

# Online Property Auction Terms & Conditions

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## COMMON AUCTION CONDITIONS

### Introduction

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.

### Important Notice

A prudent buyer will, before bidding for a lot at an auction:

- Take professional advice from a conveyancer and, in appropriate cases, a chartered surveyor and an accountant;
- Read the conditions;
- Inspect the lot;
- Carry out usual searches and make usual enquiries;
- Check the content of all available leases and other documents relating to the lot;
- Check that what is said about the lot in the catalogue is accurate;
- Have finance available for the deposit and purchase price;
- Check whether VAT registration and election is advisable;

**The conditions assume that the buyer has acted like a prudent buyer. If you choose to buy a lot without taking these normal precautions you do so at your own risk.**

### Glossary

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** G9.3:

- (a) the date specified in the special conditions; 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 rentcharge).

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### 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**.

### You (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 red 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 disapplied 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 £250 (or the total **price**, if less). A **special condition** may, however, require a higher minimum deposit.

## **General conditions of sale**

### **Words in bold red 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



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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

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(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.

## AMENDMENTS TO COMMON AUCTION CONDITIONS

### AMENDMENTS TO COMMON AUCTION CONDITIONS

Where The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Common Auction Conditions (third edition) (“CAC”) are to be construed in the context of an online auction and bidding system the CAC shall be varied as follows:

#### The following definitions in the CAC Glossary shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

##### Addendum

An amendment or addition to the conditions or to the particulars or to both whether contained in a supplement to the catalogue or a notice from the auctioneers on the auctioneers website.

##### Auction

The auction for each lot advertised in the catalogue which will take place online via the internet, using the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of on an ongoing basis.

##### Auctioneers

The auctioneer will be John Pye & Sons Ltd T/A John Pye Property & John Pye Auctions.

##### Buyer

Means the person who has made the highest valid bid once the auction has finished (taking into account the application of the 3-minute rule) 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

Unless otherwise stated this will take the form of online sales particulars, text, hypertext links and associated imagery present upon the website which shall be the catalogue to which the conditions refer including any supplement to it.

##### Contract Date

The date that the auction has finished (taking into account the application of the 3-minute rule) or, if the lot is not sold at the auction:

- the date of the sale memorandum is signed by both the seller and buyer; or
- 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.

##### 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 which will either be in email form (where the lot is won at the auction) or written (where the lot is not sold at the auction).

##### You (and your)

Someone who has a copy of the catalogue or who views the URL of or who is a bidder at the auction, whether or not a buyer.

#### The following definitions shall be added as new definitions in the CAC Glossary:

##### Anti-Money Laundering Information

Means the provision of 2 pieces of identification for anti-money laundering purposes – these must include 1 piece of photo identification (a passport or driver's licence for example) and a utility bill including the buyer's/seller's (as appropriate) home address which cannot be dated older than 3 months

##### Buyer's Payment

10% of the price (minimum £5,000) which will be comprised of the buyer's premium and the deposit.

##### Buyer's Premium

Means 2% of the price (minimum £2,000) plus VAT payable to the auctioneers.

##### Deposit

Means the sum of the buyer's payment less the buyer's premium.

##### Extra Auction Conduct Conditions

The John Pye & Sons – Extra Auction Conduct Conditions for the participation and purchase of property by online auction, available at [www.johnpye.co.uk/propertyterms.pdf](http://www.johnpye.co.uk/propertyterms.pdf) and in the catalogue.

##### 3-Minute Rule

Means the rule which stipulates that any person who bids online within the last 3 minutes of a specific lot closing time will instigate the automatic extension of the lot closing time by an additional 3 minutes and so on for any such subsequent bids until a winning bid is achieved.

#### The Auction Conduct Conditions shall be varied as follows:

Condition A2.1(f) shall be deleted and replaced with:

“(f) treat a contract as repudiated if the buyer fails to pay the buyer's payment and/or provide anti-money laundering information to us as required by these auction conduct conditions”.

Condition A5.1 shall be deleted and replaced with:

“A5.1 A successful bid is one we accept as such (normally when the auction time has elapsed with a winning bid). This condition A5 applies to you if you make the successful bid for a lot.”

Condition A5.3 shall be deleted and replaced with:

“A5.3 Within 24 hours of the end of the auction, the successful bidder must:

- provide anti-money laundering information to us; and
- provide all information we reasonably need from you to enable us to complete the sale memorandum; and
- pay the buyer's payment in cleared funds from an account held with an approved financial institution, but we will not accept the buyer's payment and the buyer will not be able to pay the buyer's payment until the buyer has complied with condition A5.3(a).”

Condition A5.4 shall be deleted and replaced with:

“A5.4 If you do not we may, 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 and you will be banned from all future auctions.”

Condition A5.5(b) shall be deleted.

Condition A5.6 shall be deleted.

Condition A6 shall be deleted and replaced with:

“A6 The Extra Auction Conduct Conditions shall be incorporated into the auction conduct conditions as if set out in full in the auction conduct conditions.”

#### The General Conditions of Sale shall be varied as follows:

Condition G2.1 shall be deleted.

Condition G2.2 shall be deleted and replaced with:

“The deposit is to be held as stakeholder unless the auction conduct conditions provide that it is to be held as agent for the seller”

Condition G2.4 shall be deleted.

## ONLINE PROPERTY AUCTION TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### JOHN PYE & SONS – EXTRA AUCTION CONDUCT CONDITIONS FOR THE PARTICIPATION AND PURCHASE OF PROPERTY BY ONLINE AUCTION

#### 1. Interpretation

- 1.1 The definitions in this clause and those definitions set out in the Common Auction Conditions apply in these Extra Auction Conduct Conditions ("Terms"):
- "Anti-Money Laundering Information"** means the provision of 2 pieces of identification for anti-money laundering purposes – these must include 1 piece of photo identification (a passport or driver's licence for example) and a utility bill including the buyer's/seller's (as appropriate) home address which cannot be dated older than 3 months;
- "Appointment"** means the appointment of JOHN PYE & SONS by the seller pursuant to the Appointment Letter.
- "Appointment Letter"** means the letter prepared by JOHN PYE & SONS, setting out the Services, the remuneration arrangements and other terms and conditions that form part of the Appointment.
- "CAC's"** means The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Common Auction Conditions (third edition).
- "Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee"** means the fee paid by the potential buyer upon Registration of either £2000 or £500 as notified by JOHN PYE & SONS upon Registration.
- "JOHN PYE & SONS"** means John Pye and Sons Limited trading as John Pye Property and John Pye Auctions.
- "Registration"** means:
- the payment by the potential buyer of the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee electronically in cleared funds, or as otherwise notified by JOHN PYE & SONS in the registration process;
  - the completion of the relevant registration form by the potential buyer.
- "3-Minute Rule"** means the rule which stipulates that any person who bids online within the last 3 minutes of a specific lot closing time will instigate the automatic extension of the lot closing time by an additional 3 minutes and so on for any such subsequent bids until a winning bid is achieved.
- 1.2 Headings do not affect the interpretation of these Terms.
- 1.3 The headings of these Terms do not form part of the Terms.
- 1.4 Reference to writing or written in these Terms includes faxes and e-mail unless otherwise notified by JOHN PYE & SONS.
- 1.5 If any of these Terms are inconsistent with any other term of the CAC's (as amended), these Terms shall prevail.

- 1.6 All lots entered for online auction are subject to these Terms and (for the avoidance of doubt) the CAC's.
- 1.7 All buyers and sellers acknowledge and agree that these Terms (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the CAC's) are binding upon them, and by the buyers completing Registration, and JOHN PYE & SONS accepting the sellers' property for auction, these Terms are deemed accepted and incorporated into all dealings as between the relevant parties.

#### 2. Entry into Auction

- 2.1 JOHN PYE & SONS sell as agents for the seller and as such are not responsible for any default by seller.
- 2.2 JOHN PYE & SONS reserve the right to refuse to accept any Registration if any of the elements of Registration are not acceptably completed. JOHN PYE & SONS reserve the right to refuse to accept any Anti-Money Laundering Information in the event it is not satisfied as to its authenticity or acceptability. In the event that the Anti-Money Laundering Information is not acceptable or provided, JOHN PYE & SONS will not (as applicable) send or sign the sale memorandum and the 'buyer's payment will not be accepted and in addition to the provisions of the CAC (as amended), the Buyer will lose the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise agreed by JOHN PYE & SONS in writing, JOHN PYE & SONS will not accept a lot without the information and documentation set out in its Appointment Letter.

#### 3. Basis of Sale

- 3.1 All lots are sold 'as they lie' with all faults and imperfections and errors of description. Illustrations in catalogues or brochures are for identification only. Buyers should satisfy themselves prior to sale as to the condition of each lot and should exercise and rely on their own judgment as to whether the lot accords with its description. Neither JOHN PYE & SONS, their servants or agents will be responsible for errors of description or for the genuineness or authenticity of any lot.
- 3.2 JOHN PYE & SONS has the right to revise and amend these Terms from time to time to reflect changes in market conditions affecting its business, changes in technology, changes in payment methods, changes in relevant laws and regulatory requirements and changes in various systems' capabilities.

#### 4. Conduct of the Auction

- 4.1 For the avoidance of doubt, the parties to the contract of sale of the lot set on the contract date are the buyer and the seller.

JOHN PYE & SONS is not a party to the contract of sale and is not liable for any breach thereof by either the buyer or the seller.

- 4.2 If a potential buyer is unsuccessful in buying the lot they may recover their Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee from JOHN PYE & SONS or, they may request in writing that JOHN PYE & SONS keep the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee against future auctions which the potential buyer may participate in, and make them a registered 'regular customer' of JOHN PYE & SONS provided they adhere to bi-annual requests for identification.
- 4.3 Following the contract date, a buyer may choose to recover their Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee from JOHN PYE & SONS or, they may request in writing that JOHN PYE & SONS keep the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee against future auctions which the potential buyer may participate in, and make them a registered 'regular customer' of JOHN PYE & SONS provided they adhere to bi-annual requests for identification. A Buyer may not use their Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee against their deposit or buyer's premium.
- 4.4 Persons participate in the online auctions at their own risk and, subject to condition 6.2 below, neither the seller nor JOHN PYE & SONS will be individually or collectively responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever occasioned to any person or property due to anything which may be present on the auction site.
- 4.5 JOHN PYE & SONS shall have the right, at its discretion, to refuse participation in the online auctions by any person.
- 4.6 The catalogue will be made available to potential buyers on JOHN PYE & SONS website [www.johnpye.co.uk/property](http://www.johnpye.co.uk/property) before the commencement of the auction.
- 4.7 Anti-Money Laundering Information must be presented by a successful buyer to JOHN PYE & SONS before the auction has commenced or within, but no later than, 24 hours of a successful bid (further to the process notified to Buyers by JOHN PYE & SONS in the catalogue and the Buyers guide). The Anti-Money Laundering Information can be presented to John Pye & Sons' staff at one of their four primary hubs (Nottingham, Derby, Marchington or Park Royal, London). Alternatively, buyers may request their solicitors to provide Anti-Money Laundering Information to John Pye & Sons. John Pye & Sons reserve the right to refuse acceptance of any Anti-Money Laundering Information.
- 4.8 The 3-Minute Rule shall operate as necessary during the online auction.

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### 5. Completion of purchase

- 5.1 Immediately following the contract date, and subject to the satisfaction of the provisions of condition 4.7 above, JOHN PYE & SONS will send the buyer's payment invoice to the buyer, and, subject to receipt of payment in cleared funds, JOHN PYE & SONS will then the sale memorandum to the buyer, seller, the buyer's solicitors (provided JOHN PYE & SONS are provided with such details) and seller's solicitors. All required payments will be settled in full and before the sale memorandum is sent to the buyer, seller and the buyer's solicitors and seller's solicitors and will be in sterling (GBP) by way of online payment only through Sage Pay or as otherwise specified in the catalogue within 24 hours following issue of the buyer's payment invoice. All queries in relation to methods of payment must be made to JOHN PYE & SONS accounts department and unless otherwise agreed by JOHN PYE & SONS, the timing required under these Terms for payment is of the essence, and will under no circumstances be adjusted further for a failure on the part of the buyer to make the necessary enquiries and preparations in order to pay the buyer's premium and/or price.
- 5.2 In respect of telegraphic transfers, the remitting bank must include the invoice number, and any other reference as shown in the catalogue, or as otherwise notified by JOHN PYE & SONS.

### 6. Buyer's Default

- 6.1 If the buyer does not honour its obligations for payment of the buyer's payment then JOHN PYE & SONS as agents of the seller shall at its absolute discretion and without prejudice to any other rights it may have, be entitled to exercise the remedies set out in the CAC (as amended) as well as retain the Conditionally Refundable Registration Fee.
- 6.2 For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in these Terms limits JOHN PYE & SONS' liability, nor, where applicable, the liability of the buyer or seller for:
- (a) death or personal injury caused by negligence; or
  - (b) fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; or
  - (c) any breach of the obligations implied by section 12 of the Sale of Goods Act 1979 or section 2 of the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982; or
  - (d) losses for which it is prohibited by section 7 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 to limit liability; or
  - (e) any other matter for which it would be illegal or unlawful to exclude or attempt to exclude liability.

### 7. Data protection

- 7.1 JOHN PYE & SONS will only use the personal information provided to them to provide the auction services, or to inform buyers and sellers about similar services which they provide, unless told by such parties that they do not want to receive this information by ticking the 'opt out' box on the email you receive, or by ticking the relevant box on the relevant web page.
- 7.2 The buyers and sellers acknowledge and agree that JOHN PYE & SONS may pass their details to credit reference agencies, solicitors and other third parties where legally required.
- 7.3 Within this clause, "Data Protection Act" means the Data Protection Act 1998 and "Data Controller", "Data Processor" and "Personal Data" have the same meanings as in that Act.
- 7.4 Where JOHN PYE & SONS is Data Controller and it permits access to the Personal Data to the buyer (and/or seller) then the buyer (and/or seller) shall be the Data Processor in respect of such Personal Data and shall comply with any instructions issued by JOHN PYE & SONS.
- 7.5 If any party is a Data Processor of Personal Data, that party shall:
- 7.5.1 only process Personal Data in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act;
  - 7.5.2 process Personal Data to the extent, and in such manner, as is necessary for the provision of the auction services (In the case of JOHN PYE & SONS) and/or its obligations under these Terms or as is required by law or any regulatory body;
  - 7.5.3 implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect Personal Data against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction, damage, alteration or disclosure. These measures shall be appropriate to the harm which might result from unauthorised or unlawful processing or accidental loss, destruction or damage to Personal Data and to the nature of the Personal Data which is to be protected; and
  - 7.5.4 not perform its obligations hereunder or as otherwise set out in these conditions in such a way as to breach any of its applicable obligations under the Data Protection Act.
- 7.6 If the buyer or seller provides Personal Data of any third party to JOHN PYE & SONS, it shall ensure that it has permission to provide the Personal Data for JOHN PYE & SONS's use in connection with the auction.

### 8. General

- 8.1 If any court or competent authority decides that any of the provisions of these Terms are invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, the term will, to that extent only, be severed from the remaining terms, which will continue to be valid to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 8.2 If or to the extent that any of these Terms (as amended from time to time in writing by JOHN PYE & SONS) are Terms to which any of the provisions of the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977 or the Supply of Goods and Services Act 1982 or any subsequent modification or re-enactment thereof apply then such Terms shall be enforceable only to the extent permitted by those Acts or their subsequent modification or re-enactment and these Terms shall be construed accordingly.
- 8.3 If JOHN PYE & SONS fails, at any time while these Terms are in force, to insist that the Seller and/or Buyer perform their obligations under these Terms, or if JOHN PYE & SONS does not exercise any of its rights or remedies under these Terms, that will not mean that JOHN PYE & SONS has waived such rights or remedies and will not mean that the seller and/or buyer does not have to comply with those obligations. If JOHN PYE & SONS do waive a default by the seller and/or buyer that will not mean that JOHN PYE & SONS will automatically waive any subsequent default by the seller and/or buyer. No waiver by JOHN PYE & SONS of any of these Terms shall be effective unless JOHN PYE & SONS expressly says that it is a waiver and JOHN PYE & SONS tell the buyer and seller so in writing.
- 8.4 A person who is not party to these Terms shall not have any rights under or in connection with them under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- 8.5 These Terms shall be governed by English law and JOHN PYE & SONS, the seller and the buyer all agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.

### 9. Online terms of participation and sale

- 9.1 The provisions of all Terms above apply to the sale of lots made through [www.johnpye.co.uk](http://www.johnpye.co.uk) (the "Website"), and to the extent that such adjustments in practical application of the Terms are warranted by virtue of the electronic medium of participation in any given auction, so such adjustments shall be deemed made so to give full application to all relevant and applicable Terms.
- 9.2 All participants in the Website auctions warrant that they are of legal age and legally capable of entering into binding contracts.



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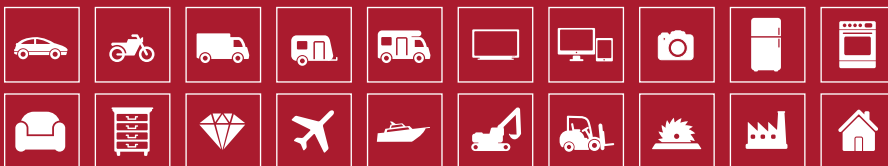
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