

RESIDENTIAL CONVEYANCING

FREEHOLD PURCHASE

We are pleased to offer a high quality conveyancing service to our clients. Each transaction is handled by a dedicated person with the necessary experience to see it through from beginning to end, together with a support team that will ensure you are provided with the information you need at the time you need it.

Our fees information reflects the personal service we provide and is fully inclusive to include all elements of the work needed to complete your transaction to ensure full transparency. Unlike some firm's there are no hidden charges.

As part of your transaction we will incur third party costs on your behalf; we call these disbursements and they are charged in addition to our fees. Disbursements are things we have to incur as part of the transaction. An indication of the disbursements you would expect to incur on an average transaction is set out below. A combination of the fees and disbursements quoted form the total fee you will be charged.

Estimate of how long it usually takes

We would usually expect a freehold purchase to take 8-10 weeks from receipt by us of the complete contract pack from the seller's solicitors. It's important to note that there are many things that can have an effect on the timescale of your property transaction. The progress depends on input from you, including providing funds on account promptly and meeting our ID requirements for new clients, the solicitors acting for other parties, mortgage lenders, estate agents and other third parties who may be or become involved. Some transactions happen more quickly than the timescales we have estimated above, whereas some can take longer.

Factors which can affect the time it takes to reach completion include:

- the length of the chain and how many other parties/properties are involved
- whether there are any issues with the property you are buying, selling or re-mortgaging
- the time of year - the run up to the end of the tax year (the end of February to the first week of April) can become extremely busy, as can the run up to Christmas (mid-November to Christmas). It can also be difficult to agree completion dates over the school summer holidays as often parties within the chain are away at different times.

If you have a specific timescale in mind, we will do our best to achieve it.

Estimate of average cost

Value	Cost
up to £300,000.00	£1,500.00 (plus VAT @20%)
up to £500,000.00	£1,700.00 (plus VAT @20%)
up to £800,000.00	£2,200.00 (plus VAT @20%)
up to £1m	£2,500.00 (plus VAT @20%)
over £1m	0.30% of purchase price (plus VAT @20%)

Additional charges are also incurred in the following circumstances:

Description	Cost
New Build	£250.00 (plus VAT @20%)
Help to Buy	£50.00 (plus VAT @20%)

Stages of the process

Stages involved in the purchase of residential property can vary according to the circumstances. The below gives a guide to some of the key stages:

Take Instructions and provide initial advice

Review and provide advice on Contract

Make necessary enquiries of seller's solicitors

Advise you on all documents and responses to enquiries received from the seller's solicitors

Explain the conditions of the mortgage offer to you and send final contract to you for signature

Agree exchange and completion date

Exchange contracts and notify you that this has happened

Review finances to fund the purchase (liaise with lender's solicitors if required)

Provide you with a completion statement, setting out details of all monies required from the lender and you to complete

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Deal with payment of Stamp Duty/Land Tax

Deal with application for registration at Land Registry

Send you a letter confirming registration is complete and setting out details of file closing and retention

Assumptions

For a normal transaction of this type, with a cost estimate in this range, we have made the following assumptions:

- that this is a standard transaction and that has no unforeseen matters arise including for example (but not limited to) a defect in title which requires remedying prior to completion or the preparation of additional documents ancillary to the main transaction
- that this is the transfer of a whole of a title number and does not include transfers of parts or transfers of additional whole titles
- that the transaction is concluded in a timely manner and no unforeseen complications arise
- that all parties to the transaction are co-operative and there is no unreasonable delay from third parties providing documentation
- that no indemnity policies are required. Additional costs and disbursements may apply if indemnity policies are required
- that the property is not a listed building, new-build, Help to Buy or being purchased under the Housing Act legislation (Right to Buy, Voluntary Right to Buy or Right to Acquire) and does not have an unregistered title
- that all necessary planning permissions, building regulations approvals/completion certificates and restrictive covenant consents have been obtained
- that the property is not tenanted and we are not required to review any tenancy agreements
- that you are not purchasing in the name of a limited company

Disbursements

Disbursements will be charged in addition to our fees. For this type of work, we expect the following disbursements to be incurred:

Disbursements	Cost
Searches	£400.00 approx
SDLT	This is calculated by reference to property value in accordance with the rates set by HMRC
Bankruptcy searches	£2.40 (inc of vat @20%) per name searched
Land Registry priority searches	£3.60 (inc of vat @20%) per title number searched
Land Registry registration fee	This is calculated on the basis of the Land Registry Fee Scale and varies depending on the value of the property and the type of transaction
TT fee	£36.00 (inc of vat @20%) for each TT we send. This will be required to send the purchase money to your seller's solicitors
BACS fee	£12.00 (inc of vat @20%) for each BACS transfer we send. This will be required for sending your SDLT payment to HMRC
SDLT	This is calculated by reference to property value in accordance with rates set by the HMRC. You can calculate the amount you will need using the HMRC SDLT calculator or if the property is located in Wales by using the Welsh Revenue Authority's website .

Additional Information

If the work you need us to do for you does not fit into the normal range of service we have set out in this illustration, please speak to us and we will be happy to give you a full detailed scope of fees.

Our people that can do this type of work



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I advise high net worth individuals in the acquisition, disposal and refinancing of their residential property assets including high value central London properties, substantial country houses and regional property investment opportunities. I regularly collaborate with our private wealth and family law experts to provide a comprehensive offering to our clients. As Head of Conveyancing I also manage the plot sale teams for our bespoke developer and social housing clients.



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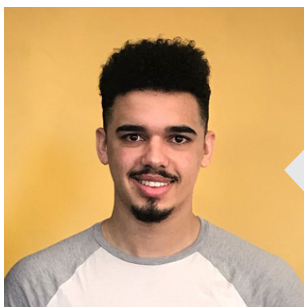
I am an experienced residential conveyancing paralegal working towards qualification as a Chartered Legal Executive following completion of my law degree. I assist within the residential conveyancing team to provide clients with a bespoke and quality service in their sale, purchase or remortgage transactions. I deal with sales, right to buy, right to acquire and staircasing matters for our social housing clients as well as plot sales of new build affordable housing property.



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I take a lead role in Freehold and Leasehold Sales and Purchases with a particular focus on more complex transactions. Drawing on a wealth of knowledge from my background in local midlands firms I am able to provide a varied framework in which property transactions can proceed smoothly and efficiently.



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Working within both the Residential Conveyancing and Plot Sale team I have a variety of experience from dealing with freehold, leasehold and shared ownership new build sales for our private developer and social housing clients as well as residential sales, Right to Acquire, Right to Buy and Staircasing disposals. I'm also working towards obtaining my qualification specialising in conveyancing.



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I manage an administrative team providing support to the wider Real Estate team including; management of high volume instructions, document production, deeds management and financial tracking. I am the first port of call for all administrative issues whether it be internal or external