



7 DIGSWELL HOUSE
MONKS RISE, WELWYN, HERTFORDSHIRE

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Significant section of a splendid Grade II Listed house with elegant family accommodation

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Welwyn North Station 0.9 miles, Welwyn Garden City 1.7 miles,
A1M (J6) 1 mile, Harpenden 9.3 miles, St Albans 11.2 miles

Entrance hall • Dining room • Family room • Drawing room • Kitchen/breakfast
room • Walk-in larder • Sitting room • Study • Master bedroom with
en-suite bathroom • 2 guest bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms
Fourth bedroom with en-suite shower room • Cloakroom • Utility room
Veranda and terrace • Communal gardens • Garage with mezzanine



DESCRIPTION

Forming the central and majority portion of a Grade II Listed mansion House, this stunning family home has been cleverly designed to take full advantage of the elegant features of this impressive house.

Sheltered under a grand portico porch way, double doors open into the welcoming entrance hall featuring a stunning curved staircase, which links the bottom of the house all the way up to the top.

Either side of the hallway, double doors open into the family room and dining room. From the dining room, a large door opens into the grand drawing room.

With the proportions befitting a house of this stature, the drawing room is suitably impressive with French doors opening onto a wide covered terrace with steps down to a further terrace which overlooks the extensive lawns. A perfect venue for entertaining in summery weather with shelter for those less than dry conditions too.

From the entrance hallway the staircase curves downward to the lower ground floor where there is a well-conceived kitchen/breakfast, family room and study. Once part of the cellars to the original house, this space has used the contours of the brick curved ceilings to delineate the design of the space.

The kitchen is well equipped with a comprehensive range of cabinets, with integrated appliances, and has been given an understated 'chef's kitchen' feel with metallic splashbacks and exposed wiring. There is a breakfast area with more than enough space to seat 8-10 people comfortably by way of a useful walk-in larder.

Between the kitchen area and family room is a fitted utility room with space to do the laundry and ironing.

Set to the rear section of the 'cellar' basement is a family room, which leads to a study set behind a glazed panelled wall.

Making your way upstairs, there is a galleried half landing at first floor level, which has views out through the fan lights of the front door and over rolling hills beyond.

The master bedroom measures nearly 20ft (including wardrobes) in width and has a good range of fitted wardrobes and fabulous views over the gardens.

The en-suite bathroom, with claw foot bath and large shower cubicle, is very bright and luxurious, and features a light well which allows light to flood in.

3 further bedrooms, each with their own en-suite facilities, provide well balanced accommodation, ideal for a growing family or simply for visiting guests.





OUTSIDE

Accessed from the drawing room via impressive French doors, is a wide veranda terrace supported by 4 iconic columns which soar upwards and frame No.7. There is ample space for easy chairs, sun loungers and space for a barbecue and dining set.

Extensive communal lawns sweep away from the house and are flanked by beautifully planted and interspersed with specimen trees.

In a separate building is a garage, which has space for one car and storage on its mezzanine level.



LOCATION

Old Welwyn Village, which is approximately 1.9 miles away, is highly renowned for its pretty High Street and excellent selection of cafés, bars, restaurants and an excellent choice of shops for day to day needs. A wider range of facilities can be found at nearby Welwyn Garden City, with its Howard shopping centre and large John Lewis department store, Gosling Sports Centre and Stanborough Park and sailing lakes.

The location of this home really does benefit from the best of both worlds—beautiful countryside and woodland on its doorstep, together with the excellent commuter links via road and rail. Welwyn North railway station offers a fast and frequent service to London Kings Cross, and the adjacent international terminal at St Pancras International. Junction 6 of the A1(M) is just under a mile away providing easy access to the M25 and the North. For the international traveller, Luton Airport is just under 12 miles and Stansted 27 miles distant.

Schools within the immediate area include St. Johns Primary School and private schooling at Sherrardswood.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF DIGSWELL HOUSE

Digswell House is a Grade II listed Mansion built as a commodious country 'gentleman's home' in an architectural style that can best be described as neoclassical.

It has had a variety of owners over the years including the Aclands who gave over its use during the First World War as the Number 5 Australian Auxiliary Hospital and nursing home for wounded Australian Soldiers. The grounds of Digswell house provided a centre for sports for those soldiers who could compete.

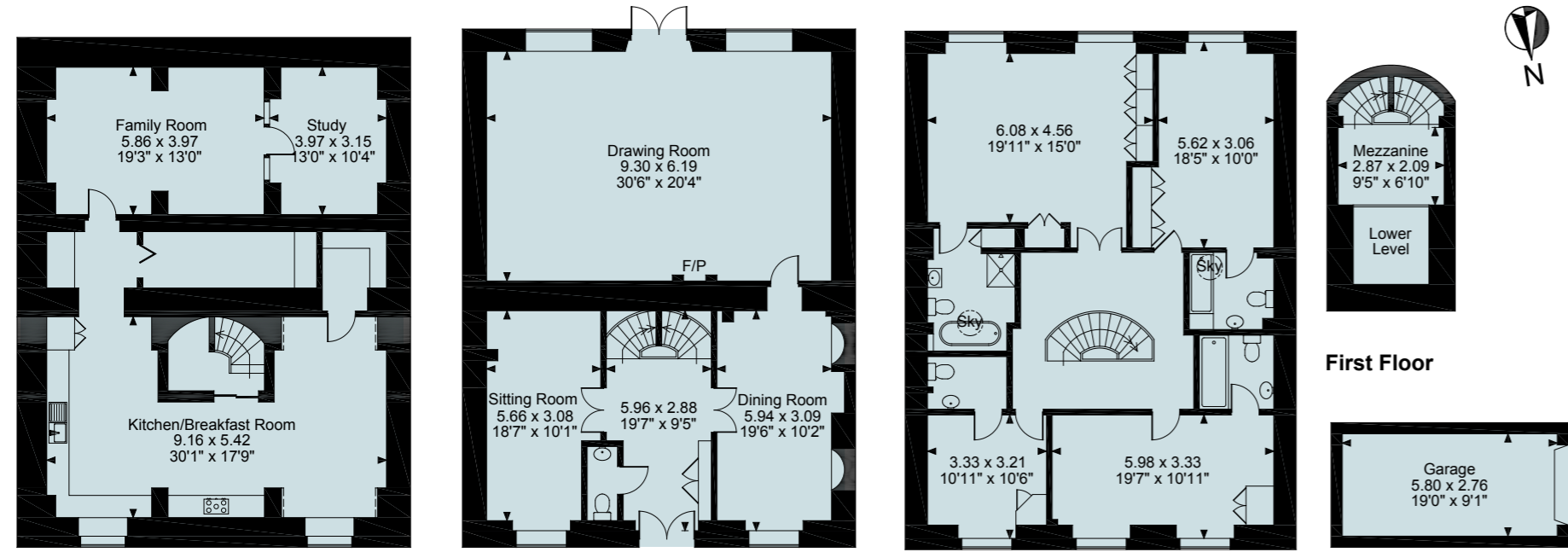
After the war, the house was then purchased by Sir Ebenezer Howard in 1919. From 1928 to 1939 it functioned as a conference centre with good connections to London through local railway transport. Notable guests have included Mahatma Gandhi, George Bernard Shaw, Paul Robeson, Lord Beaverbrook and Hugh Gaitskell and other leading politicians and intellectuals of the time.

After the second World War Digswell House served as a boarding house and a place of retreat. Between 1955 and 1957 Digswell House was the Boarding House for Sherrardswood School.

Notable visitors include Henry Moore who was one of the inspiring figures in the creation of the trust. It remained a retreat for artists until 1985 when Digswell House was sold and turned into a collection of private dwellings. The Digswell Arts Trust continues to this day but has moved to another site.



Main House gross internal area = 3,888 sq ft / 361 sq m
 Garage gross internal area = 172 sq ft / 16 sq m
 Total gross internal area = 4,060 sq ft / 377 sq m



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