

## LOCATION

The Cathedral City of Worcester is an attractive and popular retailing centre and the administrative centre for the County of Worcestershire. Worcester is located approximately 129 miles north west of London, 29 miles south west of Birmingham and 28 miles north of Cheltenham.

- The city benefits from excellent road communications, being situated approximately 3 miles to the west of Junctions 6 and 7 of the M5 motorway, which in turn links with the M42, M6 and wider national motorway network.
- Worcester is serviced by Worcester Foregate Street mainline railway station, with a fastest journey time to London Paddington of 2 hours 20 minutes. There are also regular services to local destinations with a fastest journey time to Birmingham New Street of 43 minutes.
- In addition, Birmingham International Airport is approximately 38 miles north east of the city.













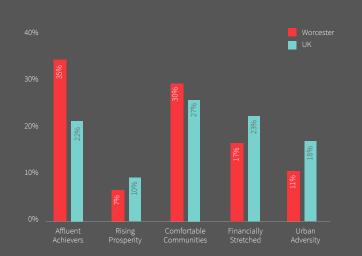


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## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The total population within the Worcester primary catchment area is 298,000, with an estimated shopping population of 191,000 (Source: PROMIS). This is reinforced by a tourist economy of over 500,000 visitors every year. Worcester's catchment population has a significantly above average proportion of adults of working age categorised within the Affluent Achievers social group, as shown in the graph (Source: CACI). In contrast, the least affluent D and E social groups (which includes those in skilled and unskilled manual employment, the unemployed and those on state benefits) are particularly under-represented within the Worcester area and social group C1 (which includes junior non manual employees) is moderately under-represented.

Worcester has experienced excellent population growth in recent years; the population change between 2001-2011 was +5.65% (Source: 2011 Census). Furthermore the Office of National Statistics projects a 4.69% increase in the population of the county of Worcestershire in the ten-year period from 2011-2021.



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## RETAILING IN WORCESTER

Worcester is an attractive retailing destination that benefits from an affluent and loyal catchment; this is due to its largely rural surrounding area and distance from other competing retail centres. Retail spend in Worcester is further enhanced by a tourist economy of over 500,000 visitors a year, who are attracted to historic sites such as the Grey Friars, the Guildhall and Worcester Cathedral.

The city centre provides approximately 1.07 million sq ft of retail floor space (Source: PROMIS). The pedestrianised High Street serves as the prime pitch, offering a variety of national retailers such as Debenhams, M&S, Boots and TK Maxx (subject property). Most of the city's fashion offer is situated along the High Street, where key fashion retailers include Russell & Bromley, River Island, Warehouse, Jack Wills, Office and Accessorize. The Shambles is home to Poundland, The Entertainer, JD Sports and Argos.

The Crowngate Shopping centre is situated opposite the subject property and comprises 300,000 sq ft of retail accommodation, anchored by House of Fraser and Primark.

In addition, Cathedral Square, situated to the southern end of the High Street has undergone a large scale redevelopment which completed in July 2017. The scheme comprises 220,000 sq ft of retail and leisure accommodation including a new public square and an 1,800 seat Vue cinema. Occupiers include Yo! Sushi, All Bar One, Miller & Carter, Ask Italian, Wilko, Topman/Topshop, H&M, White Stuff and Next.

PRIMARK RIVER ISLAND ST M&S Jack Wills

HIM DEBENHAMS HOUSE OF FRASER WHSmith NEXT WHITE



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#### SITUATION

The property occupies a 100% prime trading position on High Street with a substantial dual frontage to The Shambles to the rear.

The property is situated adjacent to O<sub>2</sub> and Paperchase and opposite L'Occitane, Office and Boots. Other major multiple retailers in the immediate vicinity include Debenhams, WH Smith, House of Fraser, Marks and Spencer, Primark, Bill's, Phase Eight, Jo Jo Maman Bebe and Superdrug.

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Well configured large store with dual frontage, which has recently undergone a significant refit

# DESCRIPTION

The property comprises a large space retail unit which is arranged over ground, first, second, third and fourth floor levels. The property benefits from well-configured and regular floorplates that offer good quality sales accommodation.

The tenant has recently undertaken a significant store refit, demonstrating their commitment to the store.



#### COVENANT

**TJX UK** (Company No 03094828), trading as TK Maxx, is an apparel and home goods company that operates stores throughout the United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Poland, Austria, the Netherlands and more recently in Australia when the brand took over the 25 Trade Secret discount department stores in 2017. In April 2017 there were a total of 515 stores in Europe (up from 407 stores in December 2014) and 38 in Australia as at November 2017. The stores offer includes men's, women's and children's apparel and shoes, as well as other areas such as toys, bath and beauty, accessories, and home products ranging from furniture to kitchen utensils.

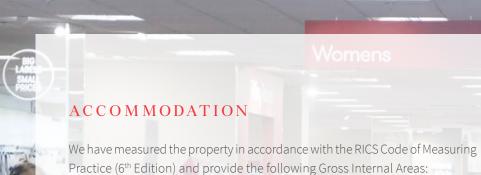
The company is part of the TJX Companies, which also owns 'offprice' retail chains TJ Maxx, Marshalls, and HomeGoods, and Sierra Trading Post in the United States, and Marshalls, HomeSense, and Winners in Canada. TJX Companies ranked No. 87 in the 2017 Fortune 500 listings, with \$33.2 billion in revenue and \$2.3 billion in profits in 2017. Across its 7 retail chains TJX Companies have more than 3,800 stores in 9 countries, 3 e-commerce sites and approximately 235,000 employees.

	Jan 2017	Jan 2016	Jan 2015
Sales Turnover	£2,684,000,000	£2,434,000,000	£2,195,400,000
Profit Before Tax	£111,400,000	£142,300,000	£128,000,000
Net Worth	£640,500,000	£599,400,000	£548,000,000

TJX UK has a D&B rating of 5A1 and a 100/100 D&B failure score representing a minimum risk of business failure.



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Practice (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) and provide the following Gross Internal Areas:

Floor	Use	GIA (sq ft)	GIA (sq m)	
Ground	Sales	12,811	1,190	
First	Sales/Ancillary	12,940	1,202	
Second	Ancillary	13,209	1,227	
Third	Ancillary	8,094	752	
Fourth	Ancillary	2,983*	277*	
TOTAL		50,037	4,649	

<sup>\*</sup>JLL were unable to access all parts of the fourth floor, we have therefore relied on the historic area supplied by the vendor.



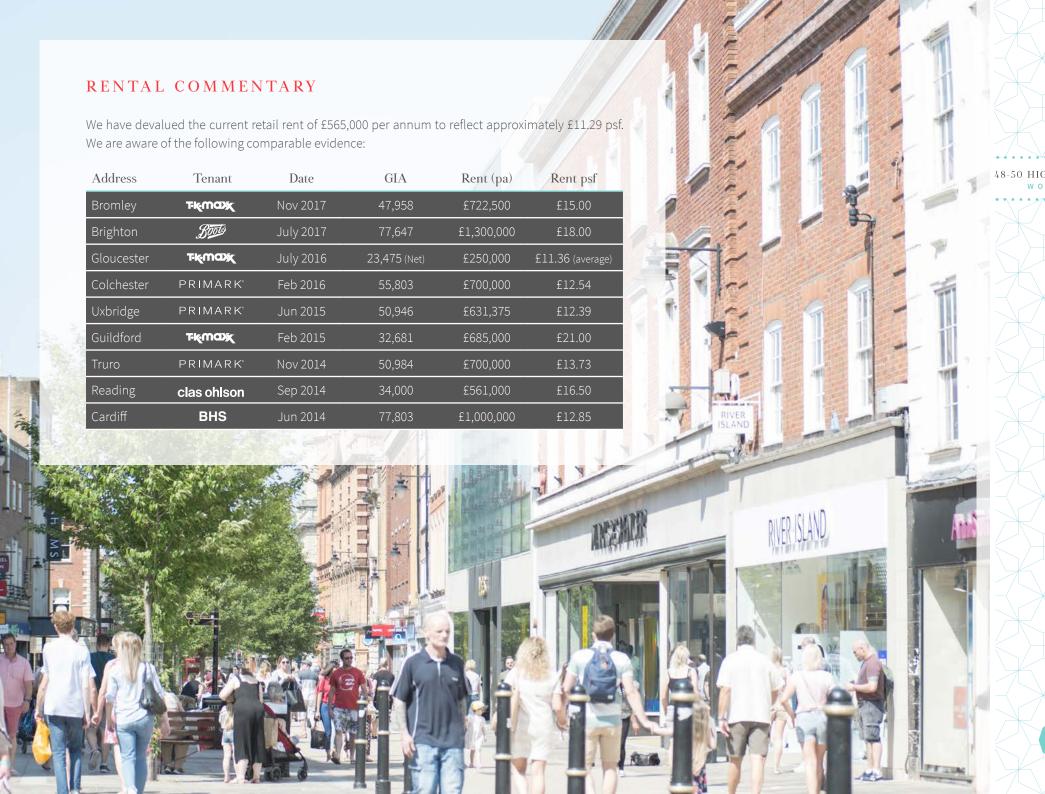


# TENURE

The property is held freehold.

# TENANCIES

The property is let to TJX UK, trading as TK Maxx, on a 15 year lease expiring 4th May 2024. The tenant has recently agreed a reversionary lease expiring 24 August 2027. The tenant has also removed their 5 May 2019 break option. Therefore, the lease provides in excess of 9 years term certain.





# INVESTMENT EVIDENCE

The below table shows a number of recent comparable transactions:

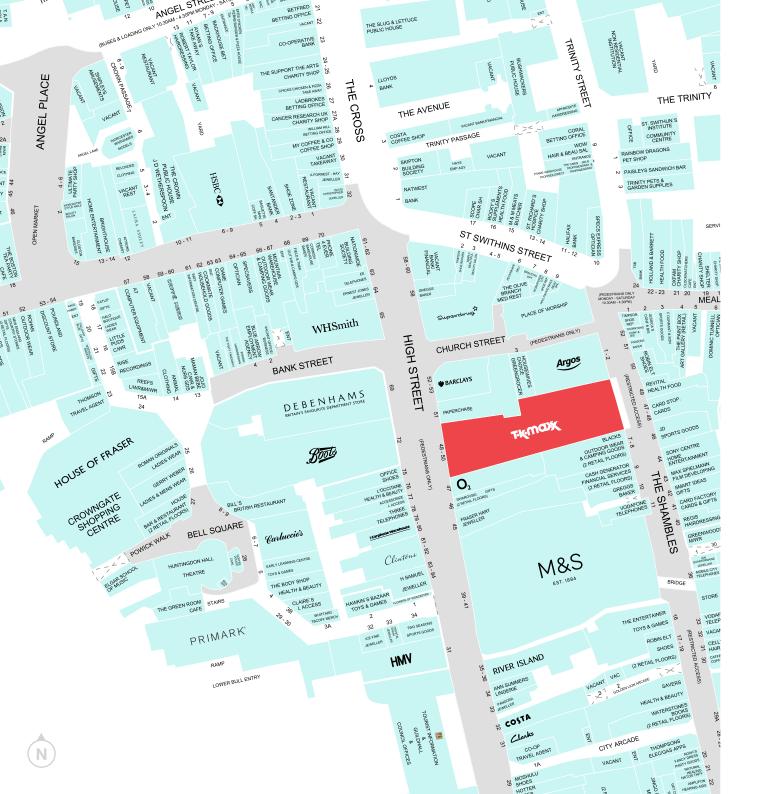
Address	Tenant	Date	Price	NIY	Expiry
Taunton	TKMOX	Mar 2018	£4.9m	5.75%	2026
Bromley	TKMOX	Mar 2018	£13.6m	5.00%	2032
Brentwood	M&S EST. 1884	Feb 2018	£6.722m	4.75%	2028
Bishops Stortford	M&S EST. 1884	Oct 2017	£7.275m	5.43%	2027
Horsham	M&S EST. 1884	Sep 2017	£9.250m	5.42%	2027
Winchester	DEBENHAMS	Feb 2017	£18.83	4.16%	2034
Banbury	M&S EST. 1884	Sep 2016	£7m	5.63%	2027
Worcester	DEBENHAMS	Oct 2015	£9.75m	4.75%	2076
Cheltenham	PRIMARK°	Oct 2015	£11.62m	4.96%	2021





The tenant has recently removed their break option and regeared the lease

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Let to an undoubted 5A1 covenant with a 100 out of 100 D&B score

## VAT

The property has been elected for VAT purposes. It is anticipated that the investment sale will be treated as a Transfer of a Going Concern (TOGC).

## EPC

The EPC rating for the property falls under band B.







# FURTHER INFORMATION

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costs of 6.68%.