



BUSINESS RATES CONSULTANCY

We recognise that Business Rates are a major outgoing for many occupiers of commercial property. Our specialist team of Chartered Surveyors advise on a range of property types, including offices, industrial premises, shops, pubs, hotels, self-catering holiday homes and holiday parks.

Our team are proud to offer the following services:

- › **Checking the accuracy of your rateable value**
- › **Negotiating with the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) on your behalf via the Check, Challenge, Appeal process**
- › **Mitigating your liability during programmes of redevelopment or refurbishment**
- › **Splitting or merging of assessments to minimise rates liability**
- › **Minimising your liability on vacant or partially vacant properties**
- › **Advising on the likely rateable value of new properties and applying to add them to the Rating List for the first time**
- › **Advising on Council Tax matters**
- › **Checking for historic billing errors and identifying overpayment**

We have the expertise to guide you through all the reliefs and opportunities available to you to minimise your Business Rates liability. Our sophisticated rates auditing system allows us to check for historic billing errors, ensuring all angles are covered and possible saving opportunities identified.



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Recent Successes

Car Showroom Appeal

A successful re-negotiation of a car showroom assessment due to floor area discrepancies, resulting in total savings for the client of £188,500.

Contractors Basis Valuation

By correcting the property facts relied upon by the Valuation Office Agency in the valuation of a waste transfer station, we saved the occupier £100,000 in business rates payable.

Wedding Venue

We successfully negotiated a reduction in the rateable value of a wedding venue from £100,000 to £75,000.

Public House Appeal

We submitted a challenge to reduce the rateable value on behalf of our client and secured a reduction from £65,800 to £12,000, securing 100% small business rates relief.

Office Merge

The merging of several office assessments with a period building, resulting in a saving of over £30,000 for the client.

Deletion of Rating Assessment

The temporary deletion of an assessment from the Rating List during a programme of

redevelopment, resulting in a saving of £80,000 for the client.

Mitigation during Conversion

The removal from the Rating List of an empty office building undergoing conversion to residential accommodation, resulting in a saving of £25,000 for the client.

Sports Ground Appeal

Our correction of the average gate numbers and fair maintainable turnover figure used to calculate the rateable value saved our client £50,000.

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