

# Former Richmond upon Thames Magistrates Court

The Court House, Parkshot, Richmond TW9 2RF

Freehold Vacant Possession Development/Conversion Opportunity  
(Subject to obtaining necessary consents)

0.25 hectares (0.61 acres) freehold

Approximate gross internal area of existing buildings 35,265sq. ft (3,278 sq.m)



## The site

This former Magistrates Court comprises a three storey plus basement court building, providing 16 car parking spaces in the basement.

The whole site extends to approx. 0.25 hectares (0.61 acres).

## Opportunity

Opportunity to purchase the freehold of a Richmond town centre building which has significant redevelopment/conversion potential subject to obtaining necessary consents.

Freehold opportunity offered with vacant possession.

## Further information

For further information and to download the information pack visit:

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## Opportunity

The former Magistrates Court in Richmond provides an opportunity to acquire a circa 0.25ha (0.61 acres) site with redevelopment potential (subject to obtaining necessary consents).

## Location

The property is located in Richmond which is a district of the Borough of Richmond upon Thames in west London located 10 km (6.2 miles) west of Heathrow Airport and 13 km (8 miles) west southwest of central London. Being located in close proximity to the River Thames coupled with the large number of nearby parks and open spaces such as Richmond Park, has made Richmond a very desirable location for business and residents.

The former Richmond upon Thames Magistrates Court occupies a plot on the west side of Parkshot, which joins the A316 (Twickenham Road). Parkshot is connected and runs parallel with the High Street in Richmond, which has an abundant offering of retail, leisure and restaurants.

To the north of the site is Richmond Adult Community College (RACC). To the south of the site is a row of terraced period houses (up to around four storeys). To the east of the site, on the opposite side of Parkshot, is Parkshot House which is a modern serviced office block. Other uses along the street include the Sun Inn Public House, Parkshot Medical Practice, Oddfellows Memorial Hall and Merevale House, a new block of apartments.

Richmond Station is approximately 0.16 km (0.1 miles) away and is served by the Underground District Line and the London Overground. Accordingly, the site has an excellent public transport accessibility level (PTAL) of 6a, on a scale of 1 - 6 where 6b is the highest.

## Description

Richmond upon Thames Magistrates Court is a detached, mid-20th Century building which has a distinctive appearance. The building has a prominent first floor featuring large smoked glass windows over a recessed ground floor supported by columns.

The external finish is white rendered concrete. The ground and first floors contain predominantly offices and court rooms. The upper floor contains a caretakers flat. The basement includes a 16 bay car park accessed from a ramp leading to Parkshot.

Buyer should note that there are currently shared plant facilities with the adjoining annexe.

## Accommodation

The site (identified in red for indicative purposes only) in its entirety extends to circa 0.25 hectares (0.61 acres). The existing building provides approximately 35,265sq. ft (3,278sq. m) of accommodation.

## Planning

JLL have carried out a pre-app. The full response is provided in the planning opportunity document available to download in the information pack.

The property lies within the administrative control of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. Having undertaken pre-application discussions with the RACC, we can confirm that they are supportive of reuse of the building for a mix of uses including residential, hotel and offices.

The property is included within the Central Richmond Conservation Area and is identified as a 'Building of Townscape Merit' by the local planning authority. Although there is presumption in favour of retention of the building, this does not preclude potential demolition.

It will be necessary to demonstrate that the building cannot be re-used for any other purpose or that its retention constrains the ability to meet wider planning and heritage objectives. We have provided a clarification note within the information pack to further inform on these points.

There is a preference towards a mixed use scheme inclusive of residential and office development. The buildings surrounding the site would suggest there is an opportunity to develop a building up to 4 storeys. There could be the potential to develop the court complex and annex together subject to agreement with the adjoining RACC.

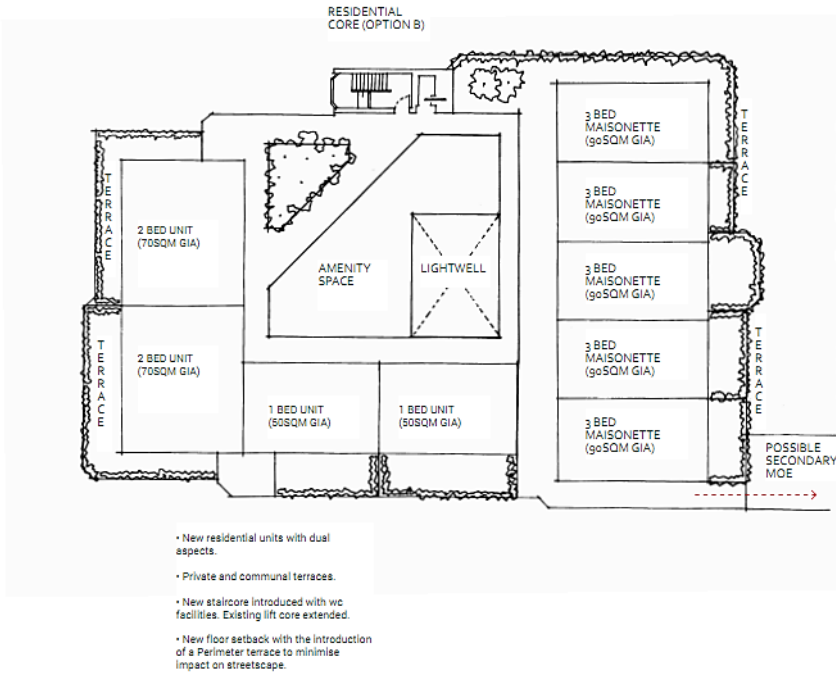
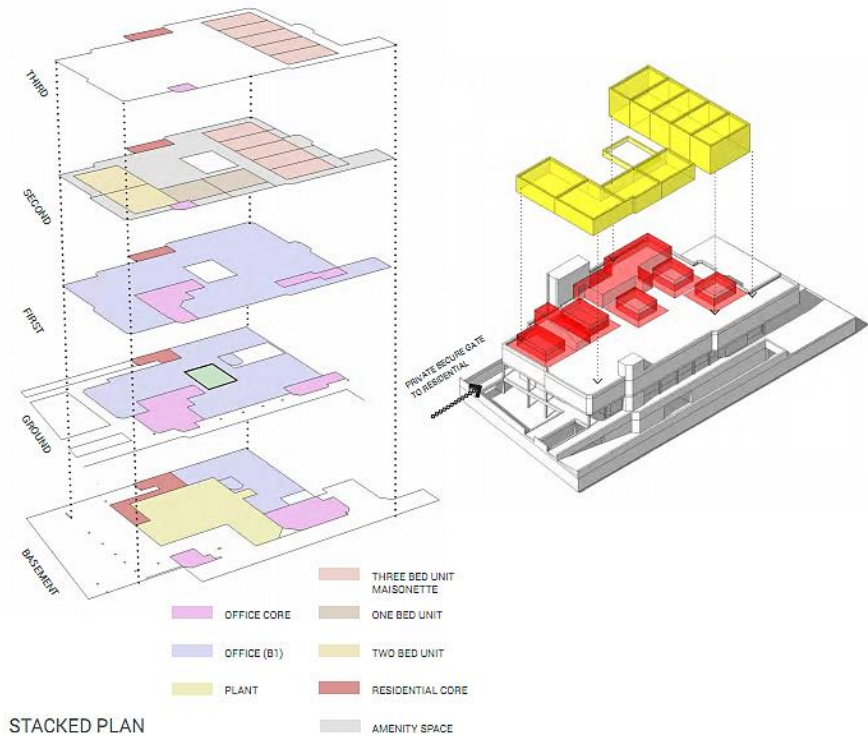
On-site affordable housing will only be triggered on schemes of 10 or more units.

Proposed Scheme

The vendor has commissioned a development feasibility report to explore options for site redevelopment, prepared by Dickson Architects which were submitted for pre-app discussions with Richmond Borough Council. The proposed scheme (below) assumes a mixed-use design of Office (B1) and Residential uses, including a total of 9 new residential units, with a mix of 1 bed, 2 bed and 3 bed duplex maisonettes.

The residential element is proposed to have separate access via a secure entrance from the street. The setback nature of the residential element of the scheme will ensure that there is minimal impact to immediate neighbours.

Indicative Sketches – see information pack

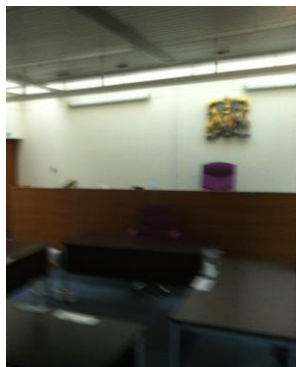


Scheme Areas\*

	Sqm	Sqft
Office Gross inc plant	2,702	29,084
Office Net	1,916	20,624
Residential Gross	497	5,350
Residential Net indicative area from Scheme B	366	3,940
Total Gross	3,199	34,434
Total Net	2,282	24,564

*\*All areas are approximate (indicative) and relate to the likely floor areas at the current state of design. Any decisions to be made on the basis of these approximate areas, whether as to project viability, pre-letting, lease or sale agreements and the like should make allowance for the following: design development, site conditions, local authority and statutory consents, legal covenants and restrictions.*

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Typical Court Accommodation



College Annex



Rear Car Park Area excluded from sale



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**Tenure**

The Ministry of Justice own the site freehold and the site will be offered with vacant possession.

**EPC**

The property has an Energy Performance Certificate. The Energy Performance Rating is F (131). A copy of the certificate and Advisory Report are available in the information pack.

**VAT**

The property is not elected for VAT.

**Method of Sale / Timetable**

Offers are invited for the freehold interest on an unconditional basis. Please refer to the instructions to bidders' document in the information pack.

Bids requested by **12 noon on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Information Pack**

The data site includes the following:

- Existing Floor Plans
- Planning Information Document
- Pre-application letter from London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- Asbestos report/register
- Energy Performance Certificate
- Title Documents
- Instructions to bidders

**Viewings & further information**

Viewing is strictly by appointment only through the agents.

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