

Lessons from a career in property

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Porcishead CLEVEDON SUSPENSION BRIDGE Clevedon Penarch Nailsea* "Shipshape and Bristol Fashion" BARRY Stanton FLAT HOLME Drew . PREHISTORIC STONE CIRCLES WORLEBURY CAMP (N.T.) WESTON "That pleasant land which runneth to the Severn sea." - FULLER. R-MAR Banwell STEEP HOLME RESERVOIR MENDIA Winscombe Farrington BRISTOL CHANNEL Cheddar Cheddar Gurney Brean Saru CHEESE | FORELAND POINT KNOLL . Ec .t Brent We bury WOOKEY HURTSTONE POINT Burnham on-sea BRIDGWATER BAY Highbr. 'ge BEACON (N.T.) Wells MINEHEAD VALLEY Shepton Mallet 0 Nether Stowey Glastonbury AVALON Williton BRIDGWATER BATTLE OF SEDGEMOOR × SEDGEMOOR DUNKERY POLDEN HILLS A YARN CLEEVE H RUANTOCK Simonsbath . BEACON 1707 FT. (N.T.) deep meadowed island, fair with orchard lawns:" Exford A. EXE HILLS North Anstorg HOME OF THE KING'S SEDGE MOOR HATIONAL PAT Petherton . (H.T.) Bishop's Lydeard TARR Castle STEPS Cary VALE OF LYTES Wiveliscombe. . 000 TAUNTON DEANE CARY South Moulton Curry Rivel FAUNTON Milverton Ilchester Bampton Wellington MONTACUTE OF DEVON WELLINGTON (N.T.) M.F. Peck. PART YEOVIL BARRINGTON D (N.T.)

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A 1980s education

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Into the 1990s













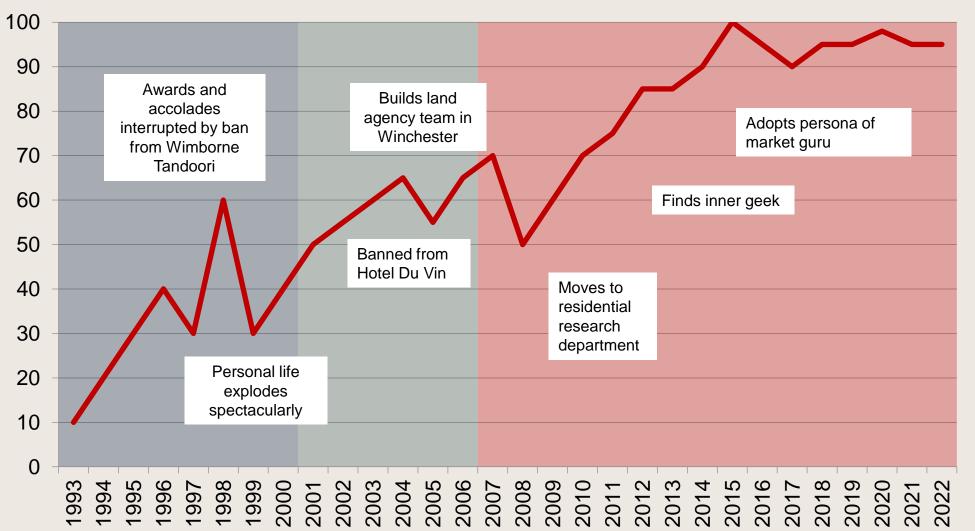
By 1993 I had arrived....





My career timeline











Wimborne



Winchester 2001



I took with me

 three retained clients from my days at Wimborne that including a time hungry management

I inherited

One colleague approaching retirement

I didn't inherit

- The previous team of 3 "partners" and an assistant.....
-who left an set up down the road in a converted chicken shed; and
- knew all of Hampshire; and
- took all of their clients with them

I couldn't compete on price but I could provide a better service

I needed to prove it to the head of office, the professional community and potential clients

I had to undertake specialist work outside of the patch

I had to use the Savills network

I needed a team around me who were driven In time it would pay off......

Winchester





London 2007



Telephone Rings

ROSM "Lucian, its Rupert here."

LRC "Hello Rupert, to what do I owe the

undoubted pleasure"

ROSM "I would like you to come over for

coffee on Sunday morning"

LRC "Err....."

Uncomfortable silence

ROSM "I'd like to talk to you about taking on a

more central role. Of course it's only a chat over a coffee and you don't have

to accept the offer"

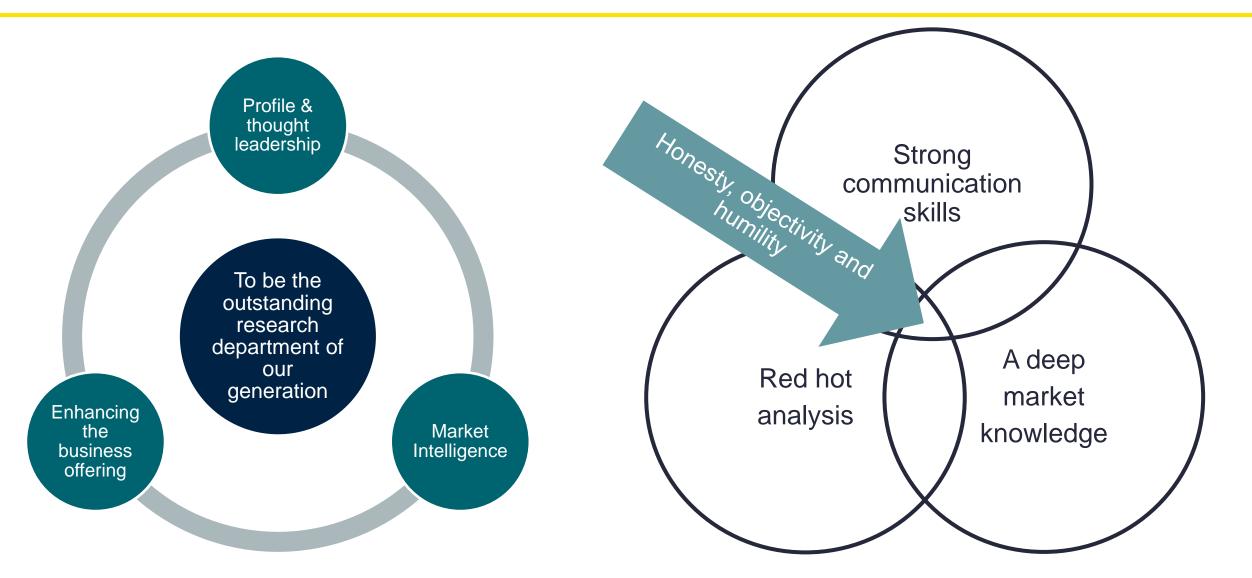
- We needed to reconnect with the press.
- We needed to reconnect with the business and our client base.
- We needed to make our research more accessible.
- It needed a strategy.
- I needed the business on board.
- I needed to get my hands dirty.
- In time it would pay off.....

London













Captaincy is 90 per cent luck and 10 per cent skill. But don't try it without the

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

I do not consider myself to be the Richie Benaud of the property research world

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People will work with you because you are brilliant at your job and they like you.

But it doesn't matter how good you are if they don't like you.

——— Lucian Cook ———

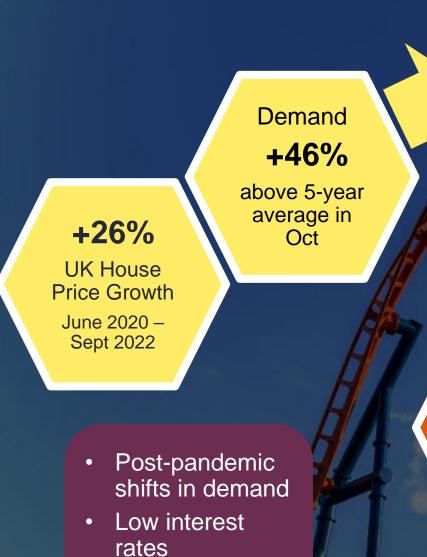
29 years and 9 months at Savills



Ultimately your career legacy will be determined by what you achieve but even more by the ongoing achievements of the team you have worked with and developed

and with that in mind.....





-2.4%

UK House Price Falls

September -December 2022

-43%

fall in mortgage approvals Dec 2022 (v Dec 18/19)

Tipping point in the housing market

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- High mortgage rates
- Cost of living challenges

Stamp duty holiday

Source: Nationwide, HMRC



-20

-40

-60

-80

-100

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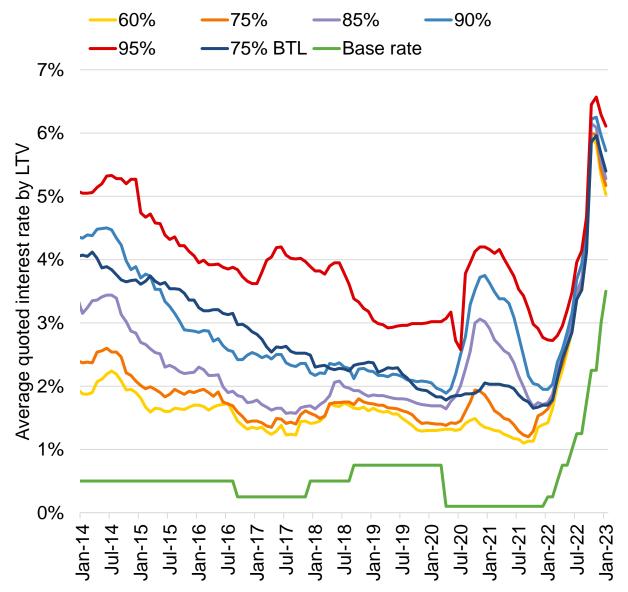
Spiking rates make it challenging in terms of affordability

Monthly costs based on:

- 75% LTV,
- 2 year fix
- 25 year term

	Bank base rate	Mortgage rate	£500k
Nov '21	0.1%	1.5%	£1,500
Nov '22	3.0%	5.9%	£2,400
Jan '23	3.5%	5.2%	£2,255





Source: Savills Research using Bank of England

Our five-year outlook



2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 5-year

UK mainstream house prices



-10.0%

Transaction volumes 870,000

Source: Savills Research 23

Our mainstream forecasts by region



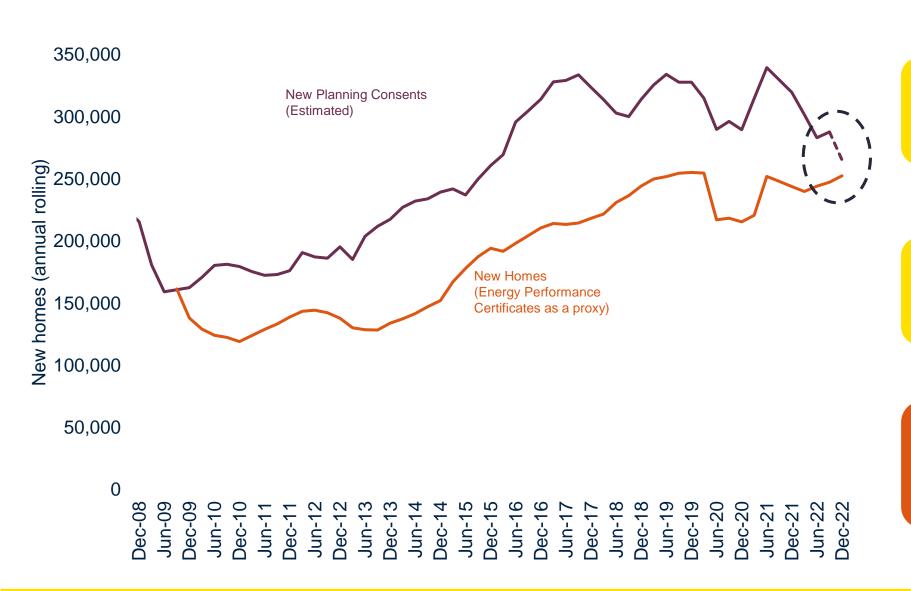


Source: Savills Research 24



The gap between housing completions and planning consents is increasingly closing





252,500 homes completed in the last 12 months

265,000 homes granted consent in 2022

... slowing planning, sales rates and activity means this will only get more pronounced

What happens to new build transaction volumes?

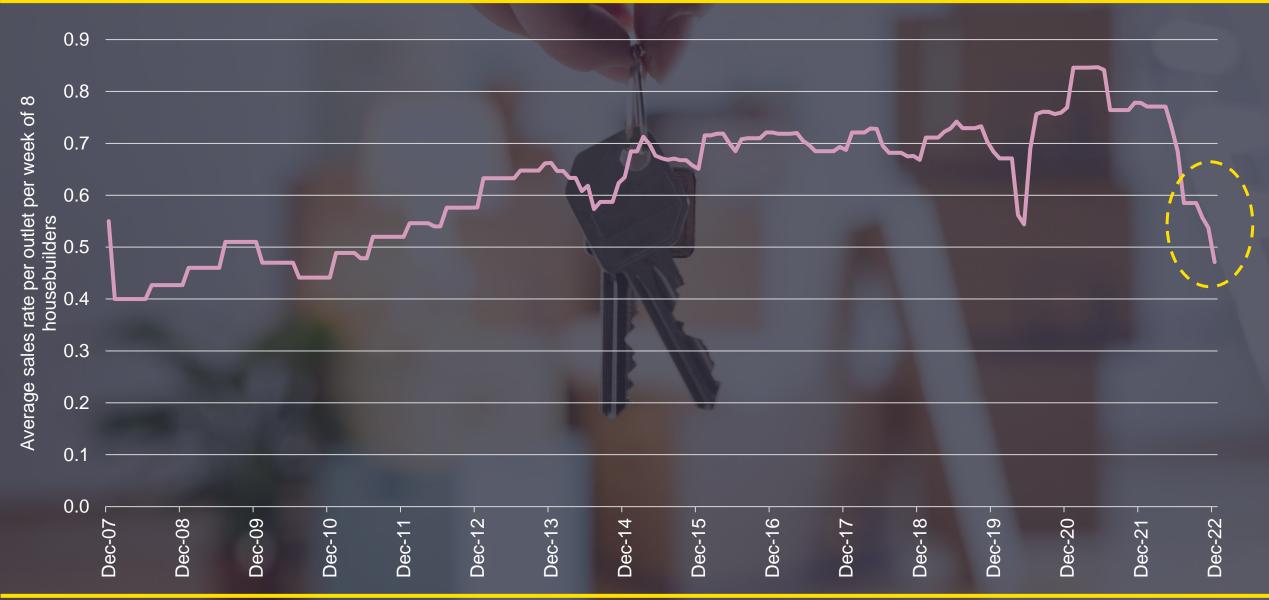




Source: Savills Research, Oxford Economics

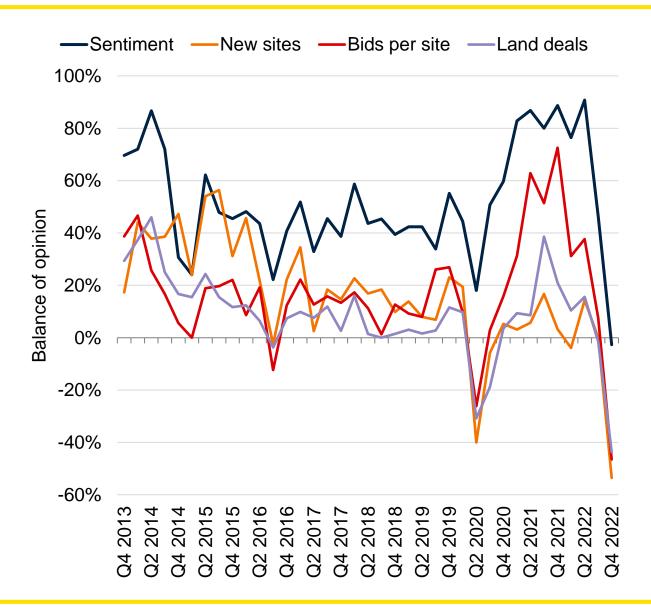
Sales rates slowed before Christmas – but January uptick in activity

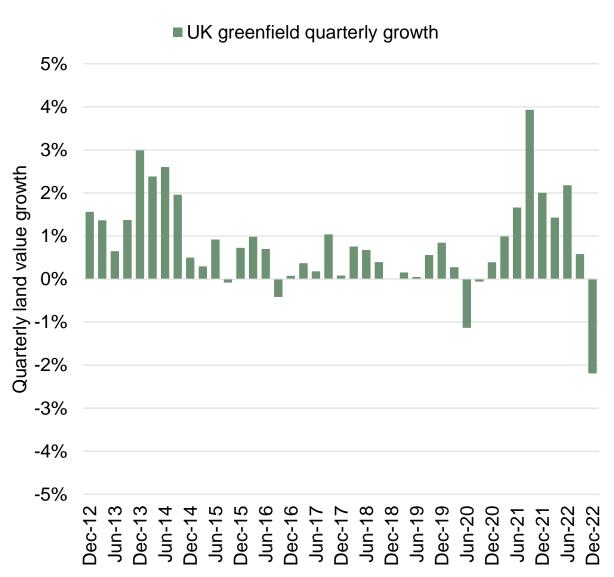




Slower land market in Q4 2022 after a period of significant strength







Source: Savills Research 29

Factors affecting land values



Falling house prices

Slower sales rates

Increased build costs Increased sustainability requirements

End of Help to Buy

Building safety

Higher hurdle rates

PLCs have refilled pipelines

Shortage of consented land

Need for more homes of all tenures



Majors have been more profitable

Strong grant program for HAs

Source: Savills Research 30

In summary... challenges to meet





Enhanced building standards and cladding taxes



End of Help to Buy and weaker purchasing power



Biodiversity Net Gain



Nutrient neutrality



Water neutrality



Grid capacity

But there are key opportunities





There remains a need for more homes across all tenures



New homes are cheaper to run for homeowners



Potential for more Build to Rent



Potential for more Affordable homes (through Partnerships)



Better access to land (less competition)

