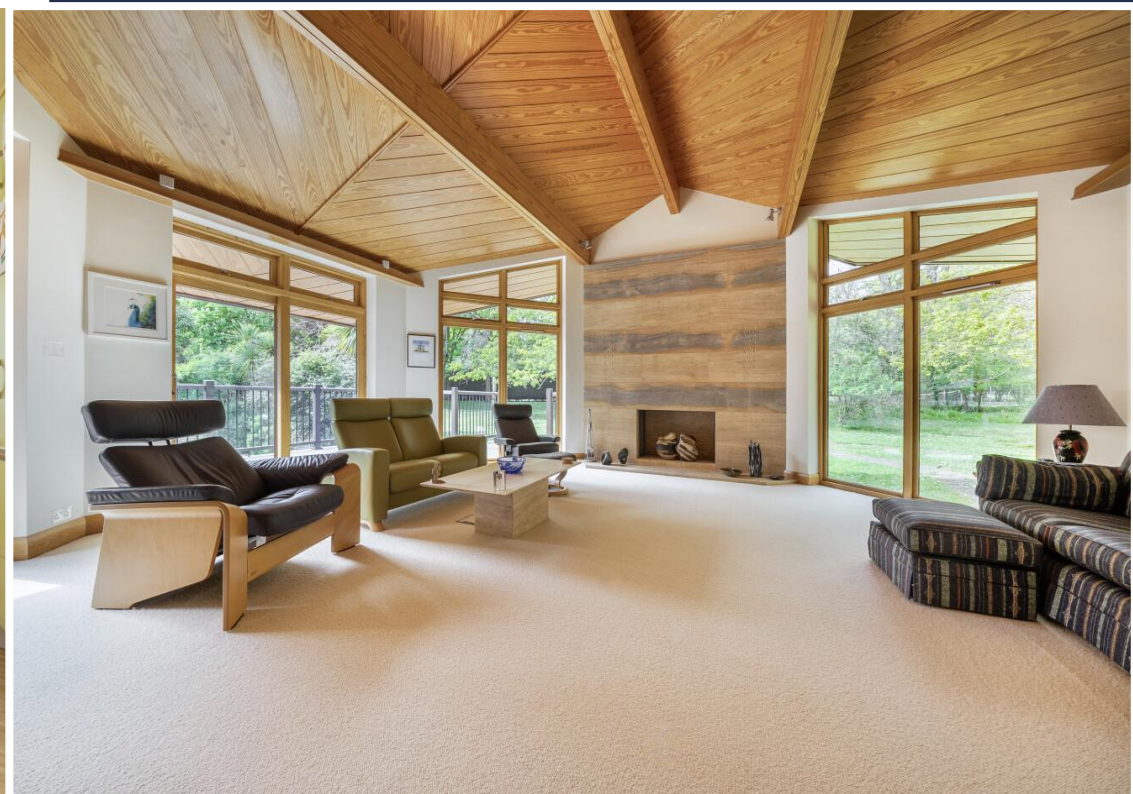




**Abilene Lodge,  
Gedding, Suffolk.**

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Gedding is a small rural parish in Mid Suffolk. Situated in the 'Hundred of Thedwastre', the parish lies about six miles south east of the Cathedral town of Bury St Edmunds and 6 miles west of Stowmarket, offering peaceful countryside living with easy access to local town. Nearby is Drinkstone village, with amenities such as All Saints' Church (Grade II\* Listed), historic windmills, and a village hall. The area borders beautiful reserves like Bradfield Wood. The wider locality benefits from nearby primary schools, nursery, shop and pub in Rattlesden and Woolpit, and Thurston Community College for secondary education. Nearby Felsham has a playing field, public house, community shop and post office. The nearest railway service is at Elmswell station, around 7 km away, with further rail connections available at Thurston, Bury St. Edmunds and Stowmarket, with regular intercity trains to London or Norwich.

A stunning country lodge with approximately **15 acres** of grounds and woodland bounded by open countryside. The schedule of property incorporates a high specification leisure complex, a large array of outbuildings and a number of versatile reception rooms, many of which benefit from views over the mature surroundings. The property occupies a secure parkland style setting with a gated entrance and a sweeping driveway having originally been built in the 1960's, in grounds that were part of the ancient Gedding Hall Estate. Much of the design we see today was influenced by the well renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright whose designs are often seen incorporating varying roof levels and extensive use of natural materials. The accommodation as it stands now has been significantly remodelled by the current owners alongside local architect Max Milburn who between them have created a striking home reflecting the occupier's meticulous attention to detail.

## **A stunning contemporary country home occupying a parkland style setting in grounds of approximately 15.7 acres offered for sale with no onward chain.**

**ENTRANCE HALL:** An inviting reception hall providing access to the leisure complex, family room and principal rooms on the ground floor with a substantial floor to ceiling wall mural opening to the **glass garden hall** that connects the two distinct parts of the property with views to the front and rear.

The centre of the house comprises a series of three octagonal rooms. The first of these is the:-

**DINING HALL:** With a stunning sweeping staircase providing a focal point for the room with full height windows and bespoke decorative balustrade with lantern above. Cloakroom and WC off.

The second of the octagonal rooms is the:-

**DRAWING ROOM:** With panoramic views of the rear and side gardens and inset feature fireplace with bespoke decorative surround. Sliding doors to extensive decking and gardens.

And finally, the:-

**SITTING ROOM:** providing views of the driveway and mature parkland to the front elevation. Opening to:-

**KITCHEN/BREAKFAST ROOM:** Exceptionally well equipped with stylish wall and base units with Corian worksurfaces and inset dual sink,

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Kupperbusch double oven, 4-ring induction hob. Access to the **kitchen study**, easily concealed when not required although practical and versatile.

**UTILITY ROOM:** A versatile space with additional worksurfaces and inset sink just off the kitchen providing access to the **GARAGE**.

**BOOT ROOM:** With door to rear.

**COLD STORE:** Located off the utility room.

**FAMILY ROOM:** Situated in the original part of the lodge and undoubtedly one of the most impressive parts of the property offering a 'ski chalet' style feel with floor to ceiling glass doors overlooking the terrace and pond abutting the rear of the property. Striking inset feature fireplace with stone surround and hearth. Doors to the leisure complex and bar area.

**GARDENER'S CLOAKROOM:** Accessed externally to the property.

## First Floor

**LANDING:** Flooded with natural light.

**PRINCIPAL BEDROOM SUITE:** A stunning triple aspect room with sitting area and balcony, **WALK-IN-WARDROBE** and:-

**ENSUITE SHOWER ROOM 1:** Shower, WC, bidet and hand wash basin.

**ENSUITE SHOWER ROOM 2:** Shower, WC, bidet and hand wash basin.

**BEDROOM 2:** Incorporating the octagonal design language from the ground floor, a substantial double bedroom with window to side aspect and door to:-

**ENSUITE:** With bath, inset sink, bidet and WC.

**BEDROOM 3:** A double bedroom suite with window to front aspect, door to:-

**ENSUITE:** Comprising WC, shower and hand wash basin.

**BEDROOM 4:** With Jack and Jill access to the ensuite from bedroom 3 and window to front/side aspects.

**BEDROOM 5:** With Jack and Jill access to the ensuite from bedroom 2 and window to side aspect.

**SECONDARY LANDING:** With stairs leading from the family room to:

**GUEST ACCOMMODATION:** A striking semi-vaulted double bedroom with balcony overlooking the front elevation. Door to:-

**ENSUITE:** With white suite comprising WC, hand wash basin, bidet and corner shower. Doors lead to the first floor:-

**SITTING ROOM/SNUG:** With balcony access and further double doors lead to the:-

**OFFICE:** With window to side aspect and doors to balcony.

## LEISURE COMPLEX

Access via the inner hall initially leading to the:-

**CHANGING ROOM:** With cloakroom comprising WC and hand wash basin. Door to **STEAM SHOWER** and **SAUNA**. Further doors lead to the;

**GYMNASIUM:** which has access to the family room and secure door to the:-

**INDOOR SWIMMING POOL:** Heated and covered pool with bar and seating area. Views of the front and rear gardens and door to:-

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**PLANT ROOM:** Comprising additional changing facilities with shower, WC and hand wash basin.

Open air **TENNIS COURT** located to the rear of the property with high sided fencing. NB: The tennis court may benefit from resurfacing.

## Outside

Among the most attractive parts of the property are the grounds and the setting approached via electric security gates with CCTV and intercom system. The driveway divides after a short while with one access leading to the house and garage and the other leading to the side range of **OUTBUILDINGS**. There is a substantial area of **OFF-ROAD PARKING** available at the front of the property and the left driveway is tree lined and continues for some time before arriving at the old **GARAGE** and **STABLE BLOCK** which comprises parking for a number of vehicles, 3 stables, a tack room and a large store. Additionally, there is a substantial **HAY BARN**, **FIELD SHELTER** and an area of sub-divided land, **GREEN HOUSE**, **ORCHARD** and 2 substantial **GARAGE BLOCKS** which is understood to have been the original home to Toleman Formula One racing team (perhaps best known for introducing Ayrton Senna to the world). Each of the garage blocks have power and light connected and there is a concrete **HELIPAD** within the grounds.

The property is nestled within a parkland setting extending to over **15 ACRES** with a charming rural Suffolk landscape offering a degree of privacy, seclusion and security seldom available. There is a particularly generous terrace abutting the rear of the property within which there is an inset pond. As the grounds meander there are large expanses of formal lawns, rose gardens and ample grazing with a fenced **deer park**.

**In all about 15.7 acres**

## AGENTS NOTE

We understand that various trees are subject to Tree Preservation Orders. The current septic tank has been in situ for some time and as such prospective purchasers are advised to seek their own advice in respect of the working order and compliance of such.

We understand that 2 of the outbuildings may contain asbestos.

**SERVICES:** Main electricity and water are connected. Septic tank drainage and LPG fired heating. **NOTE:** None of these services have been tested by the agent.

**LOCAL AUTHORITY:** Mid Suffolk Council: 01284 763233. Council Tax Band: H.

**EPC RATING:** Awaiting report.

**BROADBAND SPEED:** Up to 23 Mbps (source Ofcom).

**MOBILE COVERAGE:** EE – good outdoor. (Source Ofcom).

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**WHAT3WORDS:** ///sometimes.window.strike.

**VIEWING:** Strictly by prior appointment only through **DAVID BURR** Bury St. Edmunds 01284 725525.

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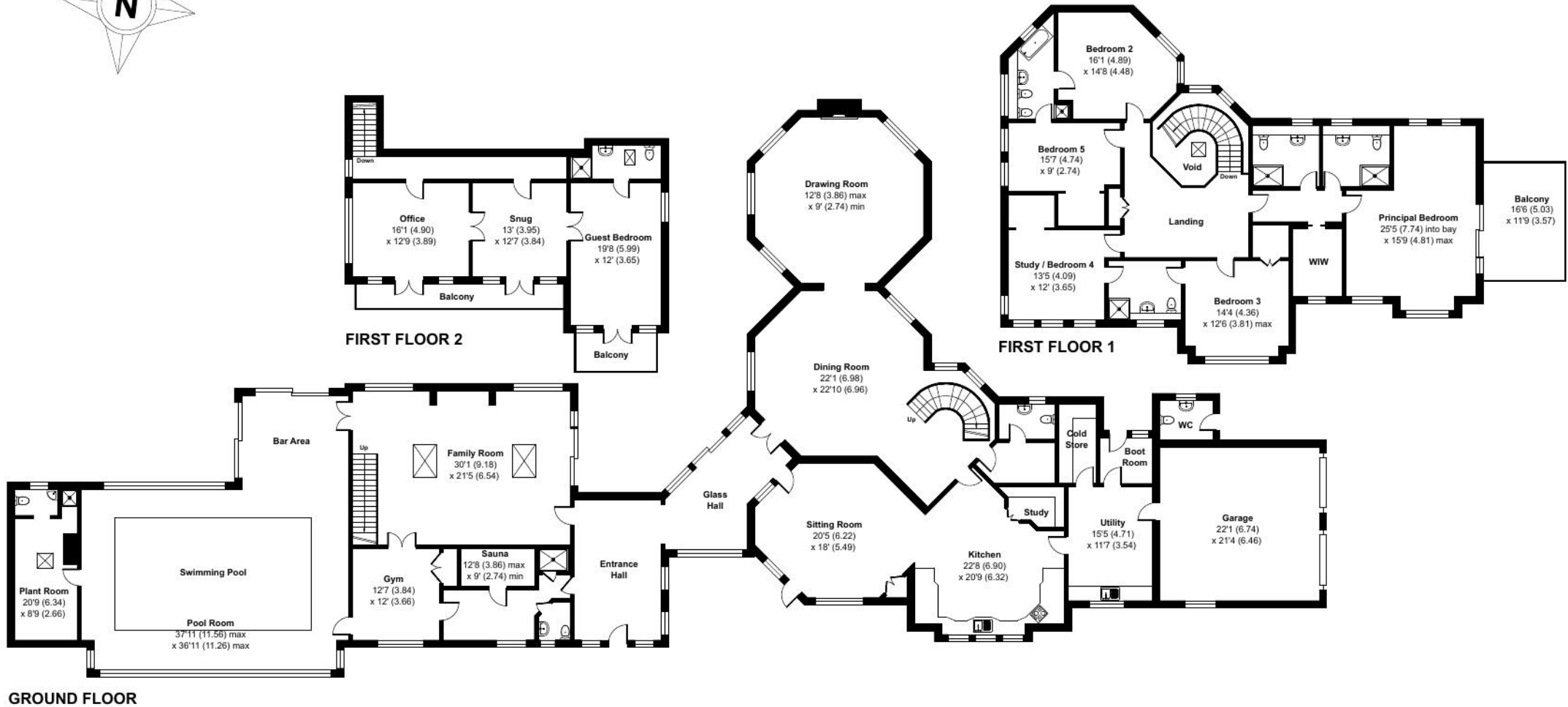
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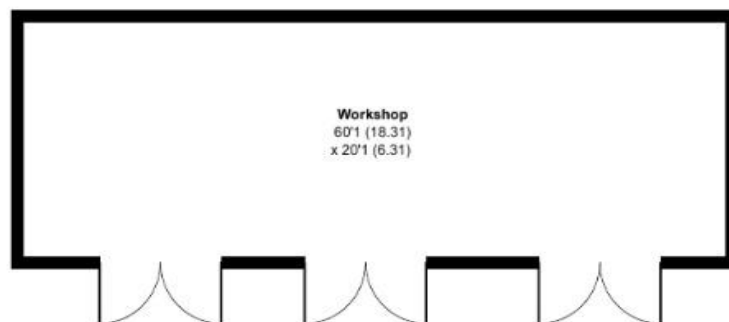
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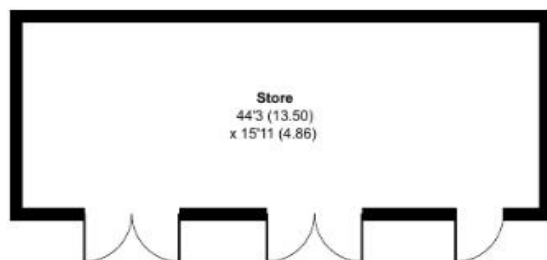
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**OUTBUILDING 3**

