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The Conveyancing Process

Buying and Selling



"IF YOU'RE SELLING, INSTRUCTING YOUR SOLICITOR WHEN YOU INSTRUCT YOUR AGENT COULD SAVE YOU 3 – 4 WEEKS"

The benefits of a seller instructing a solicitor when putting their home on the market

Many sellers assume they should only instruct a solicitor after they have accepted an offer on their property. Often the seller won't have thought about the conveyancing process until their estate agent asks them for their solicitors details.

Most agents only ask the question once an offer is accepted.



The benefits of instructing a solicitor as soon as you put your property on the market include:

If a seller instructs a solicitor before an offer is accepted, the solicitor can carry out numerous tasks in advance.

These tasks can include:

- Sourcing property deeds
- Agreeing terms and conditions, verifying the client's identity, money laundering checks and all other steps required in setting up a legal file
- Getting the conveyancing protocol forms filled in by the seller e.g. property information form, fixtures and fittings form, leasehold information form etc.
- Sourcing of the lease if necessary
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- Sourcing leasehold management information (this can take weeks or even months and is a major cause of delay in leasehold transactions)







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Sale of your property - Initially the solicitor will provide you with a formal instruction form and other documents which will enable them to gather all of the relevant details about you and your house. Once you confirm your interest in working with the solicitor, they will proceed with the transaction.

Searches on your purchase - Once your newly appointed solicitor has received the contract documentation from your sellers' solicitor, they will be able to affect the necessary searches of the Local Authority, Water Authority and Environmental Agency. Purchase of your property - The solicitor can also carry out all of the legal work involved in the purchase of your property. Initially, all you need to do is provide us and your mortgage broker with the solicitor's details. Your selling agent's solicitor/conveyancer will then be able to contact your solicitor to confirm instructions.

Mortgage details - Your lender will send you and your solicitor the mortgage offer. The solicitor is responsible for explaining the terms and conditions of your mortgage offer. The Contract documentation and Mortgage Deed will then be sent to you for approval and signature.

Exchange of contracts - Exchange of contracts takes place between the two parties' solicitors, usually by telephone. Following exchange, your signed contract is forwarded to the other party's solicitor/conveyancer and they in turn will send their party's signed contract to your solicitor. At this stage, you and your seller/buyer will be legally committed to the transaction.

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Arrangements will be made for keys to be collected on completion removals company instructed

Completion of your move

On the day of legal completion, your solicitor will:



We are frequently asked "how long will it take?" Solicitors will always strive to complete the conveyancing process as quickly as possible. Our general advice is that a simple transaction can take around 8-12 weeks. However, it is sometimes possible to complete in a shorter timeframe than this and likewise, this timeframe cannot always be achieved. The conveyancing process is dependent on many parties and factors and this impacts on the ability to control the speed of moving

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Buyer makes an offer on the property, which is accepted by the seller. Buyer's Conveyancer instructed on acceptance of the offer. Buyer arranges a survey on the property, and makes an application for a mortgage (if required).

Sellers's Conveyancer and seller answer pre-contract enquiries and return these to buyer's Conveyancer. Buyer's Conveyancer reviews and reports to the buyer on the contents of the contract pack, pre-contract enquiries, the result of the searches and mortgage offer. The buyer then considers this report and raises questions on anything that is unclear.

When the buyer is happy to proceed, arrangements are made for the deposit to be paid to the buyer's Conveyancer in readiness for exchange of contracts. Seller and buyer agree on a completion date and contracts are formally "exchanged" - meaning both parties are legally committed to the transaction. Buyer's Conveyancer confirms instructions by letter setting out the terms of business and fixed fee costs.

Buyer's Conveyancer contacts the seller's Conveyancer to obtain the contract pack. Buyers Conveyancer checks the contract pack, raises pre-contract enquiries, carries out the necessary searches and obtains a copy of the mortgage offer.

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A Buyer's Conveyancer prepares a draft transfer deed and completion information form and sends these to the seller's Conveyancer for completion. Seller's solicitor approves the draft transfer deed and a final copy is made. This may need to be signed by the buyer before being sent to the seller's solicitor for signature by the seller in readiness for completion.

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Seller's Conveyancer sends the title deeds and transfer deed to the buyer's **Conveyancer together with an** undertaking to repay any existing mortgage. **Buyer's Conveyancer sends the stamp** duty payable to HMRC, receives the title

deeds, transfer deed and proof that the seller has paid the outstanding mortgage on the property.,

Buyer's Conveyancer prepares a completion statement, carries out pre-completion searches and applies to the buyer's mortgage lender for the mortgage loan. On completion, the buyer vacates the property by the agreed time and buyer's Conveyancer sends the proceeds of sale to the seller's Conveyancer.

Buyer's Conveyancer registers the property in the name of the buyer at The **STEP** Land Registry. The buyer receives a copy of the registered title from The Land Registry. Any documents required by the mortgage lender to be retained by them are sent on by the Buyer's solicitor.

> You will liaise with us for the release of the keys to the property.

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We will undertake reasonable steps to find out how a buyer will pay for a property when they make an offer. This involves checking the source and availability of funds and whether your buyer needs to:

- Sell a property ,Get a mortgage Have cash available to buy the property outright
- or whether they are buying with a combination of the above

We will check the chain and speak to all agents to check if the buyers can proceed before we can recommend an offer

Once the offer is agreed we will write to all parties and our Customer Services Director Barry Warner will oversee the sale from start to finish You can visit your tracker 24/7 for an update any time and we will send you the link

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THE HOME SETUP SERVICE

Save yourself time, hassle and money.

Our Move Specialists will be there to do your essential home move admin and search for great-value deals. So you can spend more time on the fun stuff. Like arranging your new home party.

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They could inform the council. Find you a great value renewable energy tariff. Search for the best Sky TV and Virgin Media deals. And so much more. So put the kettle on and relax. Why not celebrate with a Hobnob

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