# **FOR SALE**

### PRIME TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT SITE

FORMER ROYAL MAIL COMPLEX (BUILDINGS AND SITE) ABINGDON STREET / EDWARD STREET BLACKPOOL LANCASHIRE FY1 1BB

- BLACKPOOL TOWN CENTRE LANDMARK BUILDING
- FRONTS ONTO ABINGDON STREET AND EDWARD STREET WITH INTERNAL COURTYARD CAR PARKING
- CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS
- FALLS IN THE RETAIL / RESTAURANT / CAFE ZONE
- PARTLY GRADE II LISTED & IN THE TALBOT SQUARE CONSERVATION AREA
- PLANNING PERMISSION TO CONVERT INTO 120 BEDROOM HOTEL WITH RETAIL UNITS & CAR PARKING

#### **ASKING PRICE: ON APPLICATION**





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#### **LOCATION**

This landmark building is located in the heart of Blackpool town centre on Abingdon Street. Abingdon Street connects onto Church Street at one of the UK's biggest theatres, the Winter Gardens complex. The subject building is a well-known and hugely visible benefitting from a wealth of passing pedestrian, public transport and vehicle trade.

There are nearby major public car parks, national retailers and restaurant chains. It is located next to/on the pedestrianised zone in the town centre. Ease of access is available by vehicle and public transport onto Abingdon Street and to the rear of the building which is Edward Street. The site at present also boasts car parking facilities in the internal courtyard.

Blackpool is one of the most popular tourist destinations in England attracting in excess of 17 million visitors annually. Blackpool boasts its world-famous Illuminations, Blackpool Tower and the Golden Mile of funfair/amusement attractions. Blackpool Dungeons, Madame Tussauds, Sea Life centre and Blackpool's Piers. It boasts the well-known Sandcastle complex and Blackpool Pleasure Beach as well as an abundance of additional tourist attractions. Blackpool Pleasure Beach attracts approximately in excess of 5 million visitors per year.

Blackpool's Promenade has recently undergone a circa. £200 million refurbishment and boasts the Tower Festival Headland, Comedy Carpet and the new light show attraction LightPool. The subject building is within walking distance.

The buildings and site are located on Abingdon Street and back onto Edward Street. This location forms part of the retail core of Blackpool town centre.

Nearby operators include Pizza Express, M&S, Costa, Las Iguanas, Caffé Nero, Bella Italia, Nando's, Harry Ramsden's and Wetherspoons.

Talbot Road is within walking distance and construction works have commenced on the new c. £22 million Tramway system, which is scheduled for completion in 2020, that will connect Blackpool town centre and indeed the subject site, with the remainder of Blackpool and surrounding areas.

The immediate surrounding areas of the town centre provide dense residential locations. The wider surrounding areas also comprise of dense residential locations with ease of access into Blackpool from surrounding towns to include Bispham, Thornton Cleveleys and Fleetwood. Layton, Poulton Le Fylde and semi-rural locations Over Wyre, St Annes on sea, Lytham and parts of Preston area.

Blackpool North Railway Station is within walking distance of the location and provides inter-city links to London and Manchester. Blackpool is located approximately 55 miles from Manchester and 15 miles from Preston. The M55 connects directly onto the M6 and then onto the M65 providing an excellent motorway network.



Street view towards Winter Gardens & Pizza Express

#### **EXISTING ACCOMMODATION**

The existing buildings comprise a substantial and attractive former Royal Mail Post Office and delivery/sorting office totaling approximately 103,236 sq ft, on a site measuring circa 0.93 acres. The former Royal Mail Post Office building that fronts onto Abingdon Street has a stunning and attractive stone facade and is arranged over 3 storeys, plus a basement. The section of the building that fronts onto Edward Street is arranged over 4 storeys with a stonework elevation to ground floor level and brickwork above. There is a central entrance providing vehicle access into the internal courtyard with access afforded via Edward Street.

#### ARINGDON STREET

ABINGDON STREET			
FLOOR	GIA – SQ M	GIA – SQ FT	
Basement	509	5,478	
Ground Floor	1,708	18,384	
First Floor	580	6,243	
Second Floor	887	9,547	
Total	3,684	39,652	

#### **EDWARD STREET**

FLOOR	GIA – SQ M	GIA – SQ FT
Ground Floor	580	6,243
First Floor	1,542	16,598
Second Floor	1,542	16,598
Third Floor	1,542	16,598
Fourth Floor	697	7,502
Total	5,903	63,539

(The above measurements are approximate).

#### PLANNING PERMISSION

Planning Permission has been granted for: Internal and external alterations to former post office including erection of 2 no. 3 storey rear extensions, including one with roof terrace to Abingdon Street elevation, erection of first floor level hotel terrace within existing service yard area and installation of replacement windows. A new hotel entrance and entrance to Class A3 restaurant/cafe use onto Edward Street. Recladding of roof level to Edward Street, re-modelling of former post office counter and use/conversion of buildings to provide a new 102 bedroom hotel with ancillary bar, leisure uses, retail uses, offices, restaurants and cafes within Use Classes A1, A3, B1, D2 with associated administrative offices, car parking for 46 vehicles, landscaping, boundary treatment, refuse storage, access, servicing, plant and associated demolition works (Application for Listed Building

APPLICATION NUMBER: 19/0164
Blackpool Council Planning Department

#### **VIEWINGS**

Consent).

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#### **EPC**

TBC

#### VAT

All prices quoted are exclusive of VAT but may however be subject to VAT at the prevailing rate.

#### **BUSINESS RATES**

To be assessed.



#### **BLACKPOOL'S FUTURE...**

#### **Expansion of Shopping Centre/IMAX**

Work is set to commence on the next phase of the Houndshill Shopping Centre. Planners approved proposals for the three storey development which will incorporate a Wilko store, new restaurant and a nine screen IMAX cinema complex (stpp). It is anticipated that the new phase will create 90 new jobs in total.

#### **Further regeneration of The Winter Gardens** entertainment complex and conference centre

A new £25m conference centre and hotel will give the resort a chance to bring back the major events it has missed out on in recent years. The development which includes a new hotel, will allow the Winter Gardens to host up to 7,000 delegates with potential to see the return of major political conferences. Work is expected to be completed by March 2020.

#### **Central Business District expansion**

The c. £22 million Tramway extension which is scheduled for completion in 2020 (just five years after the historic tramway underwent a £100 million upgrade), forms part of a larger regeneration project at Talbot Gateway (and down Talbot Road) which is proposed to include a new tramway terminal, hotel, office and retail space. The scheme proposes to re-establish the link to Blackpool North station and allow for ease of commuting into the town centre

#### Central Station £300 million super attraction development

This site measures approximately 20 acres and is located in central Blackpool and just off the Promenade. Work is due to start in 2020 to build a £300 million super attraction to include the UK's first flying theatre, the world's first multimedia exhibition of its kind and the most advanced virtual reality experience. It will also comprise of new hotels, restaurants, food market, event square, residential apartments and multi-storey parking.

#### **Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone status**

A draft masterplan for the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone has been produced by Blackpool and Fylde councils. The document sets out the strategic vision for the development of the site to include advanced manufacturing and business, growth of industry and storage, leisure and sport, Blackpool Airport development and Knowledge (links to education/schools) guarters.

#### Rail Electrification: Reduced journey times and additional services to key conurbations

We are informed that as part of the multi-billion pound Great North Rail Project, the Blackpool to Preston line reopened in May 2019 following 22 weeks of work to upgrade the tracks, station platforms and signalling system. The resort now also has direct links to London and The West Midlands.

#### Pleasure Beach's new £16m rollercoaster

Launched in Spring 2018, the ride features 15 interactions involving five different rides and two tunnels. It is the UK's first double launch roller coaster. The 'launch' is administered by an advanced technology that gives the roller coaster two powerful thrusts of acceleration during the ride. The ride has been manufactured by Mack Rides at their world-class factory in Waldkirch, Germany, utilising the latest state-of-the art engineering processes, including laser beam technology.

... the subject building is now strategically placed, in the town centre and within the heart of all the future developments works planned for the town.

#### PLANS / ILLUSTRATIONS

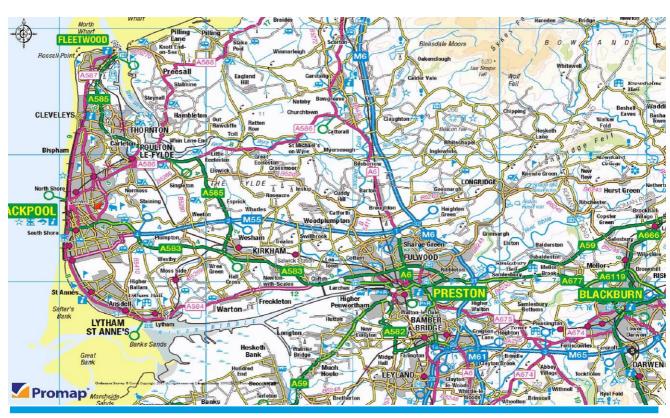
A limited number of the plans have been attached to the latter pages of the marketing details. However, full copies can be emailed out on request.

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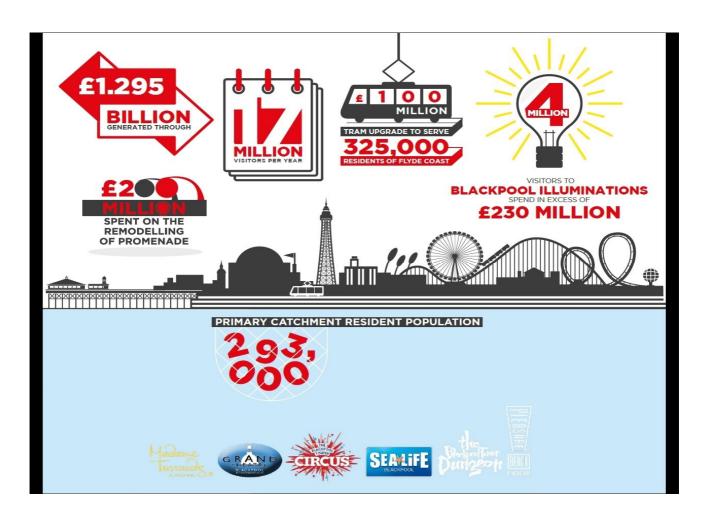
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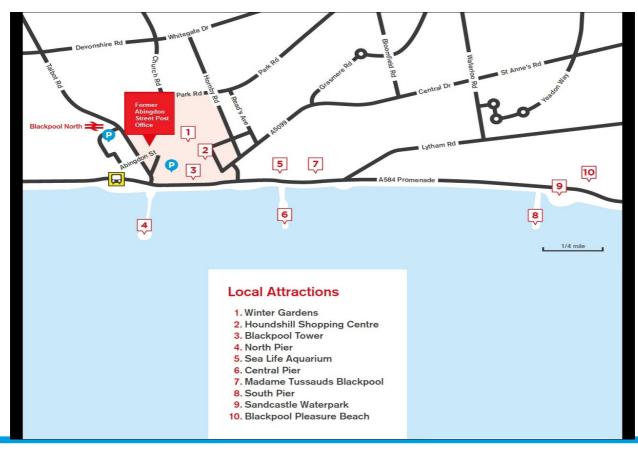
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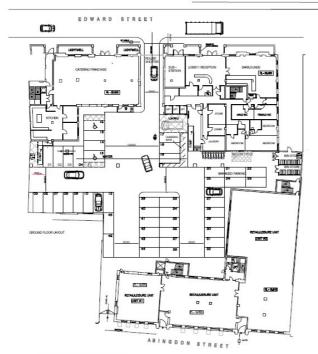
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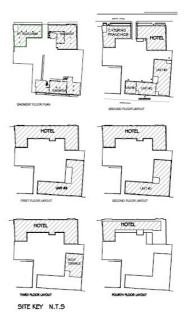
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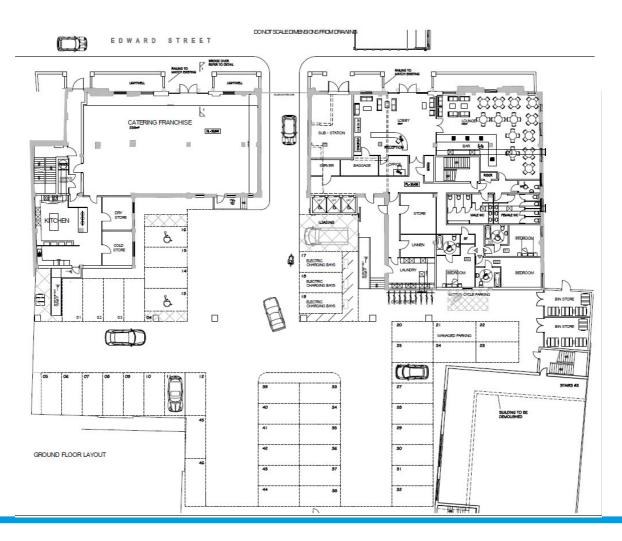
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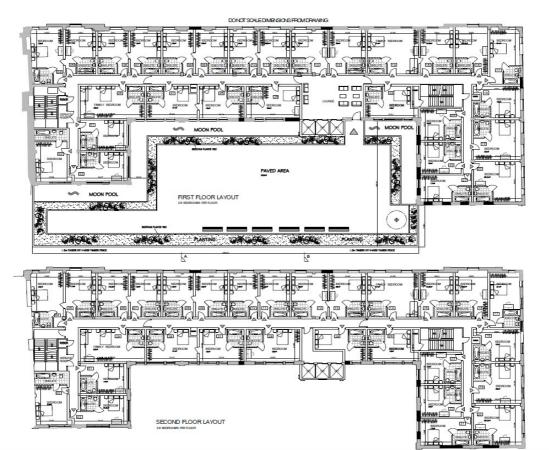
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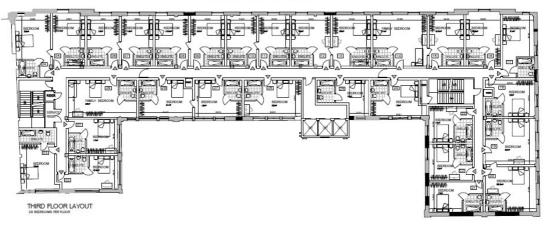


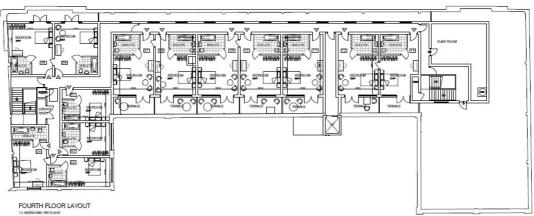


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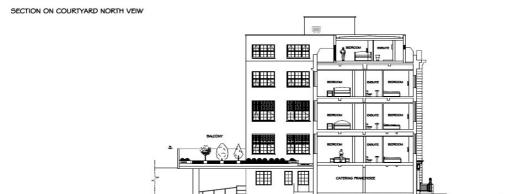
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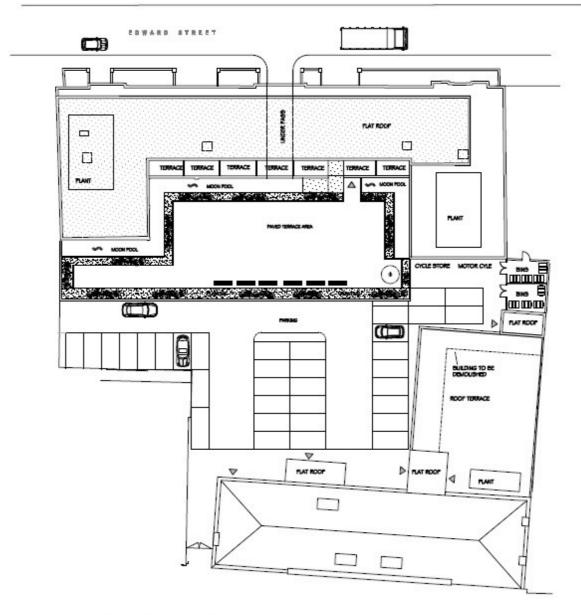




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