

Saunders Street – Emergency Make Safe Works

Appendix A: Scaffolding Cost Comparison (Hire vs Purchase)

This appendix provides a concise comparison between continued hire and purchase of scaffolding installed by the Council as part of emergency make-safe works at Saunders Street. The purpose is to assess cost reasonableness and proportionality given the temporary and reactive nature of the works.

Cost Item	Amount
Purchase (sale) price	£15,993.63
Monthly hire cost	£700

Break-even assessment

Based on the figures above, the break-even point between hiring and purchasing the scaffolding is calculated as follows:

- $£15,993.63 \div £700 \approx 23$ months

Conclusion

Emergency make-safe scaffolding is, by nature, temporary and subject to uncertainty in duration, pending the owners' progression of permanent repair works. On this basis, continued hire represents a reasonable and proportionate approach unless the scaffolding is expected to remain in place for a period exceeding approximately 23 months.