

# PROPERTY APPLICATION FORM

For SSAS Properties

March 2025

Name of SSAS

SSAS Reference

Only one Property Form per property is required. In addition a separate SSAS application form will be required if the member trustees do not already have a SSAS with Curtis Banks.

Please contact your adviser for an application form, or download it from our website:

www.curtisbanks.co.uk

Please use this form if you want:

- to acquire property as an investment for the SSAS; or
- to transfer property which is already an asset of a pension scheme held by another pension provider to the SSAS with Curtis Banks.

Please complete this form as fully as possible and all member trustees must sign the form before returning it to Curtis Banks.

This is a legally binding document between you and Curtis Banks. If you have any queries, please contact us or your adviser. We will need the original of this application form, or a version sent via our online secure messaging portal, before we can complete our pre-approval process and instruct the solicitors. Please complete this form using black ink and block capitals.

# How do I submit my Property Application Form?

You can submit your SSAS Property Application Form to us using the following contact details.

SSAS Property Team Curtis Banks Limited 153 Princes Street **Ipswich** IP1 10J

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# 1 Accessing our services

If you experience difficulties accessing any of our services due to personal circumstances, we may be able to make some adjustments to help you. Please provide us with details of your needs so we can assess any reasonable adjustments that we can make for you.

The information you provide will help us assess your requirements and make any reasonable adjustments to improve how we work and communicate with you.

We will require your consent to process this information, and to enable us to share this data with other third parties where appropriate, e.g. investment firms or advisers, to help us, and others to continue to meet your needs. Please could you kindly provide this below.

I agree to my information being processed by Nucleus Financial Platforms Group, to include being shared and gathered between relevant third parties.

Please refer to our Group Information Notice, should you require further guidance on how we collect use and protect your personal information. This can be at **www.nucleusfinancial.com/privacy-notice** or please ask your adviser or us for a copy.

Your consent to share personal information is entirely voluntary and you may withdraw your consent at any time. Should you have any questions about this process, or wish to withdraw your consent, please contact the SSAS Team on 0117 332 4051 or ssas.admin@curtisbanks.co.uk.

# 2 Details of member trustees

This section is for completion by all SSAS member trustees to formally agree to this investment in writing prior to formally instructing solicitors and, if appropriate, instructing RICS chartered surveyors. Details of any external investors will be required in section 4.2.

If there are more than 3 member trustees, please use photocopies of page 3 and 4 and attach them to the form.

# 2.1 Member trustees' personal details

In connection with this property do you wish us to liaise directly with you or with your adviser?	Me/us	My/our adviser	
1 Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other			
Forename			
Middle name(s)			
Surname			
Date of birth Day/Month/Year			
Telephone numbers	Home		
	Mobile		Work
Email address			

# Member trustees' personal details (continued) Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other Forename Middle name(s) Surname Date of birth Day/Month/Year Telephone numbers Mobile Work Email address Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other Forename Middle name(s) Surname Date of birth Day/Month/Year Home Telephone numbers Mobile Work **Email address** 2.1 Member trustees' personal details (continued) Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other Forename Middle name(s) Surname Date of birth Day/Month/Year Home Telephone numbers Mobile Work Email address **Property information** 3.1 Property details Address of the property, including post code Approximate age of property Or year of build (if known) (in years) Estimated property value £

# 3.1 Property details (continued)

Please give details below of exactly what all parts of the property are currently being used for. Description and use of the property (e.g. warehouse for book storage, solicitors' offices, etc.) Has the property been registered Yes No Not known at the Land Registry? Types of ownership of the property? Freehold Commonhold Leasehold If leasehold please give details. We can only accept leases with a term of at least 60 years. Ground rent Outstanding term of lease years Is the ground rent reviewable? If yes, please give details below Yes Does the property include Yes If yes, please give details below living accommodation? Is the property Listed? If yes, we will require a formal Reinstatement Cost Assessment to be commissioned Yes Are composite panels used in the If yes, we may require additional information/surveys as part of the acquisition construction of the building? Site plan Do you have a site plan readily available? Yes, attached Yes, to follow No, Curtis Banks will request a copy from your solicitor **VAT** Is the property currently VAT registered? Yes No Do you want us to register the scheme for VAT? If yes, please complete section 6.6 with accountant details Is the property to be treated as a TOGC (Transfer of Going Concern)? Yes No Energy performance certificate Do you have a current Energy performance certificate (EPC)? Yes No Note: It is a legal requirement to produce an EPC for the sale of a commercial property and this must be available when the property is marketed. Please let us know as soon as possible if a new EPC is required. Legal Actions Are you aware of any action, actual or impending, which might be taken with respect to the property by the local authority or any other public authority? If yes, please give details below Yes

# 3.1 Property details (continued)

Vacant status Is the property or any part of the property currently vacant?

Yes No If yes, please give details below

Is the property, or any part of the property to remain vacant?

Yes, whole Yes, part No

If the property, or any part of the property is to remain vacant, please give details below including how long the property is expected to remain vacant

Adjoining properties Does the property directly adjoin any property already owned by you or a person connected with you?

Yes No If yes, please give details below

Note: A site plan will be required before approval can be given

Contamination Have you any cause to think that the property may be contaminated in any way?

Yes No If yes, please give details below

Do any unusual provisions apply  $$\operatorname{\textsc{Yes}}$$  No  $$\operatorname{\textsc{If}}$$  yes, please give details below (e.g. options, overages, rights etc.)

**Disputes** Are you aware of any disputes of any kind in relation to the property or of any circumstances which might lead to any such disputes?

Yes No If yes, please give details below.

**Inspections** Has the property been inspected pursuant to the asbestos regulations 2012?

(We will need an asbestos survey unless we are advised this is not required)

Yes No If yes, has an inspection report been prepared? Yes No

If yes, please supply a copy as soon as possible

Copy attached Copy to follow Copy not required

(We will need advice confirming why the asbestos

survey is not required)

# 4 Details of acquisition

Disbursements (SDLT etc)

**Total costs** 

# 4.1 Type of acquisition

Property purchase Please complete section 4.2 Transfer of property from Please complete section 4.3 another pension scheme 4.2 Property purchase Is the seller connected with you? If Yes, please give details of connection below. Yes Seller's Name Address Telephone number Fax Email address Proposed date of exchange of contracts Will the whole property be If no, please give details below and in section 4.4. No purchased by the SSAS? Name of external investor Property ownership share by the SSAS Cash to be used for purchase from the SSAS SSAS borrowing required £ for the purchase Is the external investor borrowing? Yes No If so, the lender's name is: This section is for details of total property purchase, property development and associated costs. Please do include any Breakdown of total external investor's share. purchase costs Overall purchase price £ VAT payable (if applicable) £ If required please give details in 4.5 **Development Works** £ Legal & Professional Fees £

# 4.2 Property purchase (continued)

Total Transfers £

Funds for the purchase by the SSAS

Total Contributions	£	
Total Borrowing	£	
Development Works	£	
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Total Funds	£	
4.3 Property transfer fro		se or develop the property, we can only borrow an amount up to 50% of eme fund (less any existing borrowing) at the point of purchase or when we eme (if appropriate)
Does the other scheme already own 100% of the property?	Yes No If No, please	give details below and in section 4.4
Property ownership share owned by the other scheme?		%
Name of external investor (if appropriate)		
Property ownership share held by the external investor?		%
Value of property share held by the external investor?	£	
Borrowing amount held by the external investor?	£	
Please provide details of the tran	sferring scheme	
Name of pension scheme		
Provider's address		
Telephone number		Fax
Email address		
Is a full RICS valuation report, no more than 3 years old, available?	Yes No If yes	
	Report enclosed Report to	follow
Breakdown of total acquisition/transfer value	This section is for details of total property It tells us about any borrowing requiremen	transfer, transfer of any other assets and cash from other pension schemes. ts.
Value of property	£	
Value of cash	£	
Value of other assets	£	
Value of existing borrowing	£	
Net transfer value	£	
		l funds in excess of the existing mortgage, which is being transferred in to borrow an overall amount up to 50% of the existing net asset value of the

These can be assembled from the following:

# 4.4 External investor contact details (if appropriate)

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other			
Forename			
Middle name(s)			
Surname			
Telephone numbers	Home		Work
	Mobile		
Email address			
4.5 Development (if αppr	opriate)		
Development works	Do the trustees intend to	carry out any development works to	the property following completion?
·	Yes No	If yes, please give details below.	
Name of healthing and a section			
Name of building contractor			
Is the contractor a connected party?	Yes No	If yes, please give details below.	
What is the value of the works			
	£		
Estimated property value after completion of the works	£		
What is the proposed timescale for completion of the works?			
4.6 Seller's solicitor			
Does the seller wish to be represented by a Curtis Banks panel solicitor?	Yes No	If no, please give details below.	
Firm			
Contact			
Address			
Telephone		Fax	
Email address			
	Note:		
		pe different to the solicitor acting fo	r the SSAS
		t have separate legal representation	
	Does not apply to in-specie	e transfers as the transferring schem	e will have their own requirements or shared facilities.

# 5 Lease information

This section is for details of the occupant or proposed occupant.

# 5.1 Details of lease

Will the existing lease continue after completion?

Will a new lease need to be drawn up upon completion?

Do you have a copy of the existing lease readily available?

Yes No No No, the trustees should request a copy from their solicitor

# 5.2 Details of tenant/proposed tenant

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Full name					
Use to which the tenant puts, or intends to put, the premises	As detailed	in section 3.1	Other If Other,	please give details below	
Address					
Address for rent demands if different to tenant address					
Contact number					
Tenant's email address					
Rent/proposed rent	£		per annum	Term remaining/proposed term	
Is the tenant	You, your bu	siness, or someone	connected to you	Other	
Are there any rent arrears?	Yes	No If Yes, please	give details of how	these are being dealt with	
				rtant for insurance purposes. (e.	
at the property?	what is being held	or if manufacturing	what is being made	and may be held in the property	?)
Are any processes being undertaken at the property?	Yes	No If Yes, please	give details below		
(e.g. woodworking, manufacturing, use of heat etc.)					
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# 5.2 Details of tenant/proposed tenant (continued)

Is the property multi-occupied?	Yes	No	If yes, please provide details, as above, in respect of each tenant on a separate sheet
In respect of multi-occupied property, please confirm whether there are any shared common parts?	Yes	No	
In respect of multi-occupied property, please confirm whether there are any shared common services?	Yes	No	

# 6 Your professionals

This section is for details of your preferred solicitor, valuer, property manager, lender and insurer

## 6.1 Solicitor

To purchase or transfer the property, and, where necessary, to draw up a lease.

Will the member trustees be using a Curtis Banks panel solicitor?

Yes No If no, please give details below

Note: There is a higher Curtis Banks transactional fee for using a non-panel solicitor. Details of the solicitor panel and service are contained in the Panel of Property Professionals document, and on our website; curtisbanks.co.uk

Firm

Contact name

Address

Telephone Fax

Email address

Note: The solicitor panel can represent the pension scheme and a connected party seller or tenant(s).

### 6.2 Valuer

To advise on the purchase/ terms of any new lease.

If the trustees require bank lending, then it is normal practice for the bank to instruct a valuation on the property and this valuation belongs to the bank. The trustee(s) also require a valuation of the property as detailed in the Property Guide.

Note: The trustees may be able to approach the bank to determine if they are willing to provide a copy of the valuation addressed to the trustee(s) of the SSAS as well.

There may be a charge by the bank for this but it could be less than instructing a second full valuation. Where the bank refuses to share their valuation, we will require a second independent valuation to satisfy pension legislation requirements.

Yes, we intend to approach No, please instruct a valuation from the firm below

the bank

Will you be using Curtis Banks panel surveyor?

Yes No If no, please give details below

Note: Must be qualified and registered with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Firm

Contact name

Address

Telephone Fax

Email address

Note: Colston Trustees Limited will instruct the chosen valuer in order to ensure all pension scheme criteria has been met.

# 6.3 Property Manager (if appropriate)

An individual or company qualified and regi	stered by RICS that is	is appointed to provide day-to-day management of the property.
Will the property be using a property manager?	Yes No	If no, then the member trustees all hereby confirm that they are jointly responsible for managing the property and adhering to their responsibilities as trustees.
Firm		
Contact		
Contact address		
Telephone		Fax
Email address		
6.4 Lender (if appropriate)		
Name of lender		
Contact name		
Address		
Telephone		Fax
Email address		
6.5 Insurer		
I/we will be using block policy	Yes No	If no, please provide details below.
insurance via Curtis Banks No		additional annual insurance monitoring fee for auditing and monitoring external insurance cover.
Name of insurer		
Contact name		
Address		
Telephone		Fax
Email address		
Reinstatement value		
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Insurance claims in the last 5 years		
6.6 Accountant details		
Accountant Firm		
Contact name		
Address		
Addi C33		
T-1L		Fau
Telephone		Fax

# 7 Declaration and signature(s)

For your own benefit all member trustees should read carefully the declaration below before signing in section 7.3. If you do not understand any point then please ask your adviser or us for further information.

## 7.1 Member trustees' declaration

#### Declaration

- I/we authorise Colston Trustees Limited to jointly instruct the above mentioned solicitor, valuer and where
  appropriate, lending source or such other solicitor, valuer or lender as may be decided.
- I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief the statements made in all sections of the Property Application Form (whether in my handwriting or not) are full and accurate.
- I confirm I have received a copy of the Property Guide.
- I/we understand that Colston Trustees Limited will jointly proceed to acquire the property and acknowledge that title to the property will be held in the name of the trustees.
- I/we authorise Curtis Banks, during the time my/our SSAS is invested in the property to jointly instruct a solicitor, surveyor or lender as may be decided, when required that their fees will be payable from my/our SSAS.
- I/we understand that before acquiring the property, the trustees will require an environmental audit and that during
  the time my/our SSAS is invested in the property, the trustees may also arrange an environmental audit from their
  chosen provider if advised as necessary by a suitably qualified professional and take such action as it sees fit to
  mitigate an environmental contamination risk which may include the purchase of insurance and that any costs and
  charges will be payable from my/our SSAS.
- I/we confirm that either:
  - I/we have no connection with the seller and that neither I nor anyone connected with me has owned the property within the last three years, or
  - I/we have disclosed full details of any connection in section 5.2.
- I/we acknowledge that I/we are aware of the block insurance policy and will inform Curtis Banks on an annual basis
  if I/we have used the services of a different insurance company and on an annual basis will provide a copy of the
  insurance certificate within 1 week of the insurance renewal.
- I/we confirm that all parties to the transaction have read and understood the requirements detailed in the property
  guide and agree to be solely responsible for my/our share of all costs, fees and charges (as detailed on the SSAS Fee
  Schedule and within the Property Guide) associated with the ongoing administration of the property (including, where
  applicable, an environmental audit) and these will be payable from my/our SSAS.
- I/we agree to be solely responsible for my/our share of all liabilities, losses, damages and costs which the trustees may incur in holding the property is unable to meet their share of the costs, fees and charges with the ongoing administration of the property or any liabilities, losses, damages and costs.
- I/we acknowledge that Curtis Banks does not monitor the property on an ongoing basis. I/we acknowledge that any responsibility for doing so falls upon me/us as member trustee(s).
- I/we acknowledge that where another member trustee in the property is unable to meet their share of the costs, fees and charges with the ongoing administration of the property or any liabilities, losses, damages and costs which the trustees may incur in holding the property, responsibility falls upon me/us as member trustee(s) equally.
- If I/we instruct you to assist with the sale of a property, or otherwise dispose of it, I/we acknowledge that a valuation of the property will be required in the event of a transaction with a connected party.
- I/we understand and accept that due to the potential illiquid nature of the investment, no ready market may exist for the sale of the property and that market conditions are always subject to change.

## 7.2 Authority

I/we authorise Curtis Banks to accept the following instructions on behalf of my/our SSAS:

 Payment of £1,000 to the nominated solicitor from our SSAS current account on account of searches and disbursements.

Yes No

Note: The payment of £1,000 to the nominated solicitor will typically be made within 3 days of issuing the solicitor instruction letter.

Payment of the property deposit and/or completion balance from our SSAS current account to the nominated solicitor.

Yes No

To accept payment instructions from my financial adviser.

Yes No

# 7.3 Signature(s)

Please complete the following for each member trustee in the order in which they have been entered in section 2.1. If there are more than 4 member trustees, please use photocopies of this page and attach them to the form.

### Statement of Truth

• I/we believe that the facts and matters contained in this Property Application Form are true and that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

1	Name Signature	
	Date	
2	Name Signature	
	Date	
3	Name Signature	
	Date	
4	Name Signature	

# 7.4 Property checklist

Date

In the majority of cases we will be able to review and determine acceptance of a property after receiving a fully completed copy of this application. We have however listed below a number of additional items to assist our property approval process and/or the completion of the subsequent property transaction. We ask that you provide, where appropriate and if available, copies of the following items:

1 Valuation Report (within 3 years)
2 Sales particulars or Heads of Terms (including plans)
3 Headlease (if leasehold property)
4 Insurance Policy Documentation
5 Sellers VAT Certificate and/or Option to tax acknowledgement
6 Occupational Lease (i.e. lease to tenants)
7 Mortgage offer or decision from lender
8 EPC Report
9 Any other property specific documentation (please specify)

# Appendix A - Additional information

We have summarised some of the main requirements as well as highlighting some particular features of a SSAS with Curtis Banks.

#### Age

There is no age restriction. However, careful consideration should be given to individual circumstances. For instance, if the purchase of an annuity is a likelihood or serious ill health is an issue an illiquid asset such as property may not be suitable.

## Types of property

Freehold, leasehold and commonhold property interests are all acceptable, although leasehold and commonhold properties require more careful consideration at the outset as these may involve unacceptable obligations.

#### Property taxes

Stamp duty land tax (Land and Building Transaction Tax in Scotland) may be payable on a property purchase although none would be charged on a property transfer from another pension scheme.

If the property being purchased is VAT elected, a pension fund must pay VAT just like any other purchaser, although this can usually be recovered in full. Once acquired any capital appreciation realised by the pension fund is free of tax as is any rental income generated by the property.

#### Joint ownership

Member trustees can use the SSAS to buy a property as a joint investment. Ownership of the asset will be apportioned according to the contributions made; it is not necessary for each member trustee to have an equal interest in the property. A Declaration of Trust agreement is required between all parties setting out the terms of the arrangement. We can also purchase a property jointly with third parties. Please contact us for further information.

#### **Connected persons**

Member trustees can ask us to enter into transactions directly or indirectly with themselves, their business, their partners, their family or any person 'connected' with them. Such transactions have to be undertaken on an open market valuation basis. This type of transaction is likely to appeal particularly to professional practices and small businesses which currently own their commercial premises.

#### Transfers from other pension funds

It is possible to transfer a property from an existing pension provider to a SSAS with Curtis Banks. We will need to be sure that the property is an allowable investment, that any mortgages on it are in accordance with regulations, and that there are no unacceptable liabilities attached to the property. This will require a solicitor title and carry out the normal environmental checks.

## Fixture and fittings

It is only property - generally speaking the bricks and mortar - which is an allowable investment. Fixtures that are considered to be part of the property can be purchased but not fittings which must be acquired separately.

## Purchase at auction

If you are looking to purchase a property at auction, it is imperative that our SSAS Team are involved in good time in order to complete our property due diligence and ensure that any liquidity is in place before you submit any bid. Properties acquired at auction are restricted to cash only transactions. A successful bid will result in a legal commitment to buy. Contracts for the purchase will be exchanged at the auction and you will have to do this personally as we will not be present at auction. This means you will also need to fund the deposit personally, which will later be reimbursed to you at completion. You will need to ensure that the contract states that the purchase can be completed in the name of all of the trustee(s) including Colston Trustees Limited.

#### Property development

Development of the property or capital improvements will normally be effected by the trustees only as the property owner. If there is an existing tenant the improvement may well result in a rent increase.

#### **VAT**

This is complicated area. If the trustees purchase a VAT elected property and have to pay VAT on the purchase price, then by making an election for VAT purposes, the trustees are able to get the VAT back in almost every case. However, this will not be so if the property is let back to the member's business where the business is exempt or partially exempt from VAT. If we elect a property for VAT, the rent will attract VAT and VAT will also be chargeable on the sale price when the property is eventually sold.

#### Borrowing

The maximum borrowing permitted is equal to 50% of the net asset value of the whole SSAS immediately before the new property is acquired. Existing mortgages have to be catered for within the 50% figure. Borrowing while in drawdown is permitted as is borrowing for VAT purposes although this must also be accommodated within the 50% borrowing limit. Borrowing up to 50% of the net fund value to develop the property is also permitted. The terms of borrowing should be non recourse. In other words, the trustees should have no personal liability for that borrowing.

#### Realisation

There are a number of reasons why a property may need to be realised. The most common of these is to help fund an individual member's benefits on retirement. However, flexi-access drawdown provides income flexibility and avoids the need to realise a property investment immediately. But, if benefits are to be provided through purchasing an annuity, the assets of the SSAS may need to be sold. As a property is an illiquid investment steps should be taken to ensure timely disposal.

#### Asbestos and disability requirements

There are regulations regarding asbestos and commercial property. There are also regulations requiring premises to comply with disability discrimination laws. All these requirements fall on the person liable for the upkeep of the property. In most cases this will be the occupying tenant. When acquiring a commercial property it is prudent to ensure that the premises comply with the various regulations as the cost burden could fall upon the SSAS if the premises fall vacant or if the tenant is not responsible for upkeep.

## Leases

When purchasing a property subject to an existing lease we will require a report from the solicitor confirming that the lease does not contain any unacceptable obligations. If a vacant property is acquired and a new lease is granted to an incoming tenant, the lease must be on normal full repairing and insuring terms. Where that lease is granted to a scheme member's business, we require an independent valuer to advise on the principal terms of the proposed lease.

# Notes

# Notes

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