



Date of Report: 14/08/2017 Your Reference: Sample

Order Number: DE DA DH DA0669 Our Reference: DEDA0669

Property: Sample in Kingston, Surrey

### The chances of development being permitted in this location are:



## **SUMMARY**

Does the subject property / land have development potential?

Does the property/ land have potential as part of a larger development?

Should further investigations be made regarding adjoining land?

Should the property be considered for an alternative use?

YES YES YES NO

If the answer is 'yes' to any of the above questions it will be expanded upon further within this report

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## **KEY FINDINGS**

It is our conclusion that the existing value as a C3 domestic dwelling is likely to be the optimum use and value of the subject property. There may however be some minor potential for a replacement dwelling dependant on the condition of the existing. The property also has the potential to control the access to future development land (site 1).

Please note: This report is a prediction of where development may take place, but it cannot be guaranteed what will or will not occur in the future

#### Searches undertaken to compile this report:

- 1. Ordnance Survey desk top search to identify development opportunities
- 2. A desk top inspection of the aerial maps over the identified area
- 3. Birdseye rotational inspection of the surrounding area
- 4. Inspection of the Local Plan / LDF

#### The choices this report presents

This report seeks to establish the development potential of the searched property. You can use this information to decide whether to buy or sell the property, conscious of what value it may have in the future. Your property may sit within a conservation area and, as such, any development may not be favourably looked upon. It may sit next to green belt that is vulnerable to allocation for development. It may control the access to some land with tremendous hidden value. Perhaps the property could itself have an involvement in a development with great financial benefits. It may of course have none of the above in which case you have bought some peace of mind that you are not selling at under market value.

Please note that identified sites may not be developable because other landowners may not sell, or for any other reason that could make the development unviable. Some policies change more frequently than governments. All you can do is make an informed decision by assessing the risk and this report will help.

Finally, please note that we cannot identify single dwellings that are replaced with a more substantial dwelling than the existing. These one for one replacements are generally not economic. When there is a buyer with a special interest, however, the economics are sometimes not considered relevant. Equally, some properties may be converted into flats, which again is almost impossible to predict.

Planning is a subject where you can never say 'never'! There may always be situations when planning permission is considered acceptable.

#### **Next Steps**

You may wish to discuss the findings of this report with your legal adviser.

If you have any development or valuation questions arising from this report, or would like to investigate any aspect in greater depth, specialist advice is available on request. Detailed reports are also available on planning and neighbourhood information, valuation of development land, impact and risk. Contact DevAssist on 01342 890010 or email info@dev-assist.co.uk for further information including pricing.

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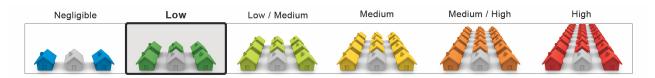






# **DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

The chances of development being permitted in this location are:



#### **Land Identified for Development**

Site	Plot Size (acres)	Capacity (houses)	Capacity (Flats)	Development Potential
1	0.45	2	6	Low

The table above provides minimum density guidance only.

Please note, densities can be greater or lower on some sites. City centre locations will demand higher densities. The above is designed to guide you in how many dwellings may be built on those identified sites that do not yet have planning history.

### **Current Zoning in Local Plan**

The land is zoned within the settlement/urban area of London Borough of Kingston upon Thames. Development is presumed acceptable when within the settlement, subject to it conforming to development control policies and standards. It is also zoned as a conservation area, which creates a tighter layer of development control and makes development harder to gain consent upon. This may make development unattractive to a developer. Trees and listed buildings may also be a barrier to development proposals in such areas. The land is also zoned as a Special Landscape Area. This will limit the types of development that will be permitted.

### **Development Potential of the Property**

The subject property is 0.25 of an acre (10890sqft). It is currently a 1.5 storey detached dwelling with two storey structures being the dominant type of property in this area. Sometimes such properties display potential for the development of two new build dwellings. This has been carefully considered. In our view any such application for development should be considered speculative and may be refused by the Local Planning Authority. The pattern of development in this location is for large wide fronted detached dwellings. A two for one development on this site would not match this existing pattern and is therefore likely to be refused.

We have also considered the replacement of the existing structure with a more substantial detached dwelling. Whilst this may be supported by the Local Planning Authority, the financial viability of such a proposal will be reduced.

We understand that the freehold of the access road to Fleur House and Pine View is owned by the subject property. This road may be able to provide access to the potential development land shown as site 1. Development of this site may require a number of owners to be willing to sell at the same time which is rarely successful. Whilst there can be no denying the potential for development exists it is generally accepted that land assemblies are unlikely to be developed as so many people are required to participate. If the subject property is to be disposed of we would advise the retention of the road.

The planning history of the subject property is attached for your consideration.

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property also has the potential to control the access to future development land (site 1). This could create financial rewards to any owner



## **Planning History**

#### 09/14610/TPO - Tree Preservation Order

Fell one Cedar (MAC.06.56 A.10).

Address: THE WALL COTTAGE, COOMBE HILL ROAD, KINGSTON UPON THAMES, KT2 7DY

View location on map Ward: Coombe Hill Date valid: 29/09/2009

Images: <u>View images</u>
Additional info: Within the Coombe Hill conservation area. Decision: Grant Consent (Felling) 16/11/2009

#### 06/15166/TPO - Tree Preservation Order

Reduce height of Yew Hedge, removal of dead wood from Cedar and crown

Address: THE WALL COTTAGE, COOMBE HILL ROAD, KINGSTON

UPON THAMES, KT2 7DY

View location on map
Ward: Coombe Hill Date valid: Unknown

Images: View images Additional info: Within the Coombe Hill conservation area.

Decision: Grant Consent (Surgery Work) 21/03/2007

#### 24467 -

Re-roofing of side extensions and new portico

Address: THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey

Date valid: Unknown Images: Decision: Permit 05/06/1981

12022 -

Playgroup

Address: THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey
View location on map

Ward: Coombe Hill Date valid: Unknown Images: **Decision:** Refuse 07/09/1973

6352 -

Details of roofing Plot F.

Address: PLOT F THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road,

Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey View location on map
Ward: Coombe Hill

Date valid: Unknown

Images:

Decision: Approve details 19/03/1970

#### <u>5989 -</u>

Amended site layout.

Address: PLOT F THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road,

Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey View location on map Ward: Coombe Hill

Date valid: Unknown Images:

**Decision:** Approve details 24/12/1969

#### 5605 -

Details of house on Plot F.

Address: PLOT F THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road,

Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey View location on map
Ward: Coombe Hill

Date valid: Unknown

Images:

Decision: Approve details 22/09/1969

#### <u>5290 -</u>

Erect four dwellings with integral garages.

Address: PLOT F THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road,

Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey View location on map

Ward: Coombe Hill Date valid: Unknown

Images:

**Decision:** Details approved 30/06/1969



### <u>5251 -</u>

Erect four dwellings with integral garages.

Address: PLOT F - THE WALL COTTAGE, Coombe Hill Road,

Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey View location on map

Ward: Coombe Hill

Date valid: Unknown

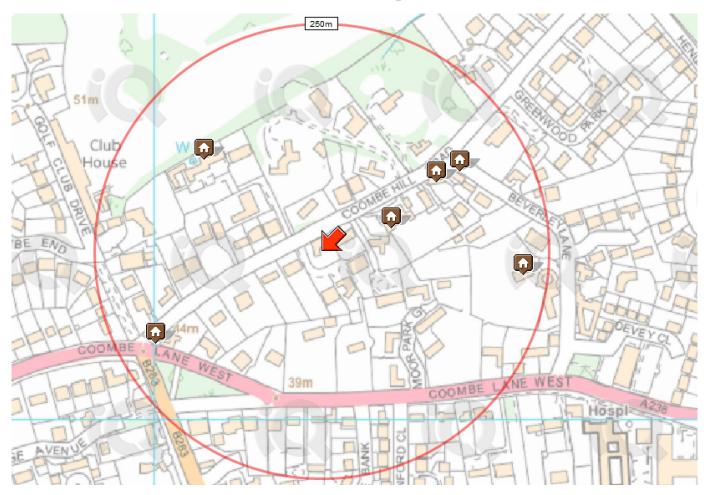
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**Decision:** Conditional permission 04/06/1969



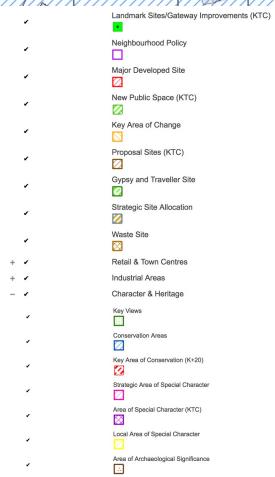


# **Listed Buildings**











#### What is DevProbate?

DevProbate is a unique report that contains information about the potential development opportunity that the property may display. It is of particular help in urban areas or where you want to know about hidden value that may exist within a property.

#### How is the professional opinion reached?

It is reached following an Ordnance Survey desk top search and by using land identification techniques and skills that developers use to identify development opportunities. DevProbate is produced by a team of residential property consultants who are all land buyers with extensive experience identifying where developers will want to prospect. They are trained in land assembly and the planning system, which gives them a tremendous insight into what can and can't be developed.

#### Is this just guesswork?

No. The consultants diagnose where the opportunity for development exists. Their experience in the house building industry and extensive knowledge of the planning system gives them the skills to assess what land developers will want to buy.

#### How accurate is this report?

Whilst every care has been taken in the formation of this report the accuracy of it must be taken in the spirit that it has been written. It is a prediction of where development may take place. We cannot guarantee what will or will not occur in the future. As planning policies and density standards change this may remove or create further areas of development that could not have been foreseen at the time this report was commissioned. It has been written in good faith to provide better information to buyers who would not otherwise understand the planning system or where development may take place. We cannot of course know which land owners will sell to developers, or if at all. This report is based on [our] professional opinion of development opportunities. Please note though that it is a prediction of where development may take place and does not, in any way, guarantee what will not occur in the future. Please refer to the 'Useful Information' section for details of other data sources used to produce this report.

#### Hasn't all the land been developed in urban areas?

No. This is a myth. On average 50-60% of housing land comes from windfall developments within existing urban areas. There are still huge areas of land yet to be developed and, due to a chronic housing shortage, the need to identify land for development is expected to increase further over the next few years. It is inevitable that urban areas will continue to shoulder the vast majority of that burden.

#### What will this report show that can't be found in a local authority search?

Apart from road and rail information, a local authority search is restricted to past planning and building regulation history of the property itself. DevProbate considers current and historic planning applications within the boundaries of the property. It is the only report that also identifies where future development may take place.

#### What will this report show that can't be found in a planning report?

Whilst a planning report considers current and historic planning information, DevProbate is the only report that considers the future, ie, identifies potential opportunities that a developer would also be looking for that do not yet have relevant planning history.

#### What will not be shown in the report?

The report will not identify large buildings that, due to their condition or scale, may be suitable for conversion or replaced with another structure that is made up of flats or split vertically. It will not identify one for one replacements, extensions or home improvements. The report does not forecast when developments will take place; it identifies where they might.

#### How likely is it that development will occur that wasn't identified in the report?

Planning policies do change. When this happens, some areas of development will be opened up that were not previously accessible. Generally this only happens over a 5 year period. As such, a DevProbate report is useful for the average stay in a property.

#### Why don't all planning applications appear on the map?

If there are several planning applications within close proximity of each other, the plan may show these as a single point of reference within a red polygon.

#### Are there any other benefits in obtaining a DevProbate Search?

Yes. It could indicate some hidden value in an intended purchase, although further advice may be required to provide a better understanding of any value that may exist in the property or any covenants it may benefit from.



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(ii) The terms and conditions of the Supplier provide for the course of action you have chosen to

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(iii) You have used all reasonable endeavours to mitigate any loss or damage you have suffered as a result of the inaccuracies errors or omissions of the data provided by the Supplier.

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9.4 You agree to indemnify Us and keep us indemnified from and hold us on demand, harmless from and against all costs, claims, demands, actions, proceedings, liabilities, expenses, damages or losses (including without limitation, consequential losses and loss of profit, and all interest and penalties and legal and other professional costs and expenses) arising out of or in connection with a breach of this Term 9.

- 10. General
  10.1 You shall not be entitled to assign Your agreement with Us or any part of it without Our prior

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10.2 We may assign the agreement or any part of it to any person, firm or company.

10.3 The parties to these Terms do not intend that any term of Our agreement shall be enforceable by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 by any person that is not a party to these Terms or a permitted assignee.

10.4 Failure or delay by Us in enforcing or partially enforcing any provision of the agreement will not be construed as a waiver of any of Our rights under the agreement.

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### To the Policyholder/Intermediary

This document must be revealed to the ultimate insured (including any lender which may be insured by the policy) before conclusion of the insurance contract.

If you are a solicitor, you should disclose this document to your client and/or their lender and/or the purchaser's solicitors for the benefit of their client and/or their lender prior to the conclusion of the insurance contract. We assume that you are authorised by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) or otherwise licensed (where applicable) to provide insurance mediation activities.

If you are a broker, you should disclose this document in accordance with the FSA rules.

#### To the Insured

This document provides a summary of the cover provided under the policy purchased. It does not contain the full terms and conditions of the policy and you should therefore read this summary in conjunction with the full policy wording which is available upon request from Northcott Beaton to ensure you are fully aware of the terms and conditions of the cover provided.

#### The Underwriter of this policy is:-

Stewart Title Limited ('ST') of 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 6 Henrietta Street, London WC2E 8PS('ST's address'). The Policyholder is Northcott Beaton Limited ('NB') of 70 Fore Street Heavitree, Exeter, EX1 2RR

# Summary of insurance and cover provided by this policy.

If you are a Buyer (as defined by the policy) who has requested or has been provided with a Devcheck Search ('the Search') or if you are a lender to the Buyer or are lending in a remortgage scenario this is an indemnity policy relating to the Search. In the event that information given in the Search is incorrect due to the negligence of or an error by DevAssist.

If you are a Buyer cover is for your loss being the difference in market value for the Property with the correct information as opposed to that with the information actually supplied in the Search

The Maximum Liability is the lesser of the purchase price or £1million in a purchase scenario or the mortgage advance or £1million in a remortgage scenario.

#### Significant features or benefits under this policy.

This policy is on an indemnity basis. The purpose of this type of policy is to protect you so that you are reimbursed with the financial loss you may incur which results in a claim under the policy and to ensure that you are placed back in the same position you enjoyed or should have enjoyed prior to the claim (subject to the terms and conditions of the policy). There is a Maximum Liability which we will pay and this is set out in the definition of that term.

# Significant Conditions or Exclusions under this policy.

Significant conditions:-

- You must notify us immediately once any inaccuracy in the Search comes to your attention and co-operate fully with all reasonable requests by us for information and documentation and shall, at our expense, take any action required by ST to mitigate any loss or potential loss arising as a result of the Adverse Entry.
- If you knowingly make a claim which is false or fraudulent in any respect the cover provided under this Policy shall become void with immediate effect.
- This Policy does not cover any loss which at the time of the loss is insured by any other policy of insurance other than any excess beyond the amount payable under such other policy.
- any act or omission by you, which in whole or part induces a claim under this policy, will

- prejudice your position and could void the policy
- you or your professional legal advisors should not take any steps to compromise or settle a claim without ST's prior written consent

#### Exclusions:-You are not insured:-

- In respect of any inaccuracy of which you or your legal representative had Knowledge as at the Effective Date and/or
- In respect of any information which is adverse to the value of the Property and which is actually revealed by the Devcheck Search and/or
- c. In respect of any entry in the Devcheck Report relating to any enhancement to the value of the Property by any development opportunity for the Property itself and/or
- Any information adverse to the value of the Property which becomes apparent after the Effective Date and /or
- e. Anything adverse to the value of the Property not covered by the Devcheck Search for example development to large buildings suitable for conversion or replaced with another structure that is made up of flats or split vertically, one for one replacements, extensions or home improvements.
- f. Any error or omission by any organisation or third party which provides information or data of any form to Devassist for the purpose of the compilation of the Devcheck Report and/or
- g. Where the cover is in respect of a remortgage the cover provided by this policy will apply for to the lender only.

A full list of Conditions and Exclusions is contained in the policy.

#### What is the Policy term?

There is no fixed term – usually the policy will expire upon your ceasing to be the owner of the property or if you are lending under the terms of a mortgage over the Property the date on which your loan is repaid or the Property ceases to be subject to your mortgage.

#### Updating the cover.

ST can consider requests to increase or extend cover. ST will not however provide advice thereon or recommend how you should proceed. You will need to make your own choice about how to proceed and we recommend that this is done with guidance from your professional legal conveyancing advisor and the Policyholder.

#### Rights of cancellation.

You have a right to cancel your policy within 14 days of the commencement of the contract or receipt of the policy whichever is later. Where performance of the contract has commenced at your request before expiry of the cancellation period we may require you to pay for the cover actually provided in connection with the policy. The amount will be in proportion to the extent of the cover already provided to you in comparison with the full coverage of the contract.

#### Claims under this policy

If you wish to notify a claim under this policy, please contact us in writing immediately you become aware of the claim with as much detail as is available for the attention of the Company Solicitor at ST's address.

#### What if you have a complaint?

If you wish to register a complaint, please contact us by writing to 'The Company Solicitor' at ST's address or, if you are not satisfied with the response, to the Financial Ombudsman Service whose current address is in the Policy.

# The Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

We are covered by the FSCS. You may be entitled to compensation from the scheme if we cannot meet our obligations. This will depend on the type of business and the circumstances of the claim. Further information about compensation scheme arrangements is available from the FSCS currently contactable at 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Lloyds Chambers, Portsoken Street, London E1 8BN.