

Finding a Property

Once you know the price range you're looking at, you can start your property search. You can use various online portals to search for properties that are for sale in a specific area. You can also liaise with local estate agents and check local newspapers.

You may want to consider:

- Type of property
- Location
- Number of bedrooms
- Is parking or garage essential?
- Do you want to be near local facilities? For example; shops, leisure, pubs, park
- Do you have to consider a school catchment area?
- Do you require public transport links? Bus or train station nearby

Once you have found a property you're interested in, you may want to ask the estate agent or owner some questions:

- What are the neighbours like?
- How much is the council tax?
- Are they in a chain?
- Do they have a date they need to move by?
- Has any building work been done on the property, if so when and by whom, seek any warranty certificates.
- Why are they moving?
- How long has the property been on the market?

All of this information helps you consider what offer to make.

You may also want to contact us to discuss an agreement in principle if you have not already obtained this. If you have one, it can strengthen your offer. It gives the vendor extra confidence that you are serious about buying a property and are in the financial position to proceed with the purchase.