

# FREEHOLD RETAIL INVESTMENT FOR SALE







# 170 High Street Guildford, Surrey GU1 3HW

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#### Location

Guildford is an affluent market town situated approximately 30 miles south west of London. The town centre is a popular retail destination attracting numerous high end brands.

The property benefits from excellent communication links being close to the A3 giving access to the M25. Guildford train station provides a fast and frequent service to London Waterloo, Portsmouth, Gatwick and Reading. Both Heathrow and Gatwick Airports are within 30 minutes drive.

The store is in a prominent and busy trading location, being at the intersection between the main pedestrianized High Street and opposite the junction of North Street. Nearby adjacencies include Santander, Steamer Trading, Crew Clothing and Mann Countrywide Estate Agents.

## **Description**

The property is Grade II Listed and was built in approximately 1886 and purpose built for the Conservative party in Guildford where the rear hall was used for Dances, Concerts and Dinners. In 1906 it became Guildford's first cinema and was then later converted and used as a bookshop for over 60 years. It has since undergone a major refurbishment to provide unique retail space but still incorporating many original features.

The building is divided into two main sections with the front building providing three storey accommodation with ground floor sales and part sales and ancillary use on the first and second floors. There is also an interlinking rear double height hall which provides retail sales on the upper ground and first floors.

### **Tenancy**

The entire property is let to Dwell Retail Limited for 15 years from 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012. The lease is subject to 5 yearly upward only rent reviews. The current passing rent is £185,000 per annum.

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#### Covenant

Dwell Retail Limited is one of the fastest growing furniture retailers in the UK with 19 stores Nationwide, including a flagship store on Tottenham Court Road. In 2010 Key Capital Partners became shareholders in Dwell Retail Ltd to assist funding business expansion and roll out of new stores. The business plans to expand by 5 – 10 stores per year for the next 3 – 4 years.

- Established since 2003
- Multi channelled retailer with fast growing brand
- 21 stores nationwide
- Strong year on year growth since being established
- Current turnover approximately £34 million
- Accounts available upon request

Floor Areas		Sq Ft	Sq m
	Ground Floor Sales First Floor part Ancillary/part Sales Second Floor Sales Upper Ground Floor Rear Sales Area Galleried / First Floor Sales Area	1,561 537 575 1,224 729	145.00 49.80 53.42 113.00 67.70
	Total Area	<u>4,626</u>	429.77

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**Price** Offers in the region of £2.1 million which reflects a net initial yield of 8.33% after allowing for purchases costs at 5.8%.

**VAT** The property is not registered for VAT.

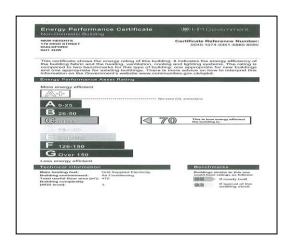
**Legal costs** Each party to be responsible for their own legal costs.

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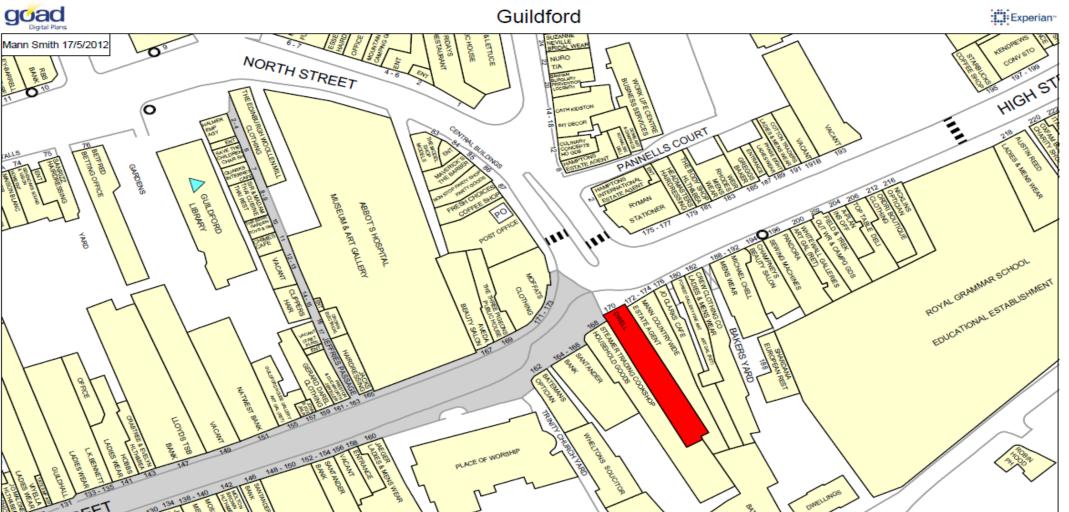
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