

FOR SALE BY ONLINE AUCTION

A fascinating, second world war observation building, standing in a stunning position near the sea within the parish of Bawdsey.

Guide Price
£95,000 Freehold
Ref: P7140/C

The Battery
Observation Post (BOP)
East Lane
Bawdsey
Suffolk IP12 3AP



An unusual three storey reinforced concrete structure with scope for various uses, with views out to sea.
Grounds extending to 0.2 acres.

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Method of Sale

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The vendor's solicitor has prepared an Auction Legal Pack. This is available to view online and interested parties should Register online to receive updates. If you are viewing a hard set of these particulars or via Rightmove or alike please visit the Online Property Auctions section of Clarke and Simpson's website to Watch, Register and Bid.

Seller's Solicitors

The seller's solicitors are Birketts Solicitors; Providence House, 141 - 145 Princes Street, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 1QJ; Tel: 01473 232300; For the attention of Imogen Grainger; Email: imogen-grainger@birketts.co.uk. We recommend that interested parties instruct their solicitor to make any additional enquiries prior to the auction.

Location

The Battery Observation Post (BOP) is situated in the parish of Bawdsey in a designated area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, adjacent to the coast and also fresh water lagoons. The village of Bawdsey is situated approximately 10 miles to the south-east of the historic market town of Woodbridge. It is approximately 4 miles from the picturesque sailing hamlet of Ramsholt, with its popular public house, located on the north bank of the river Deben. The BOP is also 2 miles from Bawdsey Ferry. Woodbridge is well known for its eclectic mix of shops, pubs and cafes. There are further sailing facilities on the river Alde and Ore at Orford, approximately 12 miles along the coast and there are excellent recreational facilities in the immediate local area and in Tunstall and Rendlesham forest which are also easily accessible. The ferry from Bawdsey to Felixstowe provides regular access to the south side of the river Deben and popular Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club.

Description

The Battery Observation Post is Grade II Listed. It is believed to date from the 1940s and is of reinforced concrete construction with a cantilever roof over balcony with views out to the sea. It is understood that high precision range finders were housed in the upper storey which acted as the centre of communications with the searchlight positions and guns. The building is understood to have formed the operational focal point of the emergency coastal defence battery.

It is envisaged that interested parties could seek various uses. In the late 1980s planning was refused for a dwelling but it is understood that in September 2002, Planning Permission and Listed Building Consent were granted for the change of use to a holiday unit. However, this was not implemented at the time.

Viewing

Please view at any reasonable hour taking due care. Please note there are just hatches to the lower ground and first floor. Access is not deemed safe and the vendor nor agents can take responsibility for the safety of those viewing.

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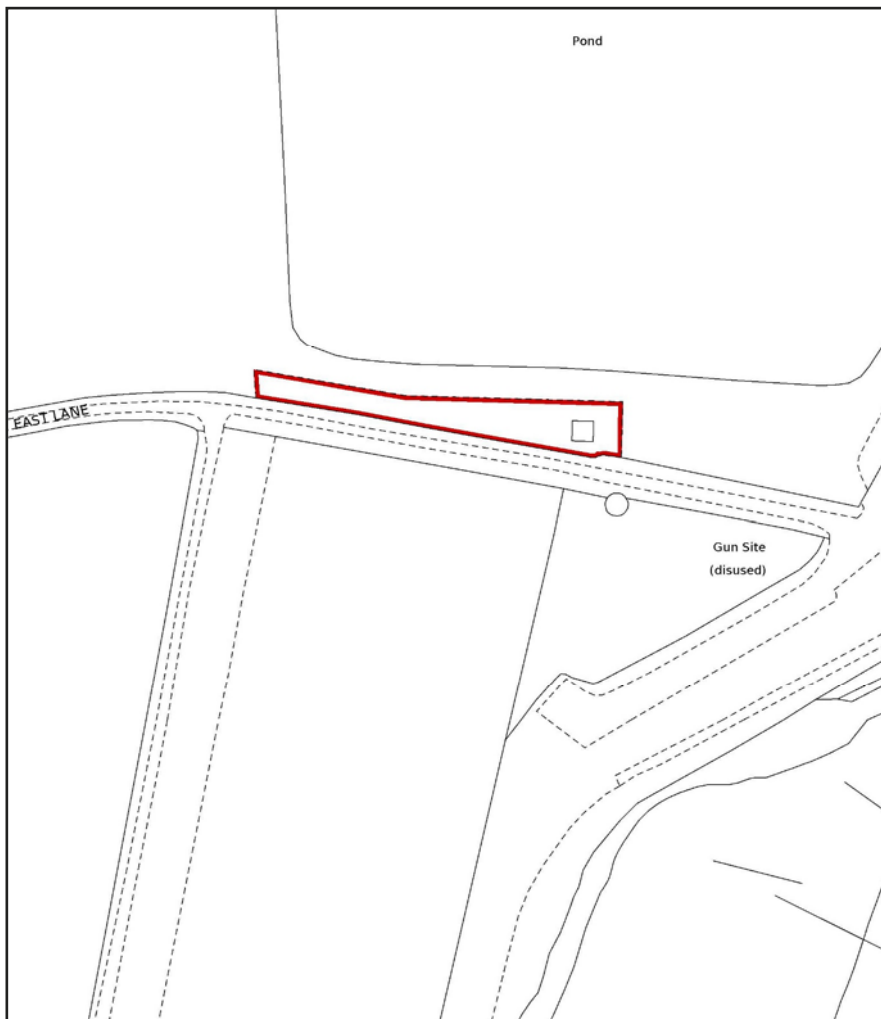
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Local Authority

East Suffolk Council, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1RT; Tel: 01394 383789.

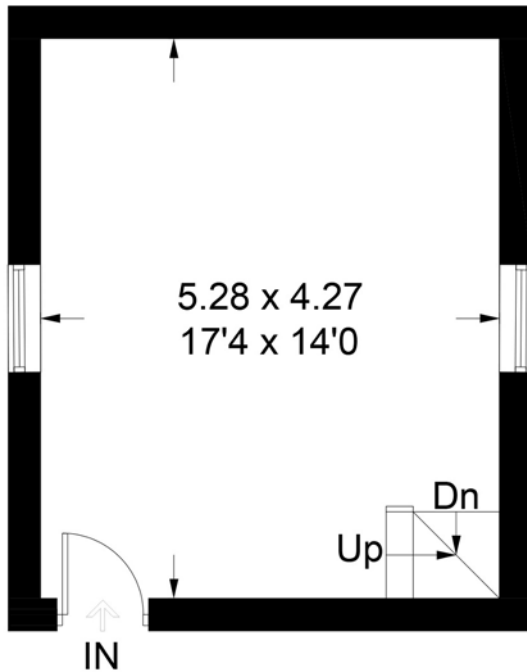




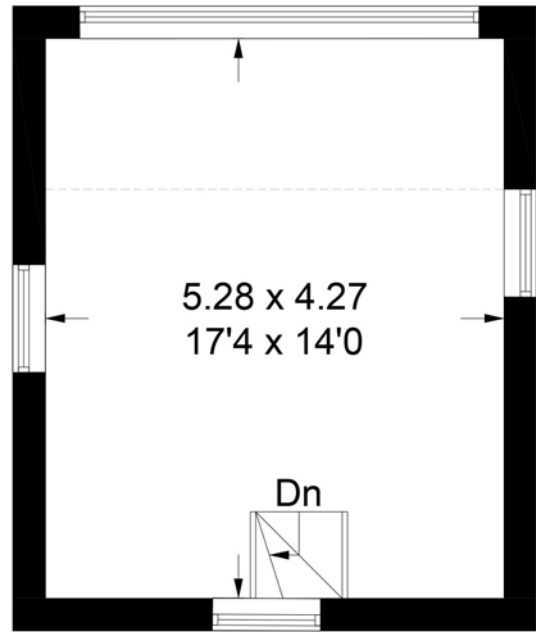


Battery Observation Post, Bawdsey

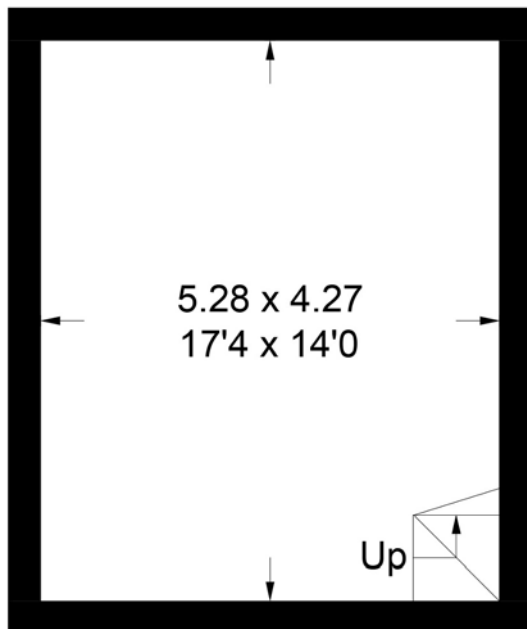
Approximate Gross Internal Area = 66.4 sq m / 715 sq ft



Raised Ground Floor



First Floor



Lower Ground Floor

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Directions

Entering Bawdsey from the north on the B1083 road from Woodbridge/Melton/Alderton, proceed past the church before turning left where signposted to East Lane. Follow this road for about three quarters of a mile and the BOP is situated on the left hand side.

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