



Leasehold information for Apartments over Garages which belong to freehold houses – Woodlands Chase

There are homes being sold on this development where an apartment is built over garages/carports (referred to as FOG’s). The apartment is sold freehold. The remaining garages/carports are owned by houses which are sold freehold and their garages/carports are sold leasehold.

The properties on Woodlands Chase to which this applies are apartments plot numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56, and houses plot numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40 and 41.

Properties that form part of a flat over garages/carport arrangement are referred to as ‘FOG’s’. The owner of a FOG is the freeholder of their flat, the structure of the whole building and also the garages underneath the flat. Garages/carports under flats are referred to as ‘GUF’s’.

Below is an explanatory note regarding the structure of the FOG arrangement.

The FOG Buyer owns the structure of the whole and is the freeholder of his flat, his garage/carport and the other garages/carports under the flat (referred to throughout as “GUFs”). Below is an example of what this could look like.

FOG = FLAT OVER GARAGE	FOG		
GUF = GARAGE/CARPORT UNDER FLAT	Garage/Carport for FOG	GUF	GUF

The FOG

The FOG Buyer owns the structure of whole of the building, and owns the freehold interest in the FOG and the garages/carports below. Depending on the size and design of the FOG there may be 1, 2, 3 or 4 garages/carports below the FOG.

The FOG owner recovers from the garage/carport owners a proportion (set out in the garage/carport leases) of the maintenance expenses and insurance premium for the building.

On completion of the sale of the FOG, the FOG owner will be provided with the Transfer of the FOG, together with the original Leases for the garages/carports.

The GUF

In order that the garage/carport leases are affected simultaneously, and to ensure that the FOG is sold subject to the leases, the leases of the garages/carports which are not being sold with the FOG are granted to the Developers nominee company. When the associated property is sold, the leasehold interest in the GUF is transferred with the house at nil consideration.

The length of the term of the garage/carport lease is 999 years and the initial ground rent is an actual peppercorn which is not collected by the landlord. It is also important that your Solicitor should advise you about the detailed terms of the lease.

The owner of the leasehold garage/carport will not be able to acquire the freehold of the garage/carports.

IMPORTANT: You are strongly advised that you should take independent legal advice in relation to the purchase of the property, including all matters covered by this document