

Bring-Down Comfort Letter

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(hereinafter referred to as the “**Offeree**”)

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(acting as financial adviser and Rule 3 adviser to
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(each an “**Addressee**” and together the “**Addressees**”)

For the attention of Jane Blore

Date: 20 July 2026

Our Ref: I:1174322

Dear Sir / Madam

VALUATION REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPERTIES OF ALTERNATIVE INCOME REIT PLC AS AT 31 MARCH 2026 IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY CODE ON TAKEOVERS AND MERGERS

We refer to the valuation report dated 3 July 2026 containing the valuation of the properties as at 31 March 2026 (the “**Valuation Date**”) prepared by us for the Offeree (the “**Valuation Report**”), for inclusion in an announcement to be made by the Offeree on 3 July 2026 (the “**Announcement**”) in accordance with Rule 29 of the UK City Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the “**Code**”) issued by the UK Panel on Takeovers and Mergers and any other announcement, document and/or supplementary document required to be released by the Offeree pursuant to the Code (the “**Code Document**”) whilst the Offeree remains in an 'offer period' as defined under the Code.

We confirm that we do not consider that there has been a material change in the Market Value (as defined in the Valuation Report) of the properties included in the Valuation Report since the date of such report. For these

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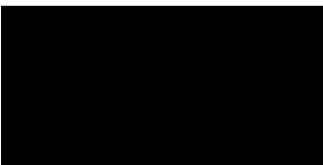
purposes, a “material change” means a variation of 5% or above in the aggregate Market Value of the properties included in the Valuation Report.

We further confirm that:

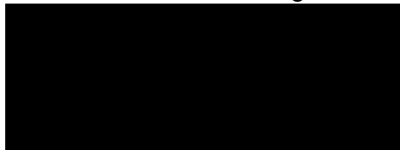
- (i) since the Valuation Date, we are not aware (having made inquiry of the Offeree) of any other matter which is not disclosed in our Valuation Report or any change in any specific matter disclosed in our Valuation Report which we reasonably consider is required to be drawn to your attention in the context of our engagement to prepare a Valuation Report and that we are not aware of any matters that would require a material change to our Valuation Report;
- (ii) the items in the Response Document that have been extracted from the Valuation Report have been properly and accurately extracted, derived or computed from the Valuation Report; and
- (iii) we are not aware of any other matter in relation to our valuation of the properties to which the Valuation Report relates which is not disclosed in the Response Document and which we consider is required to be drawn to your attention pursuant to the requirements of the Code and the FCA UK Listing Rules made under Part 6 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended.

This letter should be read in conjunction with the contents of our Valuation Report and is subject to the same caveats, assumptions and conditions set out in the Valuation Report. The contents of this letter are intended to be confidential to the Addressees and for the specific purpose stated in the Valuation Report.

Yours faithfully,



Partner, Valuation & Advisory
For and on behalf of Knight Frank LLP



For and on behalf of

Knight Frank LLP

General Terms of Business for Valuation Services

Important Notice

If you have any queries relating to this Agreement please let us know as soon as possible and in any event before signing the Terms of Engagement Letter and/or giving us instructions to proceed.

Your instructions to proceed (howsoever received, whether orally or in writing) will constitute your offer to purchase our services on the terms of the Agreement.

Accordingly, our commencement of work pursuant to your instructions shall constitute acceptance of your offer and as such establish the contract between us on the terms of the Agreement.

These General Terms of Business (the “**General Terms**”) and our engagement letter (the “**Engagement Letter**”) together form the agreement between you and us (the “**Agreement**”). References to “**you**”, “**your**” etc. are to persons or entities who are our client and, without prejudice to clauses 3 and 4 below, to any persons purporting to rely on our Valuation.

Unless the context otherwise requires, all other terms and expressions used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Engagement Letter.

When used herein or in the Engagement Letter, the term “**Valuation**” shall mean any valuation report, supplementary report or subsequent/update report, produced pursuant to our engagement and any other replies or information we produce in respect of any such report and/or any relevant property. Any words following the terms “**including**”, “**in particular**” or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding those terms.

All of the terms set out in these General Terms shall survive termination of the Agreement.

In the event of any inconsistency between these General Terms, the Scope of Work and the Engagement Letter, the order of precedence should be as follows: (1) the Engagement Letter, (2) the Scope of Work and (3) these General Terms.

1. Knight Frank

- 1.1 Knight Frank LLP (“**Knight Frank**”, “**our**”, “**us**”, “**we**”) is a limited liability partnership with registered number OC305934; this is a corporate body which has *members* and not *partners*.
- 1.2 Our registered office is at 55 Baker Street, London W1U 8AN where a list of members may be inspected.
- 1.3 Any representative of Knight Frank described as *partner* is either a member or an employee of Knight Frank and is not a partner in a partnership. The term *partner* has been retained because it is an accepted way of referring to senior professionals. The term “**Knight Frank Person**” shall, when used herein, mean any member, employee, “partner” or consultant of Knight Frank.
- 1.4 Our VAT registration number is 238 5156 53.
- 1.5 The details of our professional indemnity insurance will be provided to you on request.
- 1.6 Knight Frank is registered for regulation in the United Kingdom by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (“**RICS**”). Any Valuation provided by us may be subject to monitoring under RICS Valuer Registration. In accordance with our obligations it may be necessary to disclose valuation files to RICS. By instructing us you give us your permission to do so. Where possible we will give you prior notice before making any such disclosure, although, this may not always be possible. We will use reasonable endeavours to limit the scope of any such disclosure and to ensure any disclosed documents are kept confidential.

- 1.7 Valuations will be carried out in accordance with the relevant edition of the RICS valuation standards, the RICS Red Book (the “**Red Book**”), by valuers who conform to its requirements and with regard to relevant statutes or regulations.
- 1.8 As required by RICS, a copy of our complaints procedure is available on request. Please contact complaints@knightfrank.com if you would like to make a complaint.
- 1.9 Knight Frank LLP is a member of an international network of independent firms which may use the “Knight Frank” name and/or logos as part of their business name and operate in jurisdictions outside the United Kingdom (each such firm, an “**Associated Knight Frank Entity**”).
- 1.10 Unless specifically agreed otherwise, in writing, between you and us: (i) no Associated Knight Frank Entity is our agent or has authority to enter into any legal relations and/or binding contracts on our behalf; and (ii) we will not supervise, monitor or be liable for any Associated Knight Frank Entity or for the work or actions or omissions of any Associated Knight Frank Entity, irrespective of whether we introduced the Associated Knight Frank Entity to you.
- 1.11 You are responsible for entering into your own agreement with any relevant Associated Knight Frank Entity.
- 1.12 This document has been originally prepared in the English language. If this document has been translated and to the extent there is any ambiguity between the English language version of this document and any translation thereof, the English language version as prepared by us shall take precedence.

2. Governing law and jurisdiction

- 2.1 The Agreement and any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with it or its subject matter or formation or any Valuation shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.
- 2.2 The courts of England and Wales shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim (including non-contractual disputes or claims) arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or its subject matter or formation or any Valuation. This will apply wherever the relevant property or the client, or any relevant third party, is located or the service is provided.

3. Limitations on liability

- 3.1 Subject to clause 3.8, our maximum total liability in connection with or arising out of this Agreement and/or its subject matter and/or the Valuation is limited to the higher of £250,000 or fifty times our fee as set out in the Engagement Letter.
- 3.2 Subject to clause 3.8, we will not be liable for any loss of profits, loss of data, loss of chance, loss of goodwill, or any indirect or consequential loss of any kind.
- 3.3 Our liability to you shall be reduced to the extent that we prove that we would have been able to claim a contribution pursuant to the Civil Liability (Contribution) Act 1978 from one or more of the other professionals instructed by you in relation to any relevant property

and/or the Purpose (and in each case if, as a result of an exclusion or limitation of liability in your agreement with such professional, the amount of such contribution would be reduced, our liability to you shall be further reduced by the amount by which the contribution we would be entitled to claim from such professional is reduced).

- 3.4 Subject to clause 3.8, any limitation on our liability will apply however such liability is or would otherwise have been incurred, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), for breach of statutory duty, or otherwise.
- 3.5 Except as set out in clauses 3.6 and 4.7 and 4.8 below no third party shall have any right to enforce any of the terms of this Agreement, whether under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 or otherwise.
- 3.6 No claim arising out of or in connection with this Agreement may be brought against any Knight Frank Person. Those individuals will not have a personal duty of care to you or any other person and any such claim for losses must be brought against Knight Frank. Any Knight Frank Person may enforce this clause under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 but the terms of this Agreement may be varied by agreement between the client and Knight Frank at any time without the need for any Knight Frank Person to consent.
- 3.7 No claim, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Agreement and/or any Valuation shall be commenced against us after the expiry of the earlier of (a) six years from the Valuation Date (as set-out in the relevant Valuation) or (b) any limitation period prescribed by law.
- 3.8 Whether or not specifically qualified by reference to this clause, nothing in the Agreement shall exclude or limit our liability in respect of fraud, or for death or personal injury caused by our negligence or negligence of those for whom we are responsible, or for any other liability to the extent that such liability may not be so excluded or limited as a matter of applicable law.

4. Purpose, reliance and disclosure

- 4.1 The Valuation is prepared and provided solely for the stated purpose. Unless expressly agreed by us in writing, it cannot be relied upon, and must not be used, for any other purpose and, subject to clause 3.8, we will not be liable for any such use.
- 4.2 Without prejudice to clause 4.1 above, the Valuation may only be relied on by our Client. Unless expressly agreed by us in writing the Valuation may not be relied on by any third party and we will not be liable for any such purported reliance.
- 4.3 Subject to clause 4.4 below, the Valuation is confidential to our Client and must not be disclosed, in whole or in part, to any third party without our express written consent (to be granted or withheld in our absolute discretion). Subject to clause 3.8, no liability is accepted to any third party for the whole or any part of any Valuation disclosed in breach of this clause.
- 4.4 Notwithstanding any statement to the contrary in the Agreement, you may disclose documents to the minimum extent required by any court of competent jurisdiction or any other competent judicial or governmental body or the laws of England.
- 4.5 Neither the whole nor any part of the Valuation and/or any reference thereto may be included in any published document, circular or statement nor published in any way whatsoever whether in hard copy or electronically (including on any website) without our prior written consent and approval of the form and context in which it may appear.
- 4.6 Where permission is given for the publication of a Valuation neither the whole nor any part thereof, nor any reference thereto, may be used in any publication or transaction that may have the effect of exposing us to liability for actual or alleged violations of the Securities Act 1933 as amended, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, any state Blue Sky or securities law or similar federal,

state provincial, municipal or local law, regulation or order in either the United States of America or Canada or any of their respective territories or protectorates (the "**Relevant Securities Laws**"), unless in each case we give specific written consent, expressly referring to the Relevant Securities Laws.

- 4.7 You agree that we, and/or any Knight Frank Person, may be irreparably harmed by any breach of the terms of this clause 4 and that damages may not be an adequate remedy. Accordingly, you agree that we and/or any Knight Frank Person may be entitled to the remedies of injunction or specific performance, or any other equitable relief, for any anticipated or actual breach of this clause.
- 4.8 You agree to indemnify and keep fully indemnified us, and each relevant Knight Frank Person, from and against all liabilities, claims, costs (including legal and professional costs), expenses, damages and losses arising from or in connection with any breach of this clause 4 and/or from the actions or omissions of any person to whom you have disclosed (or otherwise caused to be made available) our Valuation otherwise than in accordance with this clause 4.
- 4.9 You warrant and represent that all information provided to us shall be accurate, complete and up-to-date and can be relied upon by us for the purposes of the Agreement and you shall be liable to us or any other third party for any such information provided by you that is not accurate, complete or up-to-date.

5. Severance

If any provision of the Agreement is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to amend such provision so that, as amended, it is legal, valid and enforceable and, to the greatest extent possible, achieves the intended commercial result of the original provision. If express agreement regarding the modification or meaning or any provision affected by this clause is not reached, the provision shall be deemed modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it valid, legal and enforceable. If such modification is not possible, the relevant provision shall be deemed deleted. Any modification to or deletion of a provision under this clause shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the rest of this Agreement.

6. Entire agreement

- 6.1 The Agreement, together with any Valuation produced pursuant to it (the Agreement and such documents together, the "**Contractual Documents**") constitute the entire agreement between you and us and supersedes and extinguishes all previous agreements, promises, assurances, warranties, representations and understandings between you and us, whether written or oral, relating to its subject matter.
- 6.2 Subject to clause 3.8 above, you agree that in entering into the Agreement you do not rely on, and shall have no remedies in respect of, any statement, representation, assurance or warranty (whether made innocently or negligently) that is not expressly set out in the Contractual Documents. You further agree that you shall have no claim for innocent or negligent misrepresentation based on any statement set out in the Contractual Documents.
- 6.3 The Engagement Letter, the Scope of Work and these General Terms shall apply to and be incorporated in the contract between us and will prevail over any inconsistent terms or conditions contained or referred to in your communications or publications or which would otherwise be implied. Your standard terms and conditions (if any) shall not govern or be incorporated into the contract between us.
- 6.4 Subject to clause 3.8 and clause 6, no addition to, variation of, exclusion or attempted exclusion of any of the terms of the Contractual Documents will be valid or binding unless recorded in writing and signed by duly authorised representatives on behalf of the parties.

7. Assignment

You shall not assign, transfer, mortgage, charge, subcontract, declare a trust over or deal in any other manner with any of the rights and obligations under the Agreement without our prior written consent (such consent to be granted or withheld in our absolute discretion).

8. Force majeure

Neither party shall be in breach of this Agreement nor liable for delay in performing, or failure to perform, any of its obligations under this Agreement if such delay or failure results from events, circumstances or causes beyond its reasonable control.

9. Our fees

9.1 Without prejudice to clause 9.3 below, you become liable to pay our fees upon issuance of the Valuation. For the avoidance of doubt, unless expressly agreed otherwise in writing, the payment of our fees is not conditional on any other events or conditions precedent.

9.2 If any invoice remains unpaid after 30 days of the date on which it is presented, we reserve the right to charge interest, calculated daily, from the date when payment was due until payment is made at 4% above the then prevailing bank base rate of National Westminster Bank PLC or (if higher) at the rate provided for under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 and its regulations (if applicable).

9.3 If we should find it necessary to use legal representatives or collection agents to recover monies due, you will be required to pay all costs and disbursements so incurred.

9.4 If before the Valuation is concluded you end this instruction, we will charge abortive fees (calculated on the basis of a proportion of the total fee by reference to reasonable time and expenses incurred), with a minimum charge of 50% of the full fee if we have already inspected the property (or any property, if the instruction relates to more than one).

9.5 If you delay the instruction by more than 30 days or materially alter the instruction so that additional work is required at any stage or if we are instructed to carry out additional work that we consider (in our reasonable opinion) to be either beyond the scope of providing the Valuation or to have been requested after we have finalised our Valuation (including, but not limited to, commenting on reports on title), we will charge additional fees for this work. Such additional fees will be calculated on the basis of a proportion of the total fee by reference to reasonable time and expenses incurred.

9.6 Where we agree to accept payment of our fees from a third party, such fees remain due from you until payment is received by us.

9.7 Any fee paid in advance for our services will not be held by us as client's money pending the completion of our service to you and it will not be subject to the RICS Clients' Money Protection Scheme.

10. Anti-bribery, corruption & Modern Slavery

10.1 We agree that throughout the term of our appointment we shall:

10.2 comply with all applicable laws, statutes, regulations, and codes relating to anti-bribery and anti-corruption including but not limited to the Bribery Act 2010, (the "Relevant Requirements");

10.3 not engage in any activity, practice or conduct which would constitute an offence under sections 1,2 or 6 of the Bribery Act 2010 if such activity, practice or conduct had been carried out in the UK;

10.4 maintain anti-bribery and anti-corruption policies to comply with the Relevant Requirements and any best practice relating thereto; and

10.5 promptly report to you any request or demand for any undue financial or other advantage of any kind in connection with the performance of our services to you.

10.6 We take all reasonable steps to ensure that we conduct our business in a manner that is consistent with our Anti-slavery Policy and comply with applicable anti-slavery and human trafficking laws, statutes, regulations and codes from time to time in force including the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

11. Data Protection

11.1 Data Protection Legislation means the Data Protection Act 2018, the EU Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, the Telecommunications (Lawful Business Practice) (Interception of Communications) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/2699), the Electronic Communications Data Protection Directive 2002/58/EC, the Privacy and Electronic Communications (EC Directive) Regulations 2003 and all applicable laws and regulations relating to processing of personal data and privacy, including where applicable the guidance and codes of practice issued by the Information Commissioner's Office. (ICO). The terms "Personal Data", "Data Processor" and "Data Subject" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Data Protection Legislation.

11.2 You and we shall comply with applicable requirements of the Data Protection Legislation.

11.3 Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, you will not provide us with Personal Data unless the Agreement requires the use of it, and/or we specifically request it from you. By transferring any Personal Data to us you warrant and represent that you have the necessary authority to share it with us and that the relevant Data Subjects have been given the necessary information regarding its sharing and use.

11.4 We may transfer Personal Data you share with us to other Associated Knight Frank Entities and/or group undertakings. Some of these recipients may be located outside of the European Economic Area. We will only transfer such Personal Data where we have a lawful basis for doing so and have complied with the specific requirements of the Data Protection Legislation.

11.5 Full details of how we use Personal Data can be found in our Privacy Statement at <http://www.knightfrank.com/legals/privacy-statement>.

General Scope of Valuation Work

As required by the RICS Valuation – Global Standards (the “Red Book”) this General Scope of Valuation Work describes information we will rely on, the investigations that we will undertake, the limits that will apply to those investigations and the assumptions we will make, unless we are provided with or find information to the contrary.

Definitions

“**Assumption**” is something which it is agreed the valuer can reasonably accept as being true without specific investigation or verification.

“**Property**” is the interest which we are instructed to value in land including any buildings or other improvements constructed upon it.

“**Valuation**” shall mean any valuation report, supplementary report or subsequent/update report, produced pursuant to this engagement and any other replies or information we produce in respect of any such report and/or any relevant property.

1. Property to be valued

- 1.1 We will exercise reasonable care and skill (but will not have an absolute obligation to you) to ensure that the Property, identified by the address provided in your instructions, is the Property inspected by us and included within our Valuation. If there is ambiguity as to the Property address, or the extent of the Property to be valued, this should be drawn to our attention in your instructions or immediately upon receipt of our Valuation.
- 1.2 We will rely upon information provided by you or your legal advisers relating to the Property to be valued, including any tenancies, sub-tenancies or other third-party interests. Any information on title and tenure we are provided with by a third party during the course of our investigations will be summarised in our Valuation but will be subject to verification by your legal advisers. We will be under no obligation to make any searches of publicly available land registers. We will not make or commission any investigations to verify any of this information. In particular, we will not investigate or verify that :
 - (a) all title information relied upon and referred to in our Valuation is complete and correct,
 - (b) all documentation is satisfactorily drawn,
 - (c) there are no undisclosed onerous conditions or restrictions that could impact on the marketability of the Property valued, and
 - (d) there is no material litigation pending, relating to the Property valued.
- 1.3 Where we provide a plan of the Property in our Valuation this is for identification only. While the plan reflects our understanding based on the information provided to us it must not be relied upon to define boundaries, title or easements.
- 1.4 Our Valuation will include those items of plant and machinery normally considered to be part of the service installations to a building and which would normally pass with the Property on a sale or letting. We will exclude all other items of process plant, machinery, trade fixtures and equipment, chattels, vehicles, stock and loose tools, and any tenant’s fixtures and fittings.
- 1.5 Unless agreed otherwise in writing we will neither investigate nor include in our Valuation any unproven or unquantified mineral deposits, felled timber, airspace or any other matter which may or may not be found to be part of the Property but which would not be known to a buyer or seller on the valuation date.
- 1.6 Unless agreed otherwise our Valuation will make the Assumption that all parts of the Property occupied by the current owner on the valuation date would be transferred with vacant possession and any tenancies, sub-tenancies or other third party interests existing on the valuation date will continue.

- 1.7 Where requested legal title and tenancy information is not provided in full, in the absence of any information provided to the contrary, our Valuation will make the Assumption that the subject Property has good title and is free from any onerous restrictions and/or encumbrances or any such matter which would diminish its value.

2. Portfolios

- 2.1 Where instructed to value a portfolio of properties, unless specifically agreed with you otherwise, we will value each Property separately on the basis that it is offered individually to the market.

3. Building specification and condition

- 3.1 We will note the general condition of any building and any building defect brought to our attention and reflect this in our Valuation. We will not undertake a detailed investigation of the materials or methods of construction or of the condition of any specific building element. We will not test or commission a test of service installations. Unless we become aware during our normal investigations of anything to the contrary and mention this in our Valuation, our Valuation will, make the Assumption that:
 - (a) any building is in a condition commensurate with its age, use and design and is free from significant defect,
 - (b) no construction materials have been used that are deleterious, or likely to give rise to structural defects,
 - (c) no potentially hazardous or harmful materials are present, including asbestos,
 - (d) all relevant statutory requirements relating to use, construction and fire safety have been complied with,
 - (e) any building services, together with any associated computer hardware and software, are fully operational and free from impending breakdown or malfunction and
 - (f) the supply to the building of electricity, data cable network and water, are sufficient for the stated use and occupancy.
- 3.2 If you require information on the structure or condition of any building our specialist building surveyors can provide a suitable report as a separate service.

4. Environment and sustainability

- 4.1 Our Valuation will reflect the market’s perception of the environmental performance of the Property and any identified environmental risks as at the valuation date. This may include reflecting information you provide to us that has been prepared by suitably qualified consultants on compliance of existing or proposed buildings with recognised sustainability metrics. Where appropriate we will research any freely available information issued by public bodies on the energy performance of existing buildings.
- 4.2 We will investigate whether the Property has a current Energy Performance Certificate on the relevant government register and report our findings. As part of our valuation service we will not advise on the extent to which the Property complies with any other Environmental, Social or Governance (ESG) metrics or to what extent the building, structure, technical services, ground conditions, will be impacted by future climate change events, such as extreme weather, or legislation aimed at mitigating the impact of such events. If required KF may be able to advise on ESG considerations and their long-term impact on a Property as a separate service.

5. Ground conditions and contamination

- 5.1 We may rely on any information you provide to us about the findings and conclusions of any specialist investigations into ground conditions or any contamination that may affect the Property. Otherwise our investigations will be limited to research of freely available information issued by Government Agencies and other public bodies for flood risk, recorded mining activity and radon. We will also record any common sources or indicators of potential contamination observed during our inspection.
- 5.2 Unless specifically instructed by you to do so, we will not commission specialist investigations into past or present uses either of the Property or any neighbouring property to establish whether there is contamination or potential for contamination, or any other potential environmental risk. Neither will we be able to advise on any remedial or preventive measures.
- 5.3 We will comment on our findings and any other information in our possession or discovered during our investigations in our Valuation.
- 5.4 Unless we become aware of anything to the contrary and mention this in our Valuation, for each Property valued our Valuation will make the Assumption that:
 - (a) the site is physically capable of development or redevelopment, when appropriate, and that no extraordinary costs will be incurred in providing foundations and infrastructure,
 - (b) there are no archaeological remains on or under the land which could adversely impact on value,
 - (c) the Property is not adversely affected by any form of pollution or contamination,
 - (d) there is no abnormal risk of flooding,
 - (e) there are no high voltage overhead cables or large electrical supply equipment affecting the Property
 - (f) the Property does not have levels of radon gas that will require mitigation work, and
 - (g) there are no invasive species present at the Property or within close proximity to the Property.
 - (h) There are no protected species which could adversely affect the use of the Property.

6. Planning and highway enquiries

- 6.1 We may research freely available information on planning history and relevant current policies or proposals relating to any Property being valued using the appropriate local authority website. We will not commission a formal local search. Our Valuation will make the Assumption that any information obtained will be correct, but our findings should not be relied on for any contractual purpose.
- 6.2 Unless we obtain information to the contrary, Our Valuation will make the Assumption that:
 - (a) the use to which the Property is put is lawful and that there is no pending enforcement action,
 - (b) there are no local authority proposals that might involve the use of compulsory purchase powers or otherwise directly affect the Property.
- 6.3 We do not undertake searches to establish whether any road or pathways providing access to the Property are publicly adopted. Unless we receive information to the contrary or have other reason to suspect an adjoining road or other access route is not adopted, our Valuation will make the Assumption that all such routes are publicly adopted.

7. Other statutory and regulatory requirements

- 7.1 A property owner or occupier may be subject to statutory regulations depending on their use. Depending on how a particular owner or occupier uses a building, the applicable regulations may require alterations to be made to buildings. Our valuation service does not include identifying or otherwise advising on works that may be required by a specific user in order to comply with any regulations applicable to the current or a proposed use of the Property. Unless it is clear that similar alterations would be required by most prospective buyers in the market for a property, our Valuation will make the Assumption that no work would be required by a prospective owner or occupier to comply with regulatory requirements relating to their intended use.
- 7.2 We will not investigate or comment on licences or permits that may be required by the current or any potential users of the Property relating to their use or occupation.

8. Measurements

- 8.1 Where building floor areas are required for our valuation, unless we have agreed to rely on floor areas provided by you or a third party, we will take measurements and calculate the appropriate floor areas for buildings in accordance with the RICS Property Measurement Professional Standard. These measurements will either be wholly taken by us during our inspection or from scaled drawings provided to us and checked by sample measurements on site. The floor areas will be within a tolerance that is appropriate having regard to the circumstances and purpose of the valuation instruction.
- 8.2 Where required, any site areas will be calculated from our understanding of the boundaries using digital mapping technology, subject to clause 1.3 above.

9. Investment properties

- 9.1 Where the Property valued is subject to a tenancy or tenancies, we will have regard to the market's likely perception of the financial status and reliability of tenants in arriving at our valuation. We will not undertake detailed investigations into the financial standing of any tenant. Unless advised by you to the contrary our Valuation will be make the Assumption that there are no material rent arrears or breaches of other lease obligations.

10. Development properties

- 10.1 If we are instructed to value Property for which development, redevelopment or substantial refurbishment is proposed or in progress, we strongly recommend that you supply us with build cost and other relevant information prepared by a suitably qualified construction cost professional, such as a quantity surveyor. We shall be entitled to rely on such information in preparing our valuation. If a professional estimate of build costs is not made available, we will rely on published build cost data but this must be recognised as being less reliable as it cannot account for variations in site conditions and design. This is particularly true for refurbishment work or energy efficiency and environmental upgrades. In the absence of a professionally produced cost estimate for the specific project we may need to qualify our report and the reliance that can be placed on our valuation.
- 10.2 For Property in the course of development, we will reflect the stage reached in construction and the costs remaining to be spent at the date of valuation. We will have regard to the contractual liabilities of the parties involved in the development and any cost estimates that have been prepared by the professional advisers to the project. For recently completed developments we will take no account of any retentions, nor will we make allowance for any outstanding development costs, fees, or other expenditure for which there may be a liability.

11. VAT, taxation and costs

- 11.1 The reported valuation will be our estimate of the price that would be agreed with no adjustment made for costs that would be incurred by

the parties in any transaction, including any liability for VAT, stamp duty or other taxes. It is also gross of any mortgage or similar financial encumbrance.

12. Property insurance

12.1 Except to the limited extent provided in clause 3 and clause 4 above we do not investigate or comment on how potential risks would be viewed by the insurance market. Our Valuation will be on the Assumption that each Property would, in all respects, be insurable against all usual risks including fire, terrorism, ground instability, extreme weather events, flooding and rising water table at normal, commercially acceptable premiums.

13. Reinstatement cost estimates

13.1 We can only accept a request to provide a building reinstatement cost estimate for insurance purposes alongside our Valuation of the Property interest on the following conditions:

- (a) the assessment provided is indicative, without liability and only for comparison with the current sum insured, and
- (b) The building is not specialised or listed as being of architectural or historic importance.

13.2 Otherwise we can provide an assessment of the rebuilding cost by our specialist building surveyors as a separate service.

14. Legal advice

14.1 We are appointed to provide valuation opinion(s) in accordance with our professional duties as valuation surveyors. The scope of our service is limited accordingly. We are not qualified legal practitioners and we do not provide legal advice. If we indicate what we consider the effect of any provision in the Property's title documents, leases or other legal requirements may have on value, we strongly recommend that this be reviewed by a qualified lawyer before you take any action relying on our valuation.

15. Loan security

15.1 If we are requested to comment on the suitability of the Property as a loan security we are only able to comment on any risk to the reported value that is inherent in either its physical attributes or the interest valued. We will not comment on the degree and adequacy of capital and income cover for an existing or proposed loan or on the borrower's ability to service payments.