

BREWERY STORES 18 PETERSHAM ROAD, RICHMOND

MARKETING REPORT



Instructions received from School of Rock

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Introduction

The subject property is owned by Schroders Fund Pension Managers. This report is intended to provide a comprehensive overview of the marketing campaign that Schroders initiated when the building became vacant in 2022

Multiple Agency

In order to secure a replacement tenant as soon as possible, Schroders instructed 3 agents to work together on a joint sole agency basis. Due to their extensive expertise in commercial lettings in South West London, Stirling Shaw, Michael Rogers and Frost Meadowcroft were appointed to commence a nationwide marketing campaign to re-let the offices.

Background History

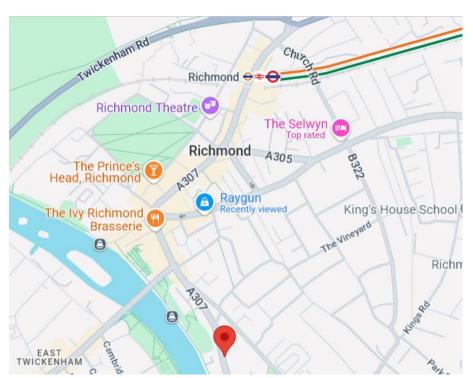
Originally constructed as a bottling factory in 1882, the property was comprehensively redeveloped in 2016 to provide 6,692 sqft of Grade A Class E offices on ground and first floor, with self contained residential on 3rd and 4th Floors. The residential was subsequently sold off and the offices were let on a single lease to TRO for a term of 5 years from 2017 at £45 psf. TRO vacated in 2022 due to their company relocating to central London.

Location

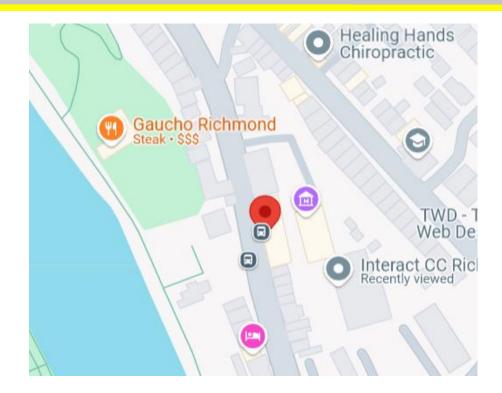
Richmond is one of the most affluent London suburbs known for its high-quality amenities and specialist retailers including restaurants, cafes and bars, as well as a range of local schools. The parks and River Thames are a further draw for locals, employers and tourists alike.

It is a densely populated and attractive residential area benefitting from excellent transport links via overland and underground train lines from Richmond Station, which provide access to central London within 20 minutes. The adjacent A316 provides direct and convenient access to the M3 and M25.

The subject property is situated on Petersham Road, approximately 0.4 mile from Richmond Town Centre and 0.6m from the train station. Nearby occupiers include the Poppy factory, Bingham Hotel and a variety of residential occupiers. Brewery Stores is the last office building along Petersham Road from Richmond Town Centre and is considered to be in an 'out of town' location.







Description

The subject property comprises self-contained offices on ground and first floors, with self-contained residential accommodation on the 2nd and 3rd floors. Each floor can be accessed independently from a central stairwell as well as a lift core that serves all levels. The offices have been fitted out to Grade A+ specification and are fit for immediate occupation. There is no parking available for the offices or any external amenity space. (See Appendix 1 for Brochure and photos)

The net internal areas are as follows:

| | Sq M | Sq Ft |
|-----------|--------|-------|
| Ground | 326.00 | 3,505 |
| First | 287.00 | 3,087 |
| Reception | 30.41 | 327 |
| Second | n/a | n/a |
| Third | n/a | n/a |
| Total | 642.92 | 6,919 |



Market Overview

At the start of 2020 the market was beginning to see the grass roots of an increase in occupier demand across all sectors as the economy finally settled down after Brexit. By Q2 2020 however, the Covid pandemic had brought an immediate halt to all hope of recovery and it caused a dramatic change to working environments; as the nation was forced to comply with Covid restrictions, companies had to rapidly adapt to homeworking as a full-scale closure of commercial premises took place.

As workers emerged from lock down, companies recognised that they could sustain the same level of office productivity whilst retaining a proportion of staff to work from home; this provided an opportunity to review their occupational requirements and potentially reduce their overheads.



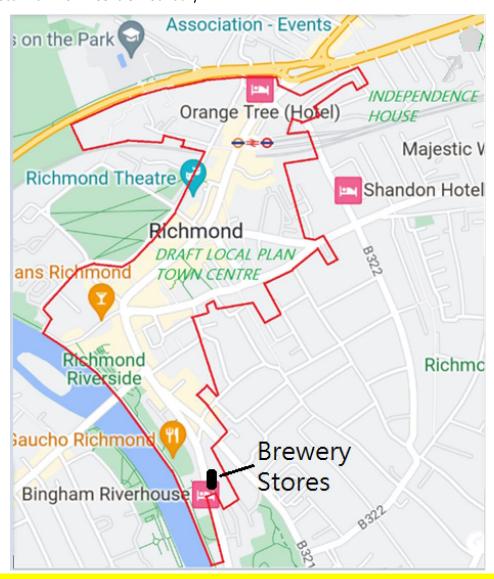
The introduction of the E class use has also had a positive impact on the commercial landscape as landlords have been able to cut through the planning 'red tape' and access occupational demand from a wider range of different use classes. Offices in tertiary 'edge of town' locations also experienced a spike in demand in particular from nursery providers (former D1) who were able to operate under the new E class.

Post covid, there was an expectation that there would be a noticeable increase in demand for offices in commuter towns such as Richmond due to companies reconciling their desk requirements and decentralising from London to save costs. However, this did not transpire and indeed the opposite appeared to be happening. Having rationalised their desk requirements, existing companies in Richmond such as TRO and Notonthehighstreet.com elected to move out of Richmond and into central London in an attempt to retain / attract high quality staff.

Demand for Richmond Town Centre Grade A Office Use

The prime office market in the proposed Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area orientates around the George Street - Eton Street - Red Lion St one-way system, extending down The Quadrant towards the train station. Expansion of the town centre has always been severely restricted over the decades due to the natural constraints of being immediately adjacent to Richmond Park, the River Thames and the A316 South Circular. As such, demand has focused on offices located directly in the town centre that are close to the train station and local amenities such as The Green and Richmond Riverside.

Draft Local Plan 'Town Centre' Boundary:





Occupiers looking to acquire offices in Richmond town centre frequently include other towns with similar characteristics in adjacent boroughs, such as Chiswick, Hammersmith and Wimbledon in their search, as these towns offer comparable transport, amenities and demographics to Richmond. Rarely do 'Richmond' requirements also consider secondary towns in the Borough such as Twickenham, Kingston or Hampton as alternative locations to Richmond, which is an important factor to consider when analysing 'supply and demand' for offices in the Richmond Borough as a whole.

"the average Grade A take up in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre over the last 3 years was only 22,232 sqft" pa"

Over the last 3 years, take-up for prime, Grade A offices in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area only (see red outlined area above) was as follows:

2023, 16,006 sqft2022 21,673 sq ft2021 29,017 sqft

Transactional evidence shows that there has been a noticeable 'flight to quality' as tenants seek to acquire high quality offices in the right location in an attempt to attract high calibre staff back to the office environment. In 2022-2023, town centre offices with full amenities, such as Frameworks House, absorbed the majority of tenant demand and only when it was fully let did tenants seek 'next best' offices in the town centre; enquiries for similar buildings such as Evergreen Studio and Greyfriars only picked up after Frameworks House was fully let. This would suggest that until the best Grade A offices in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area are fully let, other comparable Grade A Offices in secondary, edge of town locations will remain vacant.

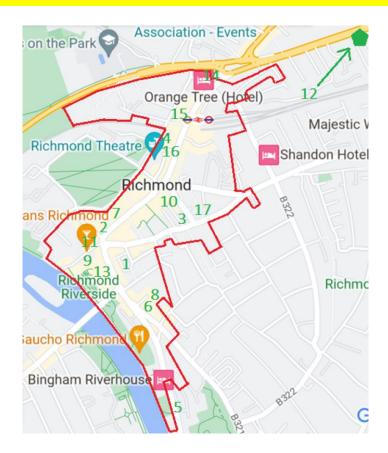
A prime example of this is Holbrook Studio, located just off Hill Rise; this Grade A building was fully refurbished in 2018, and despite offering a very high spec fitout, the 6,500 sqft ground floor suite is still vacant after 5 years of marketing with 3 agents appointed.

"...offices in secondary, edge of town locations continue to remain empty as selective tenants target best in class offices in the town centre"

In addition to standard Grade A offices, the arrival of high end, co-working/flexi space operators such as Boutique Offices have increased the supply of flexible offices and absorbed the majority of the demand.

Due to the very tight geographical constraints of Richmond, virtually all the Grade A and B offices are located within the area identified by the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area – Brewery Stores is the last building on Petersham Road within the DLPTCA and is considered to be in an 'out of town' location.





CURRENT GRADE A SUPPLY CHAIN:

| 1 One Castle Yard | 20,645 |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 2 80-82 George Street | 25,000 |
| 3 Explore, Paradise Rd | 43,450 |
| 4 Evergreen Studio | 15,000 |
| 5 Richmond Brewery Stores | 6,500 |
| 6 Holbrook House | 2,274 |
| 7 Sheerwater House | 2,000 |
| 8 Holbrook Studio | 10,000 |
| 9 3 Water Lane | 9,624 |
| 10 1 Eton Street | 28,379 |
| 11 Water Lane Building | 6,699 |
| 12 Independence House | 15,467 |
| 13 Palm Court | 17,000 |
| 14 63 Kew Road | 32,500 |
| 15 Midmoor House | 2,000 |
| 16 Greenside (Iloyds) | 15,231 |
| 17 Peregrine House | 11,202 |
| TOTAL SQ FT | 262,971 |

Demand for alternative Uses

The introduction of E Class use in Sept 2020 provided Landlords the opportunity to explore alternative occupiers for office buildings.

Nursery operators, gyms, schools and medical providers in particular sought out previously unobtainable premises in Richmond and were able to trade under Class E, although each sector has its own operational requirements that differ from standard office occupiers; for instance, nursery's and schools require outdoor space whilst gym and medical operators can only pay between £30 - £40 psf, for a Grade A office that could otherwise achieve £55 psf.

Supply and Availability There is approximately 263,000 sqft of Grade A offices either currently available to let with immediate occupation or are consented schemes that are scheduled to be delivered to the market in the next 12 - 18 months:

Brewery Stores' ground and part first floors area of 3,200 sqft represents only 1.21 % of the total supply chain.

Such is the current over supply of Grade A offices in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area, with expected vacancy rates of 18 – 24 months and rising build costs, some schemes are even being put on hold. One Castle Yard comprises a fully consented 20,645 sqft Grade A scheme located in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area which has been mothballed by the owners until a pre let on at least 50%



of the building has been secured. Keir Property have also postponed the delivery of 15,000 sqft at <u>Greenside</u> on Little Green, until a pre let has been secured.

There is also a considerable over supply of Grade B offices, with approximately 68,259 sq ft available to let:

With regard to serviced offices / co working space, in addition to the existing providers, namely Regus, Arivo and Boutique's 24,000 sqft at 18-20 Kew Road, there is a further 20,000 sqft at London House, 243-253 Lower Mortlake Road, which has been granted consent.

".... Based on the last 3 year average Grade A take up of 22,232 sqft pa, it will take ~11.8 years to absorb the current Grade A availability in Richmond town centre"

CURRENT GRADE B SUPPLY CHAIN:

| Ashley House | 10,277 |
|----------------------|--------|
| Ambassador House | 23,000 |
| Avalon House | 5,764 |
| Marcar House | 2,326 |
| Dome Building | 3,847 |
| 9-11 The Quadrant | 1,358 |
| Vectra House | 5,629 |
| Onlso House | 4,158 |
| 9-11 Sandycombe Road | 5,200 |
| Westminster House | 4,200 |
| Goodwin House | 2,500 |
| TOTAL SQ FT | 68,259 |

Suitability of the Subject Property for Office and other Class E Commercial Use

The property is located in a tertiary commercial area, 0.4 miles outside of Richmond Town Centre, and predominantly surrounded by residential accommodation and leisure providers.

Due to a lack of onsite parking, no external amenity space and existing Grade A+ fitout, the building has proved to be unsuitable for other Class E occupiers.

Marketing Strategy

We have undertaken a robust and active marketing campaign. The site was first advertised in March 2023 on a wide variety of platforms, namely:

- Highly visible 'To Let' board fixed to the building's façade ordered in March 23 (Appendix 1)
- Professional Brochure was circulated to applicants on each agent's database (Appendix 2)
- Externally advertised on agents websites (Appendix 3)
- Listed on national media platforms, including EACH, EG Property Link, Agents Society, and LoopNet (CoStar)

(Appendix 4/5/6/7)

In order to capture all potential interest, the property was advertised as offering 'Flexible Lease terms"

The property was marketed on a new lease, terms to be agreed, at £49.50 psf per annum exclusive, which was at a discount to prime central Richmond office rents of £57.50 psf, in order to reflect the 'out of town' location. The building was available as a whole or individual floors, which were designed to be easily divisible should a tenant only require half a floor.

During the period of marketing we received 9 direct enquiries from a variety of occupiers. With each applicant, full details and floor plans were provided, as well as opportunities to view.



The first significant interest received was in May 24 from LSA International. a global glass and porcelain company looking to relocate their HQ. After a number of viewings, terms were issued for a new lease for 3,500 sqft at a rent of £49.50psf with 9 months rent free. Despite continued efforts to agree terms, LSA elected not to pursue it further as they wanted a more 'central location' for their HQ.

In June 2024 we received strong interest from The School of Rock, who wanted to open a new training centre for their first UK franchise. After numerous viewings terms were finally agreed for 3,200 sqft, but it required Schroders to lower the rent to only £40 psf for it to be financially viable for the tenant. SoR also require extensive fit out modification, such as new partitioning, internal stairs, which Schroders have agreed to make a capital contribution towards in order for it to work for the tenant. (Appendix 8 – Schedule of Interested Parties)

Marketing Conclusion

The property has been widely marketed now for almost 2 years, by 3 highly experience agents. The property has received a consist level of enquiries which clearly demonstrates that the various marketing platforms have made the property readily accessible to both commercial agents and members of the public. Out of the 15 parties who received details and made further enquiries, only 2 followed through with actual viewings. We subsequently received 2 written offers for part let only, but only 1 party, School of Rock are still interested in taking 3,200 sqft. If this proceeds through to Completion, there will still be 3,492 sqft available to let in the building.

In consideration of the marketing campaign and research undertaken we would draw the following observations:

- There is a chronic over supply of Grade A offices in the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area and the current supply chain stands at ~263,000 sqft of offices available in the next 12 months.
- Average take up for the last 3 years is approximately 22,000 sqft per annum
- Unless there is a dramatic increase in demand, it will take approximately 11.8 years for the current supply to be absorbed.
- Since the building became vacant in Jan 2022, every effort has been made to maximise the commercial/employment generating opportunities
- The marketing has successfully generated interest from office occupiers but each party has ultimately dismissed the subject property in favour of offices located in central Richmond, or similar towns such as Chiswick, Hammersmith and Wimbledon.
- There is no demand from other sectors such as nursery providers or gym operators due to a lack of external space and the existing Grade A+ office fit out.
- The building is fully fit for purpose and there are no more active management opportunities to explore that could enhance the building's lettability
- Fully flexible lease terms were offered in order to capture both short term and long term occupiers, but short term tenants opted for service offices closer to the station in the town centre
- In May 24, terms were agreed with LSA International but they eventually rejected the building due to insufficient light from the half height oval windows and moved to a building closer to the town centre
- After a period of no further enquiries, School of Rock expressed interest in taking 3,200 sqft. Terms have now been agreed but Schroders have had to reduce the rent from £49.50 psf to £40 psf to make it work, and offer a capital contribution towards fit out modifications.



- The area under offer represents only 1.21% of the total supply of Grade A offices, and there will still be a further 3,492 sqft available in the building.
- For as long as there are competing Grade A offices available in more central locations within the Draft Local Plan Town Centre Area, Brewery Stores is highly likely to remain vacant.

To conclude, we are firmly of the opinion that, whist the building has the potential to be let to a Class E occupier, in consideration of the above observations and extensive marketing, the entire building will remain vacant for the foreseeable future unless SoR are permitted to occupy it.

Yours sincerely,

Stirling Shaw

Stirling Shaw Ltd



Appendix 1 - Lettings Board





From: Andy Shaw <ashaw@stirlingshaw.co.uk>
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 13:49

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 $\textbf{To:} \ \underline{shepperton signs ltd@hotmail.co.uk} < \underline{shepperton signs ltd@hotmail.co.uk} >$

Cc: Julius de Mattos < jdemattos@stirlingshaw.co.uk >

Subject: Board Quote

Hi Darren, can you provide a quote for the following please:

Richmond Brewery Stores

18 Petersham Road

Richmond

TW10 6UW

5x4 V Board

Wording:

CHARACTER OFFICES

TO LET



Appendix 2 - Joint Agency Marketing Brochure

















COMMUNICATIONS

Trains & Underground
Richmond station provides regular
direct services to London Waterloo
in 19 minutes, as well as links to
Windsor & Reading, in approximatly
50 & 70 minutes respectively.
London Underground (District Line)
and London Overground services.

Roads

The A307 runs directly through Richmond and provides access to Junction 10 of the M25, via the A3. The A316 located to the north of Richmond station provides links to M3 Motorway & onto the M25. The M4 is 2.5 miles to the north with easy access to London Healthrow.

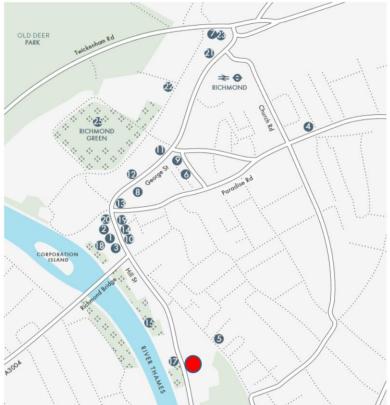
Airports

London Heathrow, the UK's largest international airport, is located approximately 14 miles to the west via the M4, providing services to a wide variety and Gatwick Airport is located 30 miles to the south.

LOCATION

Richmond upon Thames is one of London's most popular and prosperous boroughs, situated on the banks of the River Thames only 8 miles to the south west of Central London. The area is a highly sought after residential location, as well as boasting an abundance of retail and leisure amenities, and a buoyant office market.

THE RIVERFRONT RICHMOND STATION PUTNEY CLAPHAM JUNCTION WATERLOO SOUTH KENSINGTON VICTORIA HEATHROW AIRPORT OXFORD CIRCUS GATWICK AIRPORT O1 MINUTES WALK 10 MINUTES 10 MINUTES 11 MINUTES 24 MINUTES 22 MINUTES 32 MINUTES BY CAR 36 MINUTES 59 MINUTES 59 MINUTES BY CAR



Richmond Brewery Stores occupies a prominent position on the eastern side of Petersham Road (A307), one of Richmond's principal arterial routes. The property is situated only 500m from the town centre and in close proximity to a number of Richmond's retail and leisure amenities including Gaucho, Stein's and The Bingham Hotel. Furthermore, The Royal British Legion Poppy Factory is situated directly behind the subject property and produces 32 million Remembrance poppies and 80,000 wreaths each year.

OFFICES

- Ebay
 PayPal
 Gumtree
 Graze
 The Royal British Legion
 British American Tobacco
- 7 Not On The High Street

RETAIL

- 8 M&S
 9 Wholefoods
 10 Zadig + Voltaire
 11 Massimo Dutti
 12 Anthropologie
 13 Jo Malone
 14 Space NK

RESTAURANTS

- 15 Gaucho 16 Petersham Nurseries 17 Bingham 18 Jackson & Rye 19 Côte Bistro 20 The Ivy 21 Carluccio's

CULTURE

- 22 Richmond Theatre
 23 The Orange Tree Theatre
 24 Richmond Park
 25 Richmond Gree







ACCOMMODATION

| FLOOR | AREA SQ M | AREA SQ FT |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| FIRST | 286.84 | 3,087 |
| GROUND | 325,67 | 3,505 |
| RECEPTION | 30.41 | 327 |
| TOTAL | 642.92 | 6,919 |





FIRST FLOOR











Originally constructed in 1882 as a bottling factory, Richmond Brewery Stores has recently undergone a significant redevelopment to provide contemporary warehouse style office accommodation, totalling 6,919 sq ft NIA, arranged over ground and first floor levels.

The scheme also provides 7 duplex residential apartments arranged over second and third floors, which will be sold off on long leases.







SERVICE CHARGE £6.00 per sq fr BUSINESS RATES £16.00 per sq fr

A new lease is available from the freeholder for a term to be agreed

EPC Rated C (57)

ADDITIONAL 'PLUG AND PLAY' TERMS:

- FURNITURE PACKAGES AVAILABLE
- FULL FIBRE CONNECTION BY ARRANGEMENT

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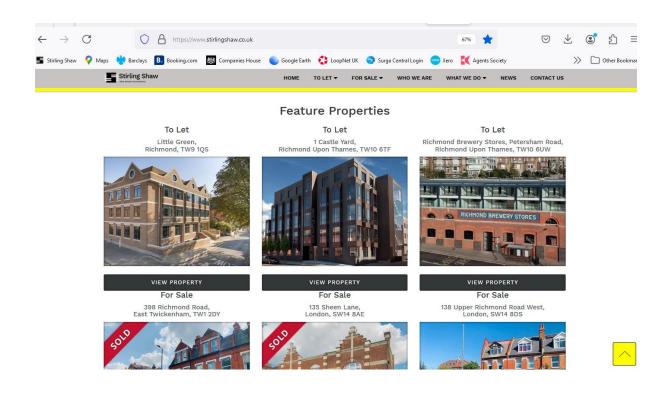
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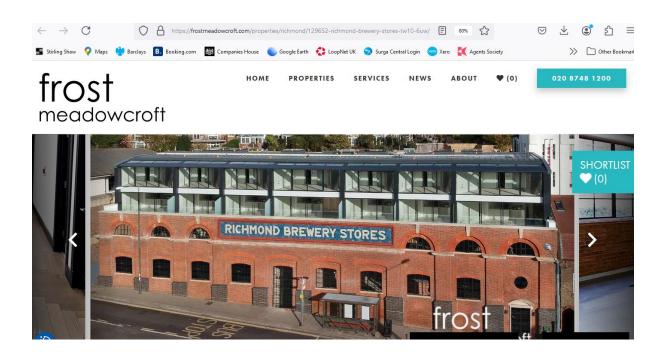
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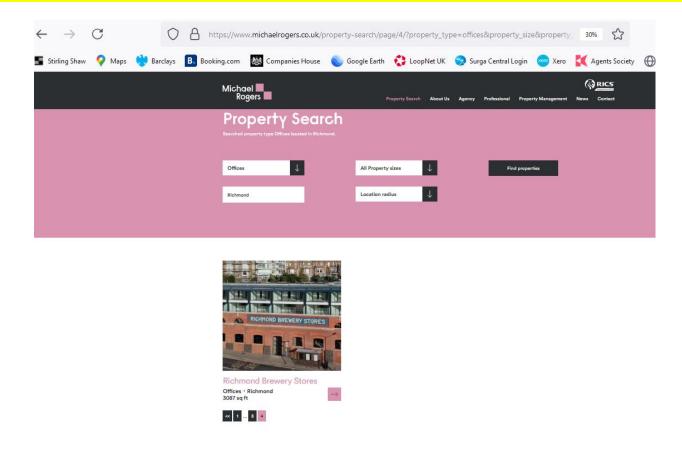


Appendix 3 - Agent's Website Listing:

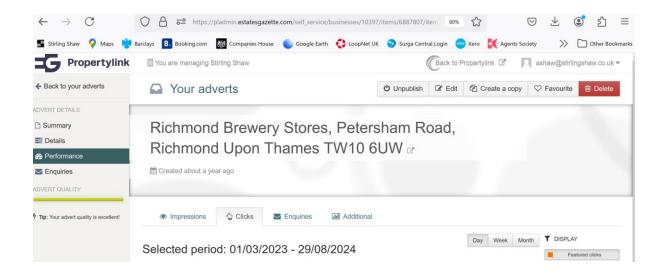




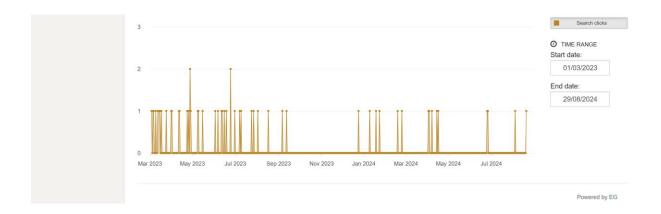




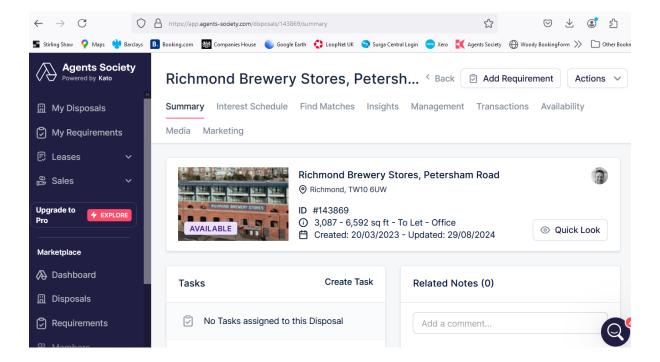
Appendix 4 - Confirmation of advertising with Estates Gazette Property Link (EGi)





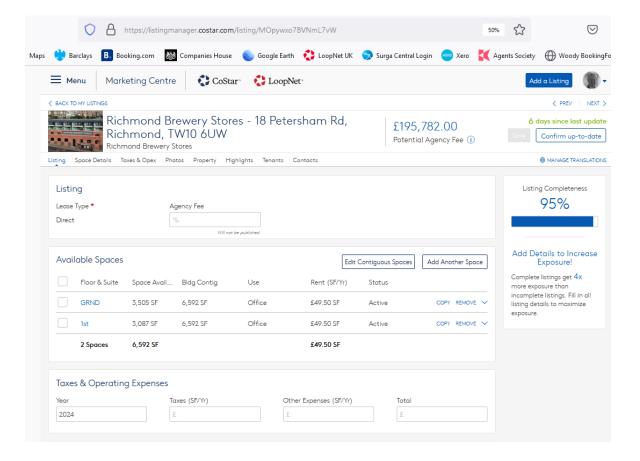


Appendix 5 - Confirmation of Advertising with Agents Society

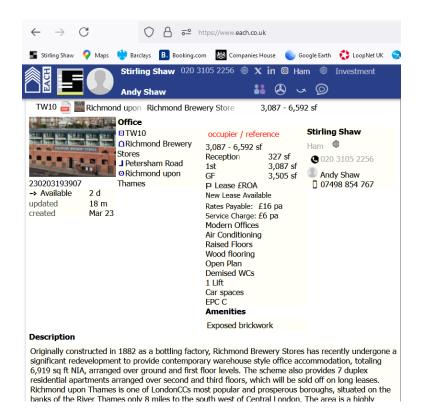




Appendix 6 - Confirmation of Advertising with LoopNet (CoStar)

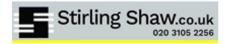


Appendix 7 - Confirmation of Advertising with EACH





Appendix 8 - Schedule of Interested Parties



Brewery Stores, Richmond

Enquiries Sept 2024

| CURRENT | AVAILABILITY | QUOTING RENT /SQ FT | RATES / SQ FT | SERVICE CHARGE / SQ FT |
|---------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Ground | 3,505 | £49.50 | Yet to be assessed (approx. £15.00) | Awaiting SC budget. Advised it will be c |
| First | 3,087 | | | £7.50 per sq ft. |
| Т Т | OTAL: 6,692 SQ FT | | | |

| DATE | APPLICANT | SIZE SQ FT | COMMENTS | STATUS |
|----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Aug 24 | School of Rock | 3,200 | International music school moving into UK, looking for 1 st UK HQ location to start up and roll out franchise model | Terms agreed for a new <u>15 year</u> lease at a discounted rent of £40 psf. Subject to planning |
| May 24 | LSA International | 3,505 | Glass company relocating within Richmond | Offer made and terms agreed <u>for a</u> new 5 year lease at £49.50 psf. Did not proceed as tenant did not like the half height oval windows. Moved to a building closer to the town centre with parking. |
| April 24 | Tech 21 | 3,000 | IT tech co based in Brentford (previously Richmond Regus) – need space for office use, lab and photo studio. Reignited search before Easter for c 3,000 sq. ft (not 6,000 sq. ft). | Rejected— No parking onsite or nearby |
| April 24 | Q2Q Communications | 3,500 – 4,500 | Westminster House tenant. Expiry summer 2024. Have option to stay <u>put on short term</u> basis. Considering Evergreen Studios as well | Rejected - looking for c 4.5k so ft, one floor and closer to the Station. |
| | • | | | |
| Mar 24 | Positive Support Group | 1,000 | Require meeting room for 10, private office for 2 and open-plan space for 6. | Rejected – moving to Putney. |
| Jul 23 | C/o Vokins | 2,000 - 3,000 | Confidential client. | No further interest |
| May 23 | C/o BNP Paribas | 2000 - 4000 | Seeking fitted and un-fitted options. Occupy Q4'24. | Details sent – no further interest |
| May 23 | C/o Lloyd Harris | 2,000 - 3,000 | Ground/LG only. Occupy Q3 '24 | No further interest |
| May 23 | C/o Lloyd Harris | 500 – 1,500 | Media Co. Detai. | Details sent – no further interest |
| Existing | | | | |
| Requirem | ents: | | | |
| March 23 | Degrees of Health | 3,000 | Leisure use (saunas, ice baths etc) – modular fit so easy fitout installation. Ventilation required. Budget £49.50. | Rejected – insufficient parking |
| March 23 | Newport Industries | 2,000 - 2,500 | Coming out of Spencer House. Details Sent | Search on hold |
| March 23 | Bazooka (c/o Charles Stevens) | 3,500 | Have <u>6.month</u> break notice period, will need to serve by Q1 2024. | Rejected - Focus is on $5k - 7k$ 50 ft, single floor. |
| March 23 | Therme Group | 3,500 | Health & Wellbeing Co Based on Little Green and upsizing. Viewed 3 times and with a fitout co to discuss options. | Full U-turn and staying put at current office for time being. |
| March 23 | Desixco. | Maybe half a floor | Still undertaking fit out. Might be interested in another half floor, in due course. | No further interest |
| March 23 | c/o Knight Frank | 1,500 - 6,000 | Stay v Go exercise. Requirement for <u>mid 2025</u> . Suspect <u>for</u> Duracell – Spencer House tenant. | No further interest |