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PROPERTY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

CASE STUDY

Finding hidden value in Washington...twice

Property: Single Let industrial unit **Client:** Institutional Fund Manager

Project: De-risking the asset and generating additional capital performance



Problem

- A 1980's single let unit
- Investment perceived as 'dry' with no asset management potential
- Occupier with cash flow problems and overseas owners resisting a long lease
- Over rented income
- Client exposed to a weakening covenant
- Occupier 'tied' to location due to security requirements of their business activity

Solution

- Numerous meetings with the tenant to understand their business and property requirement
- Negotiations with the tenant to agree a surrender with a premium and the grant of a new 5 year break at the market rent
- Maintained contact and relations with the tenant to remove the break 2 years later

Results

- Surrender premium in excess of £1m
- Capital performance of £250,000 (10%)
- Reduced risk by lowering the rental exposure to the tenant
- The second regear removed the break after the tenants covenant had recovered providing an unexpired lease term of 13 years
- Net capital gain for the second regear £120,000 (5%) in lieu of 4.5 months' rent free