

# FREEHOLD FOR SALE

## **DEVELOPMENT and/or INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Outline planning permission previously granted for the erection of up to 80 residential dwellings

Former Dairy site, School Lane, Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire, SY4 1LZ



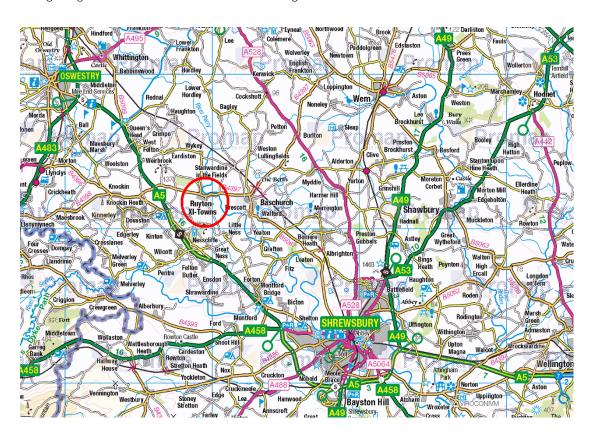
Conditional Offers are invited

An opportunity to acquire the freehold of a superbly located brownfield site in the picturesque village of Ruyton XI Towns, Shropshire.

This opportunity is likely to be of interest to a residential developer keen to secure a foothold in one of eth most desirable rural addresses in Shropshire outside of Shrewsbury.

### **LOCATION**

Located in the centre of the village off the B4397 just two miles from the A5 arterial route the site is served by public transport links to neighbouring villages and the centres of Oswestry and Shrewsbury. Rail services are available at Yorton to the east and Gobowen to the north. The village is within commutable distance of larger regional centres such as Chester and Birmingham.



## **DISTANCES**

Shrewsbury: 11 milesWrexham: 22 milesBaschurch: 2.5 miles

Gobowen (rail station): 10 miles

Birmingham: 60 miles
Llangollen: 20 miles
Market Drayton: 24 miles

(all distances are approximate)

Oswestry: 9 miles Chester: 34 miles

Yorton (rail station): 8 miles

Telford: 24 miles

Wolverhampton: 41 miles Whitchurch: 20 miles Stoke on Trent: 40 miles

#### **DESCRIPTION**

The site is located within the large rural village of Ruyton XI Towns named as such back in the 12<sup>th</sup> century after its castle (now in ruins) and home to some 1,500 residents and lying on the River Perry a tributary of the River Severn.

Ruyton benefits from a range of local amenities and services/facilities; it has an active community and is served by local Primary schooling, village hall, convenience shopping outlets, church and a wide variety of leisure/recreational facilities including pubs and take away and large playing fields; all within easy walking distance of the site. A medical practice and surgery are located at Knockin and Baschurch respectively.

Ruyton is well serviced by educational establishments which include Packwood Haugh, Prestfelde Preparatory, Oswestry School, Adcote School, Moreton Hall, Shrewsbury School and Shrewsbury High School within the independent sector and more locally St John's the Baptist C of Primary School in the village and the Corbet School in Baschurch.

The site comprises an existing operational B8 industrial warehousing use (formerly a Creamery/Dairy operated by Kraft and Express Dairies) extending over 2.7 hectares (6.7 acres) and 9,612 sqm (103,466 sqft) of floorspace, with large areas of parking and service yard areas.

The former Dairy laboratory office building known as Sandstone Cottages located on the School Road frontage now house two Class C3 residential dwellings and the former Dairy canteen known as Perry Hall has been used for Class D2 functions as a private social club and by the local community. Additionally, private equestrian stabling facilities are also present to the rear of the site, used in association with the adjacent paddock land to the west of the site.

There also exist both 11KV and 33 KV sub-stations on site. The site benefits from multiple access points, off the B4397 Olden Lane (pedestrian) and School Road (vehicular).



#### **DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

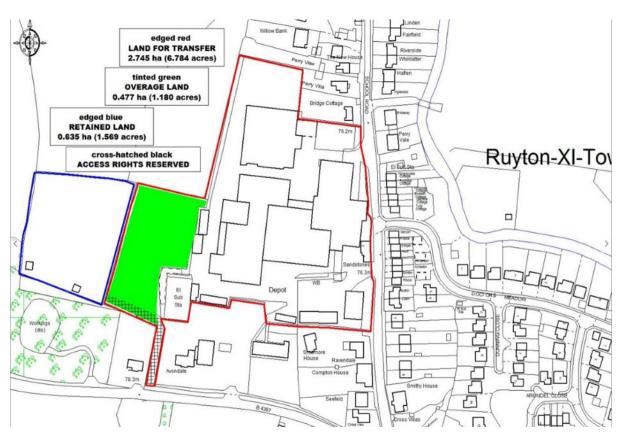
The site offers a variety of unique and exciting opportunities. Full vacant possession is available if required or the site can be purchased subject to an occupational lease at a passing rent of £75,000 per annum exclusive of VAT, whilst planning is obtained; for further details please refer to the **Bidding Guidance** document.

The obvious re-use is as a residential re-development opportunity. Outline planning permission was granted for up to 80 new dwellings in 2011 and expired in December 2016. No doubt residential developers would seek to alter the layout to meet their own needs and reduce the density to reflect latest market conditions.

However, consideration might also be given to a mixed-use development and/or one based upon a Sheltered Housing or Care/Extra Care (C2) use of site. Additional alternative uses may involve use for educational, community and/or sports related uses and those within sui generis categories. Alternatively, prospective purchasers may wish to explore the retention of the existing buildings for their own purposes or as a commercial property investment opportunity.

Whist there maybe an opportunity to remove the 11KV sub-station located on site no such opportunity is believed to remove/relocate the 33KV sub-station.

We would strongly recommend that prospective purchasers consider using the pre-application service offered by Shropshire Council in formulating their bid and schematic layout.



- Transfer Land: edged RED: 2.745 ha (6.784 acres)
- Overage Land: tinted GREEN: 0.477 ha (1.180 acres)
- Outline Planning Permission Land: 2.268 ha (5.604 acres)
- Retained Land: edged BLUE: 0.635 ha (1.569 acres)
- Access Rights Reserved include the area cross-hatched BLACK, to facilitate access to the paddock (Retained Land edged BLUE) off Olden Lane.

#### **OVERAGE**

The property is sold subject to a clawback on future development value associated with the land tinted **GREEN** known as the "Overage Land". This will be effective for 30 years from the date of completion of the current sale. Further details are available in the **Bidding Guidance** document that accompanies these particulars.

#### **PLANNING**

The former Oswestry Borough Council granted Outline Planning Permission subject to a \$106 legal agreement for a period of 5 years (ref. 05/13752/OUT) for the redevelopment of the site for up to 80 residential dwellings. This decision was renewed and extended for a further 5 years by Shropshire Council on 23 December 2011 (ref 10/04143/OUT) with a deed of variation to the \$106 legal agreement dated 22 December 2011.

The permission involved the redevelopment of the site for residential purposes with means of access involving the removal of all existing buildings, structures and uses. An illustrative masterplan was approved (provided below) that identifies the site has a capacity for 80 no. residential dwellings with a proportionate area of public open space provided on site.

## **OUTLINE PERMISSION MASTERPLAN**



In brief, the terms of the \$106 comprise:

- Educational Sum of £250,000 for Primary School use (if not used within 5 years then used towards community project and if not used within 7 years then refunded)
- Traffic Calming commuted sum of £25,000
- Provision of 40 sqm of formal play open space (min. of 2,660 sqm based upon 80 no. dwellings) or £1,400/dwelling if provided off-site
- 25% affordable housing (of which 30% shared ownership and 70% rental tenure)

The permission expired in December 2016. The terms of that S106 therefore no longer apply.

Prospective purchasers will therefore now have to submit a new application and thereby accept the application of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in lieu of \$106 obligations.

Presently CIL charges are set at £80/square metre of new residential floorspace and Affordable Housing contributions are currently set at 10% for this Area C part of Shropshire.

It should be noted that deductions are made for existing floorpsace (so long as they have been in use for at least 6 months prior to permission being granted) to be removed and no CIL is payable for affordable housing, employment related and other non-residential types of development (including C2). Thus with some 9,612 sqm of exiting floorpsace and based upon the illustrative masterplan that identifies some 7,955 sqm of floorspace then a **NIL** CIL contribution would apply.

## **SERVICES**

It is understood that electricity, mains water, pumped sewerage, mains gas and telecommunications connections are all available on site. It is recommended that prospective purchasers investigate these matters to their own satisfaction. All known utility and private service points are known and identified on a plan identified within the Information Pack.

## **LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Shropshire Council

Planning Department: Tim Rogers (Senior Planning Manager): tim.rogers@shropshire.gov.uk on 01743 258773: Planning Service, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND www.shropshire.gov.uk

The Dairy site is presently rated under Business Rates with a rateable value of £110,000 per annum and the multiplier is .04930 so the annual rates charge is £59,160.

The two residential units are Council Tax Band B and the annual charge for 2015/16 is £1,154.80 per unit.

#### **DEPOSIT**

Upon an exchange of contracts a 10% non-returnable deposit (offset against the purchase price) will be payable.

## **TENURE**

The site is being offered for sale as a Freehold either with the benefit of vacant possession (subject to a 3 month break notice on a lease) or subject to the balance of a 5 year lease term between the owners (Pentons Haulage & Cold Storage Retirement Benefit Scheme) and Pentons Haulage & Cold Storage Ltd. The lease will contain a rolling break clause of 3 months actionable by both landlord and tenant. Title is registered under Title No. SL99690.

## **VIEWING ARRANGEMENTS**

Viewings are strictly by prior appointment through the vendor's agents.

**OFFERS** 

Conditional offers are invited for the freehold of the property as a whole (although consideration will be

given to offers for a part) and also offers from multiple uses and joint bidders will be considered. These

should be submitted direct to J10 Planning Ltd. It is important that Purchasers read the **Bidding Guidance** 

document that accompanies these particulars and obtain the available Information Pack.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** 

A detailed  $Information\ Pack$  is available for download from a DATAROOM. This includes a significant

amount of technical and legal information to facilitate bidders in preparing a scheme and a bid. An email

link to download this pack will be provided from the vendor's agent and lawyer upon request. A

 $comprehensive\ \textit{list}\ is\ available\ appended\ to\ the\ \textbf{Bidding}\ \textbf{Guidance}\ document\ but\ a\ summary\ is\ provided$ 

below.

Registered Legal Title

• Deeds Note

CPSE

Local Search (incl. Highway and Drainage)

EPC

Bidding Guidance

Site Plan

• Committee Report and Minutes

Decision Notices (refs. 05/13752/OUT and 10/04143/OUT)

\$106 legal agreement

\$106 deed of variation

Planning statement

Planning History Note

Design & Access statement

Masterplan drawings

Measured survey and topographical plans

• Environmental desktop report and addendum

Asbestos report

Archaeological assessment

Floodrisk assessment

• Transport Assessment and Interim Travel Plan

Ecology assessment

Tree report

Services & Utility report

Prospective Purchasers may also wish to access Shropshire Council's online planning portal should they

wish to obtain any additional planning application related material by using the relevant planning application reference numbers; however, the vendors cannot provide any guarantee that such

information is complete or accurate.

**DIRECTIONS** 

Satellite Navigation postcode: SY4 1LZ

#### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

These particulars and any other associated supplementary information provided by the agents are intended to give a fair and substantially correct overall description for the guidance of intending purchasers and have been produced in good faith, they are set out as a general guide only and do not constitute any part of an offer or contract. Prospective purchaser(s) may wish to seek their own professional advice. Please note that the vendor is not required to accept the highest or indeed any offer. Any offer is made at your own risk.

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