



THE
LARK
PARTNERSHIP



Long Melford | Suffolk

Timeless Elegance...

Set within the heart of one of the area's most desirable villages, this charming, Grade II listed home is one of Long Melford's most historic homes, believed to date from around 1500 and once linked to Henry Carey, 1st Baron Hunsdon, son of Mary Boleyn and reputedly an illegitimate child of Henry VIII, making him an ancestor of Prince William. Over the centuries, the house has welcomed notable figures including Captain Charles John Cary, 9th Viscount Falkland and friend of Lord Byron, and has evolved through Tudor, Georgian and later periods, even serving as a pub known as The Three Bels. Once divided after a Victorian family dispute and later owned by Commander Peter Needham of HMS Belfast, the property today stands as a remarkable blend of character, heritage and craftsmanship.

Approached by a beautifully maintained front garden the property immediately conveys warmth, character, and a sense of timeless appeal. From the moment you step inside, the property's heritage is revealed through its exposed beams, natural textures, and the unmistakable atmosphere of a much-loved period home that has been thoughtfully maintained over the years. The entrance hall welcomes you with soft lighting and hints of the original timber structure, setting the tone for the rest of the house. The staircase rises gently to the first floor, while the ground floor rooms flow effortlessly from the hallway, offering an inviting layout that balances character features with practical family living.

The main reception room is particularly impressive, where exposed beams frame the ceiling and add depth and interest to the space. The room feels instantly cosy yet airy, with a feature fireplace providing a beautiful focal point. Whether used for relaxed evenings or for hosting guests, it's a space that holds real charm. Traditional touches blend seamlessly with more modern comforts, creating a room that feels both timeless and welcoming.





Heart of The Home...

Moving through to the kitchen and dining area, the character continues with more beams overhead and carefully preserved details that give the home its distinctive personality. The kitchen has been designed to complement the property's age and style, combining modern cabinetry and appliances with a natural, rustic warmth. The adjoining dining space lends itself perfectly to family meals or gatherings with friends, with garden views that brighten the room and enhance its sense of openness. It's the kind of space that feels like the true heart of the home, sociable, warm, and beautifully connected to its surroundings.

A further reception space or study adds welcome flexibility. Whether used as a quiet reading room, a home office, or a snug, the presence of exposed timber and traditional features makes it a particularly pleasant retreat away from the main living areas. A well-placed cloakroom and utility area complete the ground floor, ensuring convenience without detracting from the overall character.





Character and Style...

Upstairs, the first-floor landing leads to an impressive collection of bedrooms, each offering its own character and comfortable proportions. The principal bedroom is a standout feature, a tranquil and airy space that feels distinctly private, with room for a full suite of furnishings and enjoying pleasant outlooks.

Additional bedrooms continue the theme of light, comfort, and generous sizing, making them ideal for family members or guests. The bathrooms, finished to a high standard, combine style with functionality, offering modern suites and tasteful design details that enhance everyday living.



Beautifully Appointed Throughout...

Throughout, the property showcases the beauty of its traditional features, the beams, the textures, the craftsmanship, while offering a comfortable and well-appointed home. It is a house that celebrates its history without compromising on modern convenience, making it a rare and special opportunity within such a sought-after village setting.



Location...

Outside, the rear garden is a true asset to the property. Thoughtfully landscaped and wonderfully private, it offers a mix of lawn, planting, and seating areas that invite outdoor living throughout the seasons. Whether enjoying morning coffee on the terrace, or summer evenings with friends, the space feels both peaceful and versatile. Parking and garaging, add further convenience and practicality.

Occupying a superb position overlooking Long Melford Green, with open views toward Melford Hall, the renowned Black Lion Hotel is just moments away. The village centre is only a short stroll, offering an excellent selection of independent shops, boutiques and antique dealers, along with cafés, tea rooms, galleries and gift shops that give Long Melford its distinct charm. Everyday needs are well catered for with a doctors' surgery, pharmacy, hairdressers, beauticians, a garden centre and a heritage centre all close by. The village is also celebrated for its dining scene, with popular restaurants and pubs including Scutchers, The Black Lion, The Bull, The George & Dragon, The Swan, The Crown, The Hare and the Cock & Bell. For travel and wider amenities, Sudbury lies just three miles away with rail connections to London Liverpool Street via Marks Tey, while the cathedral town of Bury St Edmunds is only 15 miles distant and offers a comprehensive range of services.





Key Information

LOCAL SCHOOLS:

- Long Melford Church of England Primary School, 0.75 Miles, Rated Good
- Acton Church of England Primary School, 2.18 Miles, Rated Good
- Woodhall Primary School, 2.53 Miles, Rated Good
- Glemsford Primary Academy, 2.59 Miles, Rated Good
- Ormiston Sudbury Academy (Sudbury), 2.7 Miles, Requires Improvement

LOCAL AUTHORITY:

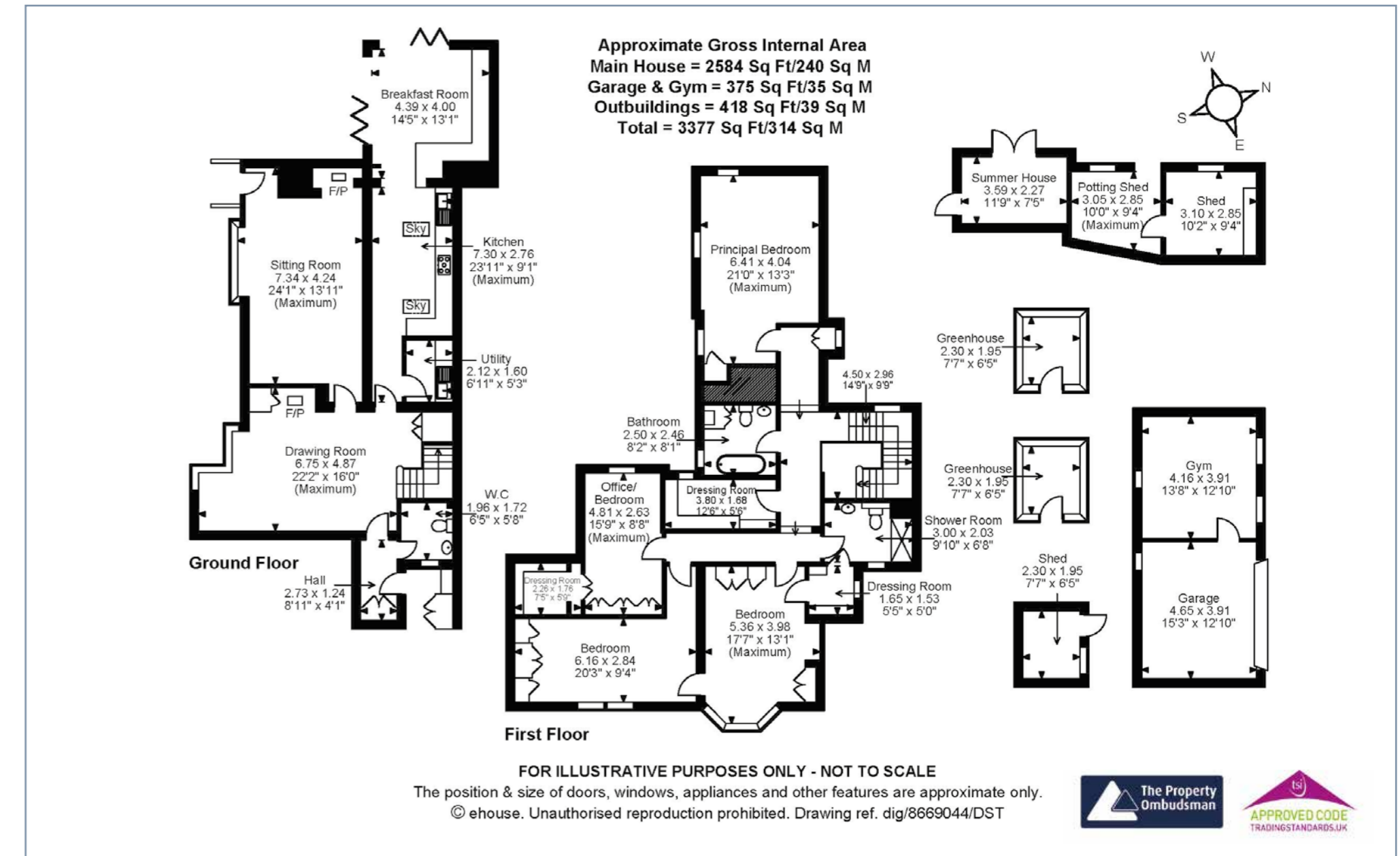
Babergh District Council
Council Tax Band G

TENURE:

Freehold

SERVICES:

Heating Type Gas
Electricity Mains
Water Mains
Sewerage Mains



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