

Knight Frank's Fulham Lettings Manager Nicola Miller discusses the active market, who's renting, and which properties are most sought-after.

How has your market been performing?

2011 has been our strongest year to date, with the autumn period having been particularly active. We are already significantly up on new tenancies agreed in 2010 (see figure 5) and the pace is certainly not slowing. The number of properties available has been limited, which has aided rental price increases (see figure 6).

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What nationalities are renting in the area?

Many of the tenants in Fulham are UK nationals, but there is also a continued strong influx of French, Italian and Swedish tenants, as well as a greater number of Americans.

How do you think the market will fare in the coming months?

Despite the tough economic climate, the rental market will continue to prosper. Many people will choose to rent rather than buy while this economic uncertainty remains. Corporate relocations are still very much apparent, but budgets are more cautious than in previous years. We do however expect early 2012 to be very strong.

What property types are most in demand?

Properties that accommodate either professional couples looking for proximity to central London or families looking for a home that benefits from

being close to good schools and nurseries, remain the highest in demand. We have let a mixture of properties this autumn, from a one-bedroom flat at £320 per week to a family house at £2,495 per week. There is a severe shortage of one-bedroom flats in the area and demand for them is consistently high. The top end of the market is the quietest it has been all year, though we are still active at this level.

What advice do you have for landlords and tenants?

With many tenants restricting their budgets due to economic uncertainty, landlords should look at the long-term picture when deciding on a tenant. Securing a long-term tenant will provide a consistent income and eliminate the costs involved in having to source new tenants more often. Our advice to tenants is to act quickly when you find a property you like. With a limited number available, the market is moving fast and deliberating may lose you the property.

Where are Fulham's hidden gems?

While the Peterborough Estate, 'The Villes' and the Moore Park Estate all remain popular, we are always discovering new mews and stunning studios in SW6. 'The Studios', which is just off Fulham Road in the area known as the 'Italian Village', is a well-hidden collection of unique houses which have been converted over the years from factories to art studios and now residential spaces. The architecture allows for an incredible amount of light and open space, providing stunning reception rooms and interesting spaces. Burlington Studios is a similar development in that it offers large open-plan loft-style apartments, quite different to the typical Fulham family home.



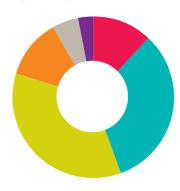
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Fulham lettings market at a glance

Figure 1

What do our applicants want to spend?

New applicants, past 12 months

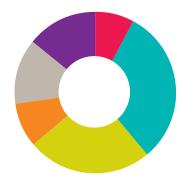


under £350	12%
£350 to £500	32%
£500 to £750	36%
£750 to £1,000	12%
£1,000 to £1,500	5%
£1,500+	3%

Figure 2

What is coming to market

New instructions, past 12 months



under £350	8%
£350 to £500	31%
£500 to £750	25%
£750 to £1,000	9%
£1,000 to £1,500	13%
£1,500+	14%

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Charting the Fulham market

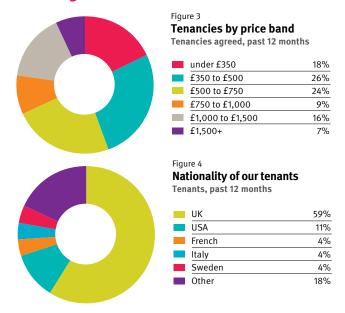
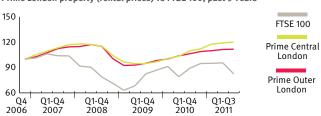


Figure 5 Market activity Year-on-year change (three months to October 2011)

Tenancies	† 325%
New instructions	<u></u> 120%
Prices	^ 3.1%

Figure 6 Market performance

Prime London property (rental prices) vs FTSE 100, past 5 Years



Fulham properties and the Knight Frank team

LET

Stylish family house in the Moore Park Estate

RUMBOLD ROAD

1 6 £2,495pw



1 FT

Nichols Lion house in the Peterborough Estate

STUDDRIDGE STREET

1. 5 £1,650pw



LET

Fantastic family house in the Villes

MARVILLE ROAD

£900pw



LET

Refurbished maisonette in the heart of Fulham

HARWOOD ROAD

3 £725pw



LET

Spacious mews house with off-street parking

PALACE MEWS

£565pw



LET

Great flat in the Peterborough Estate

QUARRENDON STREET

1 £320pw



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