

**lpswich** 28-32 Upper Brook Street Suffolk IP4 1EB

# Town Centre Freehold Shop Investment

- Large store in a town centre location
- Let to Wilkinson Hardware Stores
  Limited
- Rent Review 2018
- Current Rent Reserved

## £200,000 pa<sup>(1)</sup>

### SIX WEEK COMPLETION

On the Instructions of a Major Pension Fund







#### Tenure Freehold.

#### Location

Ipswich, with a catchment population of 389,000, is the county town of Suffolk and situated on the River Orwell some 66 miles north-east of London. The town is at the junction of the A12 and A14, with the road communications supplemented by rail links to London and East Anglia. The busy port facilities at both Felixstowe and Harwich are close by.

The property, located within a Conservation Area, is situated at the southern end of Upper Brook Street, adjacent to Sainsbury's, close to Buttermarket. The Buttermarket Shopping Centre to the rear of the property is being redeveloped into a retail & leisure centre. Occupiers close by include Greggs, William Hill, Caffè Nero, CEX and Savers. There is a large NCP car park (260 spaces) located opposite the property.

#### Description

The property is arranged on ground and three upper floors to provide a large ground floor shop, with additional retail space on the first floor approached via an escalator to the front and a staircase to the rear. In addition there is ancillary storage accommodation at the rear of the ground and first floors together with the whole of the second and third floors. The property has car parking and goods access to the rear via St Stephens Lane.

The property provides	the following	accommodation	and	dimensions:
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Gross Frontage	24.28 m	(79' 8")
Net Frontage	22.40 m	(73' 6")
Ground Floor Retail	1,092.35 sq m	(11,758 sq ft)
Ground Floor Ancillary	135.95 sq m	(1,463 sq ft)

First Floor Retail	987.35 sq m	(10,628 sq ft)
First Floor Ancillary	175.25 sq m	(1,886 sq ft)
Second Floor Storage	282.00 sq m	(3,036 sq ft)
Third Floor Storage	198.15 sq m	(2,133 sq ft)
Total	2,871.06 sq m	(30,904 sq ft)

#### Tenancy

The entire property is at present let to WILKINSON HARDWARE STORES LTD for a term of 10 years from 22nd October 2013 at a current rent of £190,000 p.a., rising to £200,000 p.a. from 22nd October 2017. The lease provides for a rent review at the 5th year, together with a lessee's option to determine and contains full repairing and insuring covenants. The Vendor will top up the difference between the current passing rent to £200,000 per annum from completion of the sale until the fixed increase on 22nd October 2017 by way of a reduction in the purchase price (1).

#### **Tenant Information**

No. of Branches: almost 400 stores. Website Address; www.wilko.com

For the year ended 31st January 2015, Wilkinson Hardware Stores Ltd reported a turnover of  $\pounds1,444,563,000$ , a pre-tax profit of  $\pounds5,103,000$ , shareholders' funds of  $\pounds160,898,000$  and a net worth of  $\pounds160,898,000$ . (Source: Experian 09.11.2015.)

#### VAT

VAT is applicable to this lot.

#### Documents

The legal pack will be available from the website www.allsop.co.uk

#### **Energy Performance Certificate**

EPC Rating 116 Band E (Copy available on website).

Prospective buyers are strongly advised to read the Auctioneers' Notices Part One and Part Two and all applicable conditions of sale and addenda Seller's Solicitor Ms L McLeod, Shepherd & Wedderburn. Tel: 0207 429 4959 e-mail: lauren.mcleod@shepwedd.co.uk

