts unless specified in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.
		G4	TITLE AND IDENTITY	G6.3	Payment is to be made in pounds sterling and only by (a) direct TRANSFER from the BUYER'S conveyancer to the SELLER'S conveyancer; and (b) the release of any deposit held by a stakeholder or in such other manner as the SELLER'S conveyancer may agree.
		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 to any of the DOCUMENTS that is made available before the AUCTION or any other matter, except one that occurs after the CONTRACT DATE.	G6.4	Unless the SELLER and the BUYER otherwise agree, COMPLETION cannot take place until both have complied with the obligations under the CONTRACT that they are obliged to comply with prior to COMPLETION, and the amount payable on COMPLETION is unconditionally received in the SELLER'S conveyancer's client account or as otherwise required by the terms of the CONTRACT.
		G4.2	The following provisions apply only to any of the following DOCUMENTS that is not made available before the AUCTION: (a) 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. (b) If the LOT is not registered land the SELLER is to give to the BUYER within five BUSINESS DAYS of the CONTRACT DATE 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. (c) If title is in the course of registration, title is to consist of: (i) certified copies of the application for registration of title made to the Land Registry and of the DOCUMENTS accompanying that application; (ii) evidence that all applicable stamp duty land tax relating to that application has been paid; and (iii) 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.	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.
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.			G6.6	Where applicable the CONTRACT remains in force following COMPLETION.
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.			G7	NOTICE TO COMPLETE
G1.7	The LOT does not include any tenant's or trade fixtures or fittings. The SPECIAL CONDITIONS state whether any chattels are included in the LOT, but if they are: (a) the BUYER takes them as they are at COMPLETION and the SELLER is not liable if they are not fit for use, and (b) the SELLER is to leave them at the LOT.			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. The person giving the notice must be READY TO COMPLETE. 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.
G1.8	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.	G4.3	(d) 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. 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(1)(b) 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.	G7.2	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.
G1.9	The BUYER admits that it is not relying on the information contained in the PARTICULARS or on any representations made by or on behalf of the SELLER but the BUYER may rely on the SELLER'S conveyancer's written replies to written enquiries to the extent stated in those replies.			G7.3	IF THE CONTRACT IS BROUGHT TO AN END
G2	DEPOSIT			G8	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.
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).			G9	LANDLORD'S LICENCE
G2.2	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.	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.	G9.1	Where the LOT is or includes leasehold land and licence to assign or sublet is required this CONDITION G9 applies. The CONTRACT is conditional on that licence being obtained, by way of formal licence if that is what the landlord lawfully requires.
G2.3	Interest earned on the deposit belongs to the SELLER unless the SALE CONDITIONS provide otherwise.	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.	G9.2	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 ("licence notice").
G3	BETWEEN CONTRACT AND COMPLETION	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 mortgages and attorneys (if any) as is necessary for the other to be able to comply with applicable Money Laundering Regulations and Land Registry Rules.	G9.3	
G3.1	From the CONTRACT DATE the SELLER has no obligation to insure the LOT and the BUYER bears all risks of loss or damage unless				

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<p>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 ("AGA") properly required (procuring a guarantee of that AGA if lawfully required by the landlord).</p> <p>G9.5 The BUYER must promptly (a) provide references and other relevant information; and (b) comply with the landlord's lawful requirements.</p> <p>G9.6 If within three months of the CONTRACT DATE (or such longer period as the SELLER and BUYER agree) the SELLER has not given licence notice to the BUYER 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 the SELLER has given licence notice. That termination is without prejudice to the claims of either SELLER or BUYER for breach of this CONDITION G9.</p> <p>G10 INTEREST AND APPORTIONMENTS</p> <p>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 money due from the BUYER at COMPLETION for the period starting on the AGREED COMPLETION DATE and ending on the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.</p> <p>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 promptly pay to the BUYER after COMPLETION any sum to which the BUYER is entitled that the SELLER subsequently receives in cleared funds.</p> <p>G10.3 Income and outgoings are to be apportioned at the 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.</p> <p>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 (or 366 in a leap 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.</p> <p>G10.5 If a payment due from the BUYER to the SELLER on or after COMPLETION is not paid by the due date, the BUYER is to pay interest to the SELLER at the INTEREST RATE on that payment from the due date up to and including the date of payment.</p> <p>G11 ARREARS</p> <p>Part 1 - Current rent</p> <p>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 on the most recent rent payment date on or within four months preceding COMPLETION.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G11.3 Parts 2 and 3 of this CONDITION G11 do not apply to ARREARS of current rent.</p> <p>Part 2 - BUYER to pay for ARREARS</p> <p>G11.4 Part 2 of this CONDITION G11 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS give details of ARREARS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Part 3 - BUYER not to pay for ARREARS</p> <p>G11.7 Part 3 of this CONDITION G11 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS (a) so state; or (b) give no details of any ARREARS.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>undertaking to hold it to the BUYER'S order;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G12 MANAGEMENT</p> <p>G12.1 This CONDITION G12 applies where the LOT is sold subject to TENANCIES.</p> <p>G12.2 The SELLER is to manage the LOT in accordance with its standard management policies pending COMPLETION.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G13 RENT DEPOSITS</p> <p>G13.1 Where any TENANCY is an assured shorthold TENANCY, the SELLER and the BUYER are to comply with their respective statutory duties in relation to the protection of tenants' deposits, and to demonstrate in writing to the other (before COMPLETION, so far as practicable) that they have complied.</p> <p>G13.2 The remainder of 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.</p> <p>G13.3 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.</p> <p>G13.4 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.</p> <p>G14 VAT</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G15 TRANSFER AS A GOING CONCERN</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G16 CAPITAL ALLOWANCES</p> <p>G16.1 This CONDITION G16 applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS state that there are capital allowances available in respect of the LOT.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G16.3 The value to be attributed to those items on which capital allowances may be claimed is set out in the SPECIAL CONDITIONS.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G17 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G17.2 The BUYER must assume, and indemnify the SELLER in respect of, all liability under such agreements from the ACTUAL COMPLETION DATE.</p> <p>G18 LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT 1987</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>G19 SALE BY PRACTITIONER</p> <p>G19.1 This CONDITION G19 applies where the sale is by a PRACTITIONER either as SELLER or as agent of the SELLER. The PRACTITIONER has been duly appointed and is empowered to sell the LOT.</p> <p>G19.2 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.</p> <p>G19.3 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.</p> <p>G19.4 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.</p> <p>G19.5 The BUYER understands this CONDITION G19 and agrees that it is fair in the circumstances of a sale by a PRACTITIONER.</p> <p>G20 TUPE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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	(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	G24
G21.1	This CONDITION G21 only applies where the SPECIAL CONDITIONS so provide.	G24.1
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	G24.2
G21.3	The BUYER agrees to indemnify the SELLER in respect of all liability for or resulting from the environmental condition of the LOT.	G24.3
G22	SERVICE CHARGE	G24.4
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:	
	(a) that payments that the tenant has made on account exceed attributable service charge expenditure, the SELLER must pay to the BUYER an amount equal to that excess when it provides the service charge account; or	
	(b) that attributable service charge expenditure exceeds payments made on account, the BUYER must use all reasonable endeavours to recover the shortfall from the tenant as soon as practicable and promptly pay the amount so recovered to the SELLER;	
	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.	
		TENANCY RENEWALS
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		CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999
		No one is intended to have any benefit under the CONTRACT pursuant to the CONTRACTS (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.

ADDITIONAL GENERAL TERMS

Applicable to all lots governed by the Common Auction Conditions

1	The Deposit
1.1	The stipulations in General Conditions A5.5a shall be substituted as follows:
1.2	A5.5a. The Deposit: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Obliges payment to the auctioneers through a UK clearing bank or building society by means of cheque or bankers draft (or any other accepted payment method). Payment by cheque incurs an additional administrative charge of £30.00 (£25.00 + VAT) payable to the Auctioneer. Is held as a stakeholder, except for the portion attributed to the auctioneers' fees and expenses, which encompasses the Buyer's Administration Charge as stated in clause 2.1 of the Additional General Conditions. This portion shall be maintained as agents for the seller. If deposited as a stakeholder, we retain the right to transfer all or part of the deposit, net of any fees and commissions due to us from the Seller, to the Seller's solicitors for their stewardship, in lieu of us.
2	Buyer's Administration Charge
2.1	2.1. In the event that your successful bid secures the Lot, you are liable to remit a Buyer's Administration Charge of £1,200 (£1,000 + VAT) upon the contract exchange to the Auctioneer. This charge is payable upon any sale of the Lot and extends beyond auction room transactions. If the Buyer fails to directly pay this fee to the auctioneers upon contract exchange, the terms delineated under clause 1.2 b) of the Additional General Conditions shall be applicable.
3	Extra Auction Conduct Conditions
3.1	Despite any special condition to the contrary the minimum deposit we accept is £5,000 (or the total price, if less). A special condition may, however, require a higher minimum deposit.

MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS

Due to the new changes to Money Laundering regulations for buying and selling at auction, as of the 26 June 2018 we are now required by Law to ID check everyone who offers, bids or buys at auction.

What the new regulations mean for you as a bidder or buyer at the auction:

- In the case of an individual bidding at auction, we will require a certified copy of a passport and utility bill.
- In the case of an individual acting on behalf of a third party individual, we will require a certified copy of a passport and recent utility bill from both parties.
- In the case of an individual acting on behalf of a company we will require details about the company including ownership information on the ultimate holding company and ultimate beneficial owners of the company, including current addresses and dates of birth.
- If you are unable to attend in person or will be sending us a remote bidding form, we will require certified ID that has been identified by a professionally recognised individual. This will need to be provided to us in advance of the auction date.
- Your ID will be kept on file for 5 years and will be used to update documents if you change address.
- Registration on the day of the auction opens from 10:30am so please ensure you arrive early to ensure we have been able to satisfactorily fulfil the necessary requirements.

At registration for the auction you must provide 2 forms of ID, one photographic and one proof of residence that is dated within the last 3 months (a list of acceptable ID documents can be seen below):

- Photographic evidence of identity**
 - Current signed Passport
 - Current full UK/EU photo card driving licence
 - Valid ID card (eg, HM Forces, police warrant, prison officer card, government/ local authority issued card
 - Firearm or shotgun certificate
 - Resident permit issued by the Home Office to EU National
 - Evidence of Residence**
 - Current full UK/EU photo card driving licence (if not used to prove identity)
 - Utility bill issued in last three months (not mobile phone)
 - Recent bank/ building society/ mortgage/ credit card statement
 - Current house/ motor insurance certificate
 - Revenue & Customs tax notification
- Recent council tax bill ID can be approved as follows:**
- Come to our office with originals and we will certify them free of charge
 - Solicitors, the bank, an accountant or other professional body can certify the relevant ID
 - The Post Office can verify up to 3 forms of ID for a charge of £10.50.