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Commercial Property Standard Enquiries

CPSE.7 (version 1.1) General short form pre-contract enquiries for all property transactions

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Particulars

Seller: Rochford Parish Council

Buyer:

Property: Land adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road, Rochford

Transaction:

Seller's solicitors: Drysdales Solicitors LLP

Buyer's solicitors:

Date: 03.02.2017

Interpretation

- 1. In interpreting these enquiries, the terms set out in the Particulars have the meanings given to them in the Particulars and the following interpretation also applies:
- Buyer: includes tenant and prospective tenant.
- Conduits: means the pipes, wires and cables through which utilities and other services
 are carried.

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• Property: includes any part of it and all buildings and other structures on it.

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- Rights: means any covenants, agreements, rights, restrictions, or informal arrangements
 of any kind (including any which are in the course of being acquired).
- Seller: includes landlord and prospective landlord.
- 2. The replies to the enquiries will be given by the Seller and addressed to the Buyer. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, only the Buyer and those acting for it may rely on them.
- References in these enquiries to "you" mean the Seller and to "we" and "us" mean the Buyer.
- In replies to the enquiries, references to "you" will be taken to mean the Buyer and to
 "we" and "us" will be taken to mean the Seller.
- 3. The replies are given without liability on the part of the Seller's solicitors, its members or employees.
- 4. The Buyer acknowledges that even though the Seller will be giving replies to the enquiries, the Buyer should still inspect the Property, have the Property surveyed, investigate title and make all appropriate searches and enquiries of third parties.
- 5. In replying to each of these enquiries and any supplemental enquiries, the Seller acknowledges that it is required to provide the Buyer with copies of all documents and correspondence and to supply all details relevant to the replies, whether or not specifically requested to do so.
- 6. The Seller confirms that pending exchange of contracts or, where there is no prior contract, pending completion of the Transaction, it will notify the Buyer on becoming aware of anything which may cause any reply that it has given to these or any supplemental enquiries to be incorrect.

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ENQUIRIES

1. BOUNDARIES AND EXTENT

In this enquiry, "Boundary Features" means all walls, fences, ditches, hedges or other features that form the physical boundary of the Property.

1.1 Are you aware of any discrepancies between the boundaries referred to in the title deeds and the Boundary Features?

Not to the seller's knowledge but the buyer should rely on their own inspections

1.2 Have any alterations been made to the position of any Boundary Features during your ownership or, to your knowledge, earlier?

Not to the seller's knowledge

- 1.3 In relation to each of the Boundary Features:
 - (a) Which of them have you maintained or regarded as your responsibility?
 - (b) Which of them has someone else maintained or regarded as their responsibility?
 - (c) Which of them have you treated as a party structure or jointly repaired or maintained with someone clse?
 - (d) Are there any agreements for their maintenance?
 - (e) Are any of them subject to a party wall award or agreement?

The seller has not maintained any of the boundaries

1.4 Does any part of the Property lie beneath or above adjoining premises, roads or footpaths?

Not to the seller's knowledge but the buyer should rely on their own inspections

1.5 Are there any adjoining or nearby premises or land which you use or occupy in connection with the Property?

No

2. RIGHTS BENEFITING THE PROPERTY

2.1 What Rights does the Property benefit from, other than those which are apparent from the copy documents supplied?

None to the seller's knowledge

2.2 Please confirm that all terms and conditions relating to the exercise of any Rights which benefit the Property have been complied with.

The seller has not been made aware to the contrary

2.3 Have you (or, to your knowledge, has any predecessor in title) registered any notices, cautions against first registration or other entries against any other titles at the Land Registry in relation to any Rights which benefit the Property?

The seller believes that they have not but they cannot confirm for previous owners

2.4 What are the pedestrian and vehicular access routes to and from the Property?

Stambridge Road

2.5 Have you, or to your knowledge has anyone else, applied to modify or discharge any Rights benefitting the Property?

The seller believes that they have not but they cannot confirm for previous owners

3. ADVERSE RIGHTS AFFECTING THE PROPERTY

3.1 What Rights is the Property subject to, other than those which are apparent from the copy documents supplied?

There appears to be a right of way registered in title number EX788885 although the seller does not have any further information other than the documents provided.

There are/have been cars parking on the land which was raised with the owner although they did not provide any evidence of any right to park.

3.2 Please confirm that all terms and conditions relating to the exercise of any Rights to which the Property is subject have been complied with.

The seller does not know as no further information is held

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3.3 Are there any overriding interests to which the Property is subject?

Not to the seller's knowledge

3.4 Does the Property, or any property over which Rights are enjoyed, include any land that is currently used or has in the past ten years been used by members of the public for recreational purposes, whether with or without your permission?

Not to the seller's knowledge

Have you, or to your knowledge has anyone else, applied to modify or discharge any Rights to which the Property is subject?

The seller believes that they have not but they cannot confirm for previous owners

- 4. PHYSICAL CONDITION
- 4.1 Is the Property now, or has it ever been, affected by any of the following:
 - (a) structural or inherent defects;
 - (b) subsidence, settlement, landslip or heave;
 - (c) defective Conduits, fixtures, plant or equipment;
 - (d) rising damp, rot, or any fungal or other infection;
 - (e) Japanese knotweed;
 - (f) any other infestation; or
 - (g) flooding?

Please rely on your own Surveys

4.2 Is there any Green Deal Plan affecting the Property?

The seller states no

4.3 Has asbestos, or any other substance known or suspected to be unsuitable for its purpose, unstable or hazardous, been used in, or removed from, the Property including Conduits, fixtures, plant and equipment?

Not to the seller's knowledge but you should rely on your own Surveys as to its current condition

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4.4	Please supply copies of the most recent asbestos survey and asbestos management plan for the Property, together with any other relevant information you hold.
There	e are no buildings
4.5	Please supply copies of any subsisting guarantees, warranties and/or insurance policies relating to any buildings erected on or major alterations or engineering works carried out at the Property within the last 12 years.
Ditto	
4.6	Please confirm that all Conduits, fixtures, plant or equipment in or serving the Property have been regularly tested and maintained and that all recommended work has been carried out.
Ditto	
5.	Contents
5.1	Please list any fixtures and fittings that will be removed from the Property before completion.
None	
5.2	Other than those belonging to an occupational tenant, please confirm that you own all fixtures and fittings that will remain on the Property free from third party rights.
Not a	pplicable
6.	Utilities and services
6.1	Please list the services available at the Property and confirm which (if any) are connected to the mains and which are metered.
There	is no building
6.2	Do any parts of the services pass over, under or through any land which is not part of the Property?
Ditto	
	Does the Property have a communal heating, cooling or hot water system? CPSE.7
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Ditto			
6.4	Please _l	provide:	
	(a)	Copies of the most recent bills for	the services referred to at enquiry 6.1;
	(b)	deals with energy supplies relating	he individual within your organisation who g to the Property and confirm that we may formation about the services supplied.
Ditto			
6.5		of the electricity meters serving the rly market?	e Property half hourly meters settled on the
Ditto			
6.6	Do you Scheme		Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency
Ditto	·		
7.	FIRE SAFETY AND MEANS OF ESCAPE		
7.1	What are the current means of escape from the Property in case of emergency?		
Ditto			
7.2	Have you experienced any difficulty in completing the fire risk assessment for the Property or when co-operating with anybody else in order to comply with fire safety regulations?		
Ditto			
7.3	Has the	e been any fire risk recommendatio	n that has not been implemented?
Ditto	<u>.</u>	W-1/-	
8.	PLANNI	NG AND BUILDING REGULATIONS	
8.1		aware of any breach of planning on of the Property?	law in relation to the construction, use or
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Ditto	
8.2	Is any building or structure on the Property listed under planning law?
Ditto	
8.3	What works have been carried out at the Property during the last 4 years?
Ditto	
8.4	What changes of use have taken place at the Property during the last 10 years?
Ditto	-
8.5	What is the existing use of the Property and how is it authorised under planning legislation?
Open	land
8.6	Where you or your solicitor have them, please supply copies of all planning documents and all building regulations consents relating to the Property.
There	e is no building
8.7	Have you made an application for planning permission which has not yet been determined by the local authority or are there any other planning proceedings currently taking place in relation to the Property?
Not a	pplicable
8.8	What information do you have about any proposals for the development of any adjoining or neighbouring property?
Pleas	e carry out your own searches
8.9	Are you aware of any existing or future Community Infrastructure Levy liability relating to the Property?
Pleas	e enquire with the Local Authority

Q.	STATUTORY AGREEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE
7.	OTATUTURY AGREEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

9.1 Are you aware of any outstanding obligations relating to the construction or adoption of the highway, Conduits or any other infrastructure that supplies the Property?

The seller is not aware

9.2 Are you required to enter into any agreement or obligation with any planning, highway or other public authority or utilities provider?

The seller is not aware

9.3 Are you aware of anything affecting the Property that is capable of being registered on the Local Land Charges Register but is not so registered?

Not to the seller's knowledge

10. STATUTORY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

10.1 Are you aware of any breach of statutory requirements that relate to the Property or its use or occupation?

The seller is not aware of any

10.2 Do you have a health and safety file for the Property?

There is no building

- 10.3 If the answer to enquiry 10.2 is yes
 - (a) Is the file at the Property and available for us to inspect?
 - (b) In what form will the file be provided to us upon completion?

Not applicable

10.4 Please supply a valid Energy Performance Certificate for the Property.

There is no building

10.5 Please confirm when the air conditioning at the Property was last inspected and provide a copy of that inspection report.

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Ditto	
10.6	Please supply details of any grant made or claimed in respect of the Property including circumstances in which it may have to be repaid.
Ditto	
11.	Environmental
11.1	Where you or your solicitor have them, please supply copies of all environmental and flood risk reports that have been prepared in relation to the Property.
None	held
11.2	Please supply a copy of all statutory authorisations under all environmental law for the current uses of the Property (if applicable).
Ditto	
11.3	Are there, or have there ever been, any above or below ground bulk storage tanks at the Property? If so, please confirm the contents and age of those tanks (or estimate the age as accurately as possible).
The se	eller does not know
11.4	Please confirm that you are not aware of any breach of any environmental law relating to the past or present use or occupation of the Property or for substances in, on, at or under the Property.
The se	eller is not aware
11.5	Please confirm that you are not aware of any environmental incidents including the leaking or discharging of any substances at the Property or on or at any nearby properties.
The se	ller is not aware
12.	Occupiers
12.1	Does anyone apart from you have any right to use or occupy the Property?
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No	
12.2	If the Property is vacant, when and why did it become vacant?
Not a	pplicable
13.	Insurance
13.1	Have you ever experienced any difficulty in obtaining insurance cover for the Property at normal rates and subject to normal exclusions?
There	is no building
13.2	Please give details of any outstanding insurance claims in relation to the Property.
Ditto	
13.3	If the buildings insurance policy is to remain in place after exchange of contracts, please supply a copy of the policy and schedule of insurance cover.
Ditto	
13.4	Please provide a copy of any other insurance policies relating to the Property (together with the proposal form and other material correspondence with the insurers) including any title indemnity insurance policies.
Ditto	
13.5	Please provide details of any breaches of any insurance policies relating to the Property.
Ditto	
14.	RATES AND OTHER OUTGOINGS
14.1	Have any works been carried out to the Property which may cause the rateable value of the Property to be reviewed?
Ditto	

14.2 Have you or any occupier of the Property, made any claim for void period allowance or for exemption from liability from business rates? Is any claim pending/outstanding?

Ditto

14.3 Are there any other outgoings relating to the Property not referred to elsewhere in these enquiries?

Ditto

14.4 Please supply the most recent bills for business rates and all other outgoings relating to the Property.

Ditto

14.5 If the Property is subject to a Business Improvement District Arrangement, please give details of any levy currently payable.

The seller is unaware

15. NOTICES

Please supply a copy of any notices affecting the Property that you or your predecessors or any tenant or occupier have given or received and confirm that those notices have been complied with.

The seller does not hold any

16. DISPUTES

Please provide details of any outstanding complaints or past, current or likely disputes affecting the Property its use and occupation.

None to the seller's knowledge save for the parking referred to above

17. SDLT ON ASSIGNMENT OF A LEASE

In this enquiry, Lease is any lease under which the Property is held and which is to be assigned by you in the Transaction.

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17.1 Where the Lease or the substantial performance of the agreement to grant the Lease or any event since the grant of the Lease constitutes a transaction notifiable for SDLT purposes, including the payment of a premium for the grant of the Lease or any assignment of it, please provide copies of all land transaction returns and certificates issued by HMRC certifying notification.

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Not	app	lica	blε

17.2 Is there any potential or actual outstanding SDLT liability, including any resulting from the settlement or determination of any rent reviews or other provision for varying the rent or settlement or determination of any contingent, uncertain or unascertained rents?

Ditto

17.3 Were any SDLT reliefs claimed on the grant of the Lease and, if applicable, on the assignment of the Lease to you that would result in the assignment of the Lease by you being deemed to be the grant of a new lease?

Ditto

18. DEFERRED PAYMENT OF SDLT

Please give details of any deferred payment of SDLT which is outstanding in respect of the Property, together with copies of the original land transaction and all relevant correspondence with HMRC.

Ditto

- 19. VAT
- 19.1 If you are registered for VAT, please supply your VAT registration number.

25086560846

19.2 Please state whether the Transaction is to be treated as a transfer of a business as a going concern ('TOGC') and therefore outside the scope of VAT.

No

19.3 If enquiry 19.2 does not apply, is the Transaction standard-rated for VAT purposes as a result of either:

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- (a) the exercise of an option to tax in relation to the Property; or
- (b) compulsory standard-rating?

There is no option to tax

- 19.4 If the answer to enquiry 19.3 is yes, please provide a copy of either:
 - (a) the option notice given to HMRC, together with a copy of HMRC's acknowledgement; or
 - (b) evidence of the reason that compulsory standard-rating applies to this transaction.

Not applicable

19.5 If the Transaction is not standard-rated for VAT purposes, please state if it is zero-rated, exempt or outside the scope of VAT other than by reason of being a TOGC.

Ditto

- 20. CAPITAL ALLOWANCES
- 20.1 Is there anything in the Property upon which a capital allowances claim can be based?

Not applicable

20.2 If the answer to enquiry 20.1 is yes, please give details and copy documents including the name and contact details of your capital allowances advisor and confirm that we may make contact direct to ascertain any required capital allowances information.

Ditto



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Rochford

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Our Ref:

HS Rochford Parish

Your Ref:

Date:

13 October 2017

Dear Sir,

Re: Land Adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road (Western Boundary) STRICLY URGENT

We write further in this matter and understand that the fence has now been erected, preventing your access to the above land.

We further understand that you have been extremely threatening to our client and that you have also threatened to cause damage to our client's land by removing the fence.

Threating behaviour or any act of criminal damage will not be tolerated by our client and they have been advised by us to refer the matter to the Police if they are threatened or if you attempt to damage or remove any of their property. We shall also advise them to pursue a civil claim against you for any loss that they suffer as a result of your acts or omissions. Our client has not carried out any criminal act by erecting a fence on their own property.

We insist that you do not contact our client directly and that any further correspondence, including telephone calls, are made with us directly. We will advise our client to refer any form of harassment to the Police, should your direct contact with them continue.

We repeat our previous comments in that you have not provided us with any evidence that you have a right of way over the land and until such time that you do provide any evidence, and due to the absence of any right in your Deeds, we shall continue to assume that you do not have any rights over the same. If you wish to attempt to negotiate a right of way with our client then you must of course make us aware of this and we will take instructions from our client.

We understand that you are not financially able to obtain legal advice and we would suggest that you speak with your local Citizens Advice Bureau who may be able to assist you.











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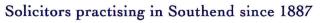
Yours faithfully,

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K. KEEBLE LL.B

3-10-17 MR. Gary Clee
124 Stambridge Rd
124 Stambridge Rd Rochford
SS41DP
Dear Sir/Madam,
I thank you for your letter of the 20th
I thank you for your letter of the 20th September 2017,
Trespectfully disagree with the contents
within the letter,
Regardless of legal title you have provided me
I am aware that I may have obtained
an implied right of access, so this will require
further investigation and continued legal advice.
I will contact you within 28 days,
I will cartact you within 28 days, yours faithfully Gall
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Mr G Clee 124 Stambridge Road Rochford Essex SS4 1DP

Our Ref: HS Rochford Parish

Your Ref:

Date: 20 September 2017

Dear Sir,

Re: Land Adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road (Western Boundary)

We thank you for your letter of the 11th September 2017.

We note your comments however we respectfully disagree that you have become entitled to claim title to any part of the land under the adverse possession rules. Under these rules, you must have an intention to possess the land and we cannot see evidence of such. Furthermore, our client instructs us that they fenced the land off in 2012 to prevent your access which means that any use by you has not been continuous.

In relation to the parking permit, our client does not have any records of this but if a permit was issued then this would mean that you would be using the land with permission and as such would prevent any adverse possession claim.

You are, by your own admission, using the land without our client's consent and are therefore trespassing on their land. We must instruct you to immediately cease crossing the land and any item, including vehicles, which belong to you must be removed immediately. Our client will be proceeding to block off the land, regardless as to whether any of your items remain situated on there. They will assume, if you do leave any items on the land, that by doing so you intended title to such items to pass to them and they shall dispose of them accordingly.

If you are intending to obtain independent legal advice, which is our suggestion, then we would encourage you do so swiftly.

Yours faithfully,

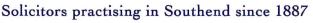
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Assistant Solicitor - C.I. BANNISTER







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Rahford
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Dear Sir/Madam,
I write to you further
regarding land adjacent to my property
124 Stambridge Road Rochford, and I am
still querying my access to my property.
Having moved to this have over twenty
years ago I have from that point in time
had to use a side gate Per access to the
near of this property. I have and still
- do Maintain the condition of the land
adjacent to the property 124, this has
_ involved regular strumino / cloaranco
and the purchase of aggregate to Keep
my parking area of a good standard.
When I purchased above property I
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Mr. G. Clet 11 Jeptember 17 was given a parking permit from Richford Parish Council, this permit the Parish Council now say that have no Knowledge of to question why they have no knowledge? time since property has the Parch Canal ever carried out any maintenance to the land in question. I put it to you that I am under the adverse possession entitled to claim possession of I have maintained been unchalleged for over twenty years to park a vehicle on-I have a house was a shop - Coronation. which mount that customors

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property.	_
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the adverse possession states that a	
period of twelve years is adequate to	_
claim use of said land.	
This situation has caused me great	
concern and will soon he passed on to m	М
Solicitors	_
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September as you have intormed me I	ut
my access and parking will need to be	
a big ansideration from your clients	

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will be content with artcome,
Yors faithfully
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Our Ref:

HS Rochford Parish

Your Ref:

Date: 29 August 2017

Dear Sir,

SS4 1DP

Re: Land Adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road (Western Boundary)

We thank you for your recent letter.

Our client has agreed to provide you with until the 14th September 2017 to provide any evidence. The area will be fenced off from the 15th September 2017. This should enable you ample time to come back to us, and you did also receive our client's correspondence relating to this is June which has provided you with almost 3 months notice.

We have enclosed a copy of your Title which does not show any right.

Yours faithfully,

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	pocared. MR. GARY CLEE
	124 Stambridge Road
	Rochford
	3541DP
	Dear Sirs,
	Thank you for your letter of the
	19th August 2017 regarding the land adjacent
	to my home at 124 Stambridge Road,
	Rochford SS4IDP, which has caused me
	great concern.
	I do not believe that the assertion your
	Client makes is correct.
	However you will appreciate that I need
	to access my documentation and this will
	take some time.
¥	Would you please wait until at least
	World you please wait until at least 14th September 2017 to allow me to
	obtain infranction and documentation

Some of which is with a third party. I will contact you again on the date 14/9/17, Please acknowledge and confirm, yours faithfully L. Cll		MR GARY CLEE 124 Stambridge Re Rochford 554 IDP
Please acknowledge and confirm, yours faithfully L. Cll		Some of which is with a third party, I will contact you again on the date 14/9/17.
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Mr G Clee 124 Stambridge Road Rochford Essex SS4 1DP

Our Ref: HS Rochford Parish

Your Ref:

Date: 11 August 2017

Dear Sir,

Re: Land Adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road (Western Boundary)

We write further to our client's letter to you of the 20th June 2017 and we understand from them that you have contacted them querying the parking.

Our client's Deeds do not provide a specific right for you to park on the land. We have obtained a copy of the title to your property held by the Land Registry and we are unable to locate any right for you to park on the land within your own title either.

If you do believe that you have a right of way over, or a right to park on, the land then we would be grateful if you could please revert back to us with the appropriate evidence within 14 days of receipt of this letter. If we do not receive any correspondence from you by this time then we shall conclude that you do not hold any evidence and our client shall proceed to fence off the land.

We do advise that you obtain your own legal advice in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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20 June 2017

Mr G Clee 124 Stambridge Road Rochford Essex SS4 1DP

Dear Sir

Re: Land Adjacent to 124 Stambridge Road (Western Boundary)

As you are aware Rochford Parish Council owns the currently vacant land between 124 and 118 Stambridge and the Council have noted that there is a gate leading from your property onto the above land.

As you have no legal right to cross the same we write to inform you that we shall be fencing off this access so that it can no longer be gained.

If you do have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact our solicitor Miss H Stonham of Drysdales Solicitors LLP Cumberland House, 24-28 Baxter Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6HZ.

Yours faithfully

Cllr. Arthur Williams

Chairman

Rochford Parish Council