

Post Election Report

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A definite sigh of relief can be heard drifting through the streets of central London that the nail biting negotiations in Westminster have finally come to a decision.

Prior to the election we were doing plenty of viewings, but getting bids and buyer commitment was proving tricky. Hopefully now those buyers who were sitting on the fence will feel confident enough to press ahead with their desire to find a new property. Time will tell!

HIP's (Home Information Packs) Going or Staying?

Prior to the election the Conservatives were muting getting rid of them. Now, with other more pressing commitments in keeping their coalition partners happy, will they be?

The EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) we believe will have to stay as it is a European directive, but HIPS not.

I for one will not be sad if HIPS are disposed of. From my experience, in the central London market, they have done nothing to speed up the conveying process, which is what I believe they were intended to do. They appear to be perceived by many as yet another piece of bureaucracy/form filling that people despise.

Who knows, could it be "Goodbye Gordon, Goodbye HIPs!"