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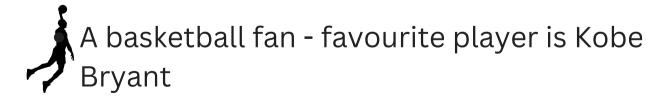
A BIT ABOUT ME...

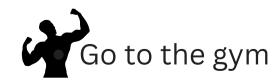


Born in **Halifax** and lived in **Luton** up until 2013, then moved to **Manchester**. Since an early age, I have been helping out with renovating properties where I have some knowledge in advertising properties.

I am a **UI/UX Designer** that loves to create **intuative designs** that create a journey users love. Aside from that I also enjoy creating websites using **HTML CSS** and **JavaScript** - whether that maybe to create interaction designs to developing a website that can implement a CMS for users to add their own information to.

Outside of making websites







THE BRIEF

The client 'Songbird' is wanting a website that helps spread brand awareness and they would like the design to be luxurious, which reflects the brand of selling luxury real estate to adults and are wanting the website to feel a sense of wonder whilst also being fresh.

The website must be able to **maximise conversations** and include pages such as a **landing page**, **product page** and a **blog page**.





WHAT ARE THE NEEDS?

- Need a website that spreads the brand awareness.
- Use the brand colour which is **Grey**
- Want to convey a sense of wonder, but still being fresh
- Prefer a design that is luxurious





WHO ARE THEY?

Songbird is a luxury real estate organisation that specailsies in selling stunning mansions in out of this world locations, they provide a service that makes your buying experience a wonder and enhances your horizon to find that perfect home that would otherwise just be a dream, they turn that dream into reality.

Their ideal target is **adults**, within the ages of **24-45**, they don't aim at a particular gender- want to be universally appealing widening the customer base.



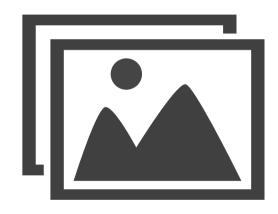
They are based in **London**, but have offices around the world - such as **America** (Las Vegas), Dubai (UAE) and also **Singapore**.



Research



72% of **Millennials** and **Generation X** use a **smartphone** or **tablet**, when **searching** for **property**. Where **95**% **or more** of buyer search through the internet. Having a well optimsied website will boost traffic and sales.



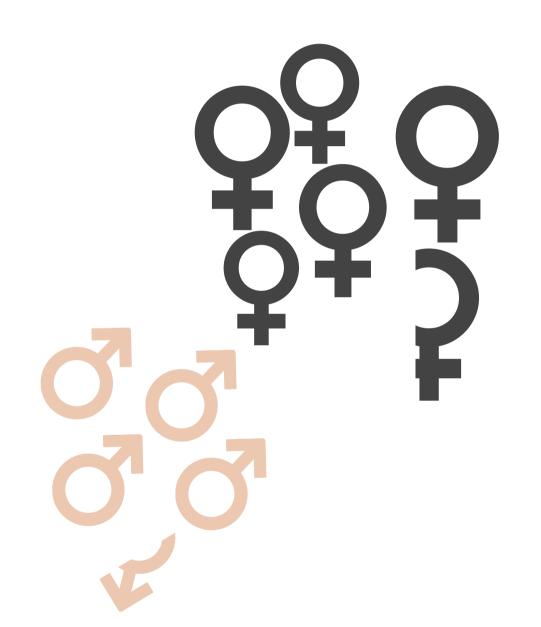
89% of all buyers rely on the **pictures** of the property instead of the description, resulting in the pictures being the **most valuable** way of displaying a property and **boosting** interests.



88% of people depend on the **estate agent** to sell their homes along with buying a home, due to the estate agent being able to elevate the **property features** or **design elements**.



Research



Women take up 54 % of the Luxury homeowners ages below 35. Reason for this is more women are now receiving more corporate jobs, resulting in financial success.

A survey carried out in 24 countries including the UK, US and the Middle East found that 51% of luxury homeowners under 35 have a masters degree, whilst 61% of those over 35 have a masters degree or higher.







Research

In 2023, Luxury house sales were at 2.1% and they now in 2024 are forecast to grow to 2.5%. This in theory has made more house to be listed with prices increasing slightly.

There were also an increase of cash buyers where many reports have stated that 52% of prime buyers are paying using cash and that is a 46% increase then what is was in June 2023.



What does this mean? Luxury homeowners are buying properies with **cash** instead of taking out loans or morgages. A negotiating tactic that allows people to get properties at lower prices due to it being desirable compared to online payments.



COMPETITOR 1 - NEST SEEKERS

Pros

- The website has a luxury feel when you access it.
- Layout of pages with properties are appropriate information is separated allowing you to find necessary information.

Cons

- Home screen has a list of countries but you have to select 'Sales' or 'Rentals' to view property and these are not very accessible.
- Images on the selected property are difficult to view and when you click on the image, they move to the next image.

Unique Features

- Able to view development projects that are in process.
- Give you advice on how to market your property to get the most amount of money and marketing advice.

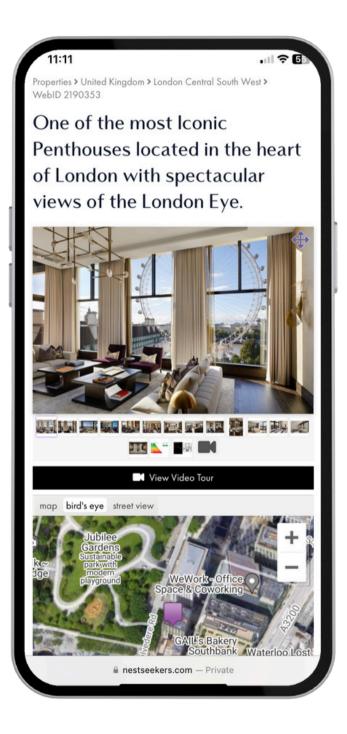


Target Audience: 25-34 year olds

Female: **53.19%** Male: **46.81%**

62.15% of users are from United State of America

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COMPETITOR 2 - SOTHEBY INTERNATIONAL REALITY

Pros

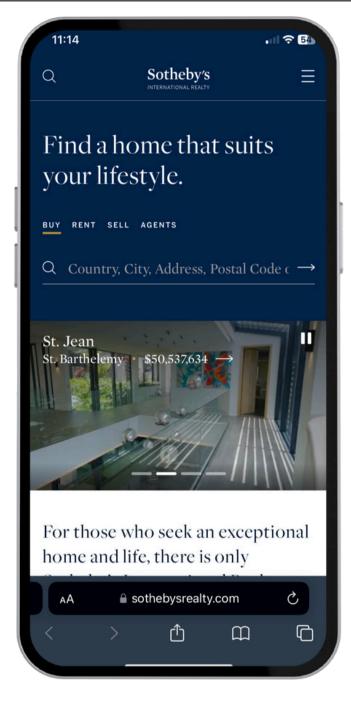
- When you are load the website you know who the brand is and what they do.
- Navigation is sectioned so you are able to carry out different tasks such as finding 'Properties for rent'

Cons

• Certain information on properties are written in paragraphs and not in bullet points.

Unique Features

- Have access to an auction that they host.
- Able to read blogs that they have been featured in.



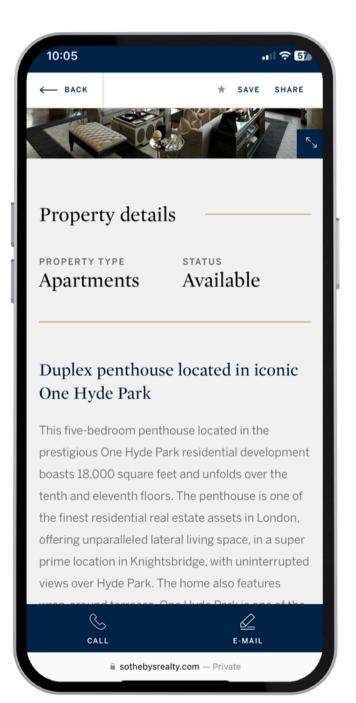
Target Audience: 25-34 year olds

Male: **52.81**%

Female: 47.19%

59.94% of users are from United States of America

[9]





Persona



Susan Smith



"Don't wait to buy real estate, buy real estate and wait."

Age: 33

Work: Chief Marketing Officer

Family: Married

Location: London, England

Pain Points

- Limited properties in desired locations
- · Pressure to make a decision
- Conveyancing Issues
- · Market fluctuations
- Difficulty scheduling property viewings

Ambitious Social Detail-oriented

Discerning Innovative Sophisticated

Goals & Motivations

- Wants the property to elevate her statement
- Seeks a property that offers elegance and modern amenities
- Property needs to have space for the dogs
- Elevate living experience
- Fulfil a personal goal of owning a luxury piece of real estate

Frustations

- When real estate properties don't align with her preferences or ideal location
- Poorly organised website or inaccessible customer support
- Complex navigations
- · Poor communication with real estate agents

Bio

Susan Smith is a successful chief marketing officer based in London, England. She lives with her husband and their 2 dogs in a luxury apartment in the city centre. They find the apartment that they are living in is starting to become a bit cramped. As she has a successful career, she wants to find something that helps to show the success she has; Susan is ready to invest into a luxury property that is in a ideal destination for her to travel to work whilst also giving her dogs the space to run around. She has dreamed of owning a luxury real estate property and feels it is about time to upgrade into something that showcases her status.

Values

- Seamless experience from browsing property to negotiating and closing the deal.
- Convey a sense of prestige
- Be part of a desirable community

Needs

- A property that can be used as a symbol of her accomplishments.
- A property that can have some longterm stability in terms of investment
- Entertainment space for guests/family
- A home that has some architectural features that can stimulate her artistic

Social Media Platforms used

- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest



User Journey









AWARENESS

Susan searches online and social media for properties she wants to purchase and comes across Songbird. She begins to read about the organisation and get to know a bit more about them.

CONSIDERATION

Susan once understands the organisation begins to look at competitors to compare which is the organisation that she should use for making a decison on buying the property she wants.

DECISION

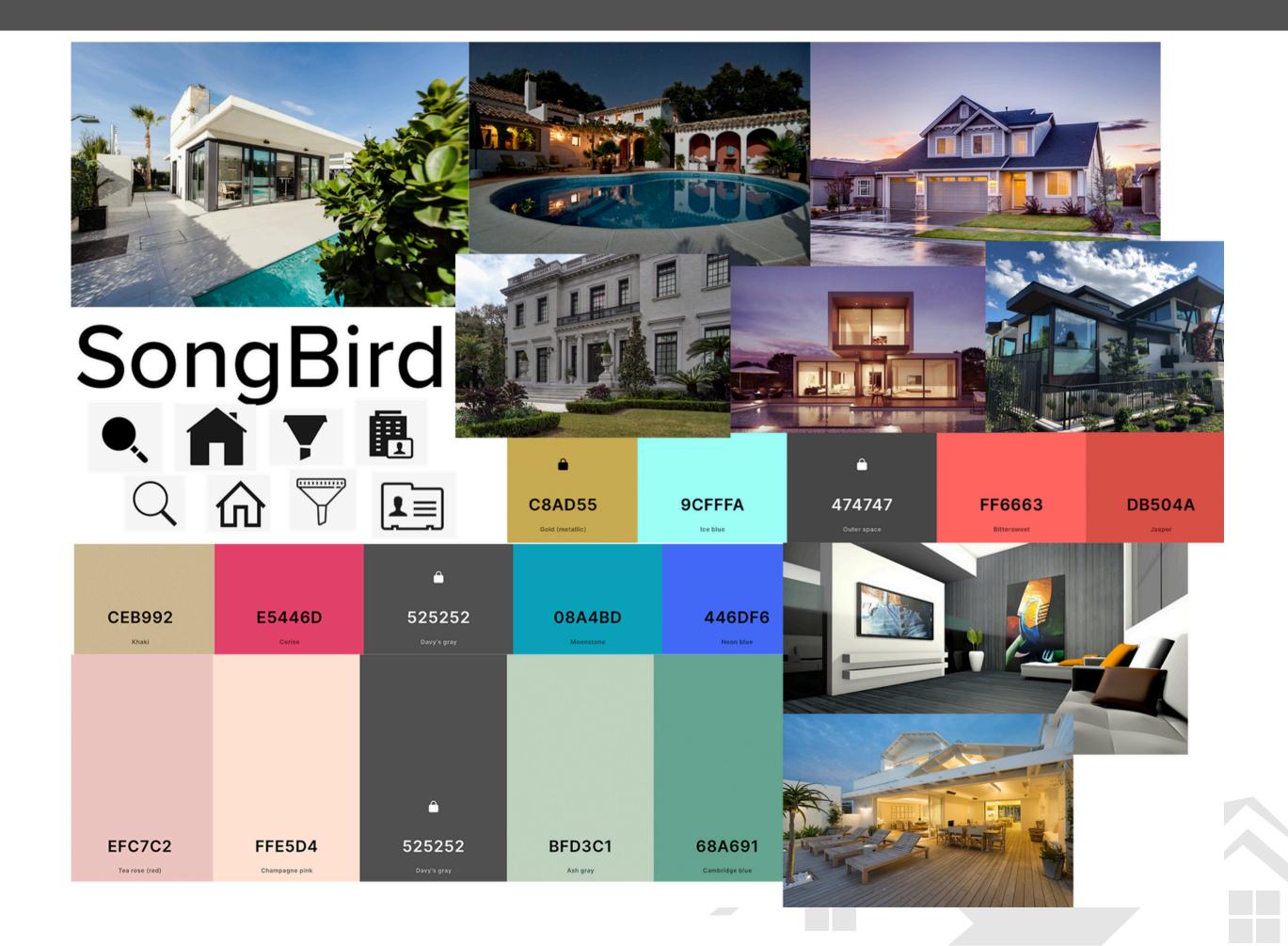
After comparing with competitors, Susan makes her decision in choosing Songbird, as they have the better property listings and are the type she is looking for and she books to enquire about the ideal property to where she can view it in-person and make the offer.

CUSTOMER LOYALTY

Once Susan has purchased her property, could have a 'refer a friend' scheme or a service that ensures that can provide cleaning or development services to keep that company-customer relationship.



Mood board





Style Guide



Colours

HEX: EFC7C2 RGB: 239,199,194 HEX: 68A591 RGB: 104,165,145

HEX: 5252521 RGB: 82,82,82

HEX: FFE5D4 RGB: 255,228,212



Typography

CINZEL REGULAR

CINZEL BOLD

CINZEL BLACK

Heading Text
33px - Desktop
20px - Mobile

Playfair Display Regular
Playfair Display Medium
Playfair Display Semi Bold
Playfair Display Bold
Playfair Display Extra Bold
Playfair Display Black

Body Text 23px - Desktop 16px - Mobile



Typography Imagery

ABOUT US

Songbird is a real estate agency that specialises in selling the top property to the top clients.

Standard Fonts

ABOUT US

Songbird is a real estate agency that specialises in selling the top property to the top clients.

Heading- Standard Cinzel Body - Extra Bold Playfair Display

ABOUT US

Songbird is a real estate agency that specialises in selling the top property to the top clients.

Heading – Black Cinzel Body – Medium Playfair Display



Logo





Secondary Logo



Logo Varitations













Advertising



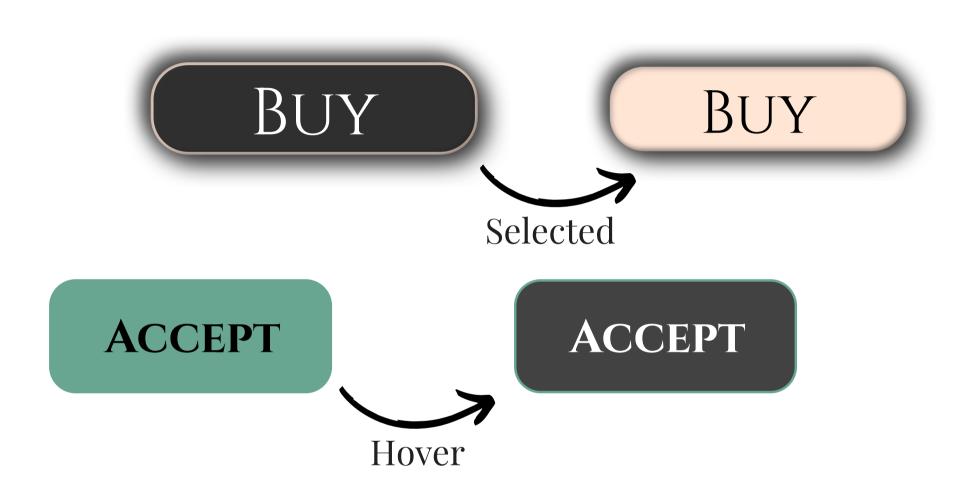


- Keep Images Simple
- Keep designs minimal
- Use powerful words
- Ensure language is simple
- Spacing between text is appropriate
- Create an emotion for customers to be intrigued



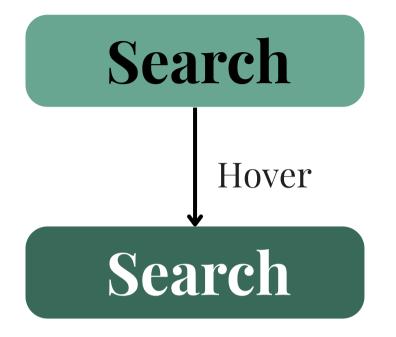


Buttons









Icons need to be clear and size of them should be **20px**. At this pixels, they are accessible and fit the overall design of the website.

Style of them should be full colours, but if they have the outline and no fill colour - then should be in a colour that doesn't clash with background colour.



Images









- Ensure images have a wide angle view
- Lighting is appropriate
- Take pictures from a neutral angle
- Avoid distractions
- If your target is the living room, make sure it gives a warm, opening feel
- Try to keep images natural





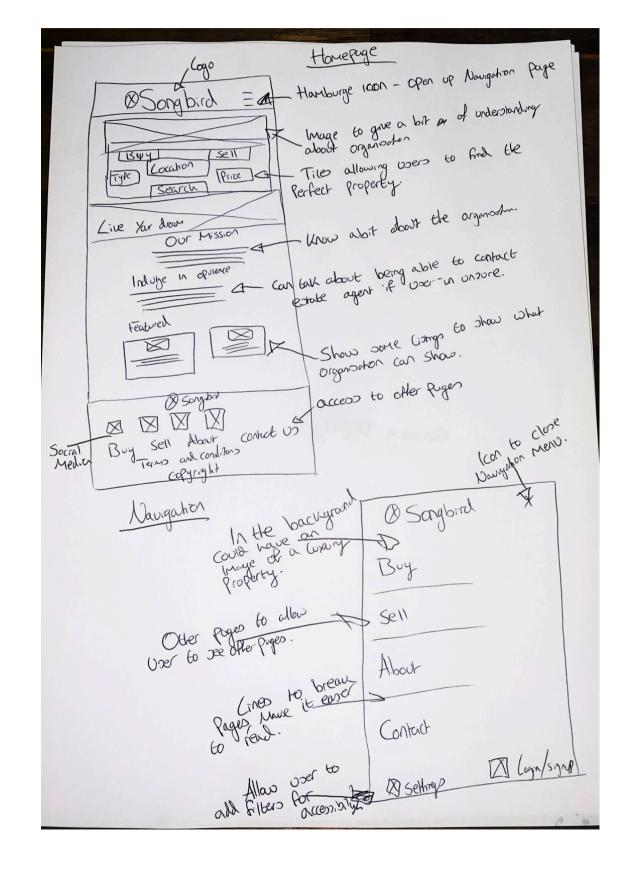
- Avoid over saturating images
- Not showing the whole perspective of a room
- Avoid changing the width/height of an image

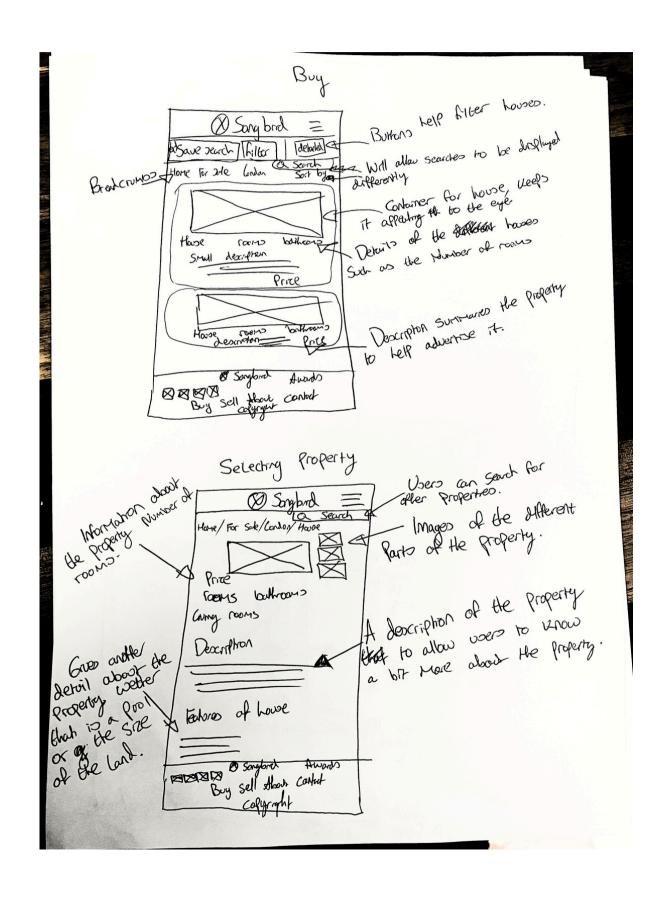


Sketches and Wireframes



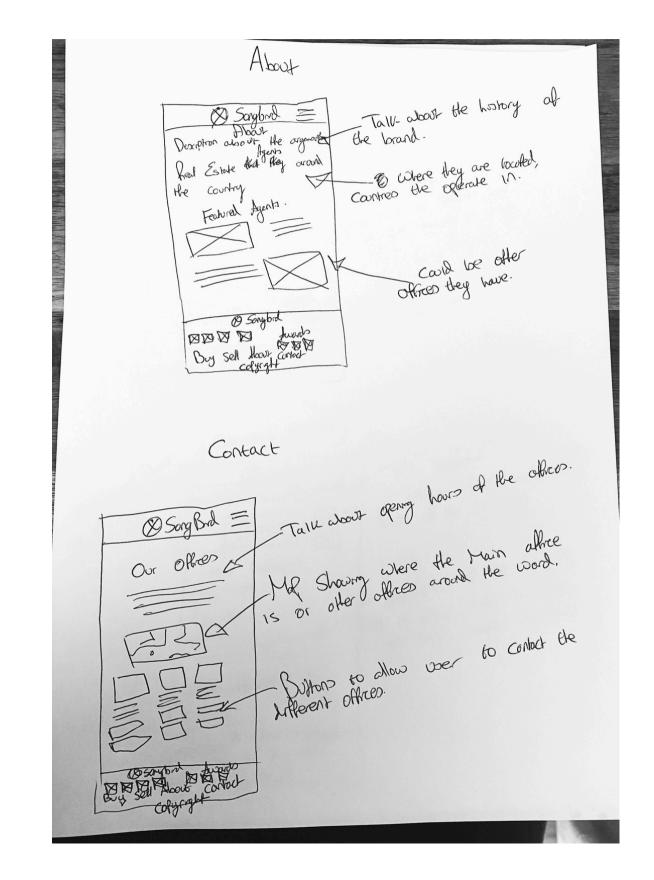
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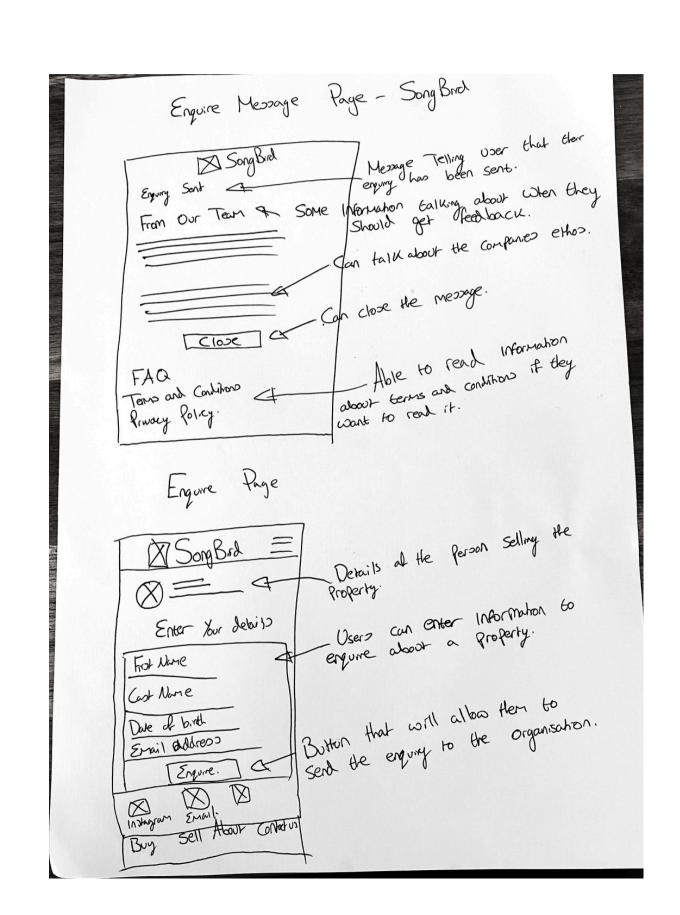






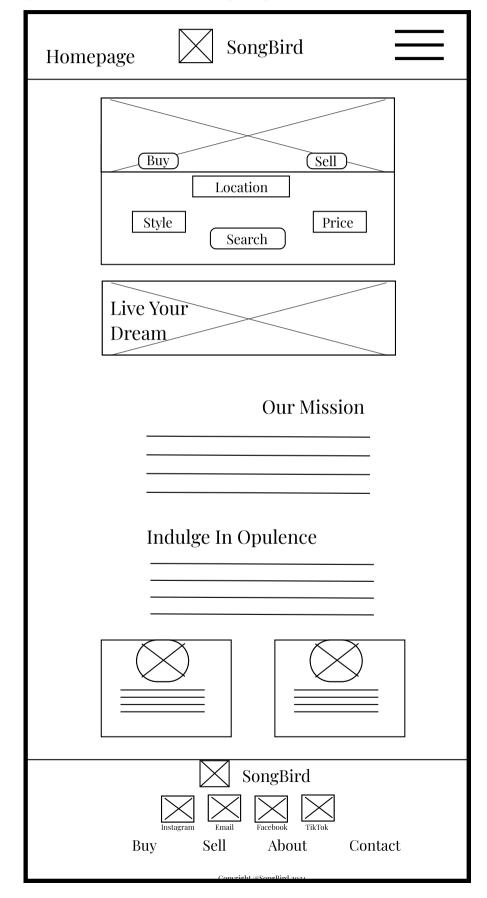
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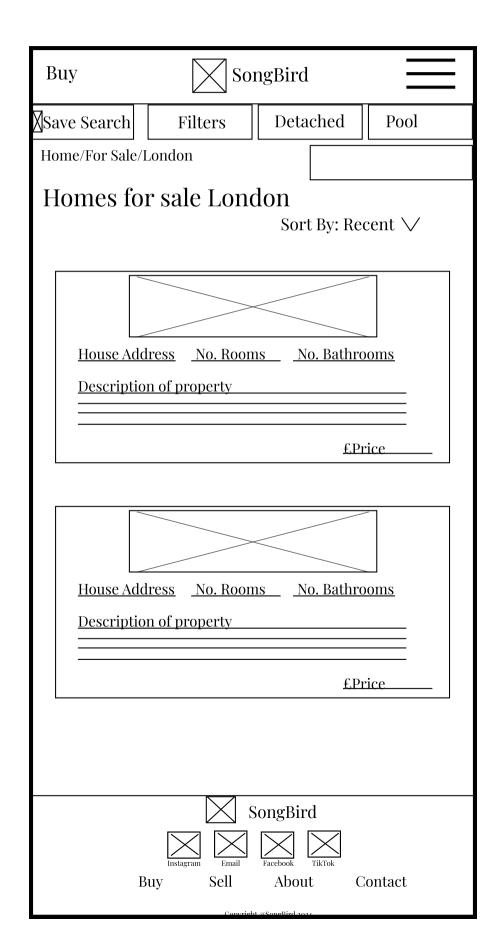


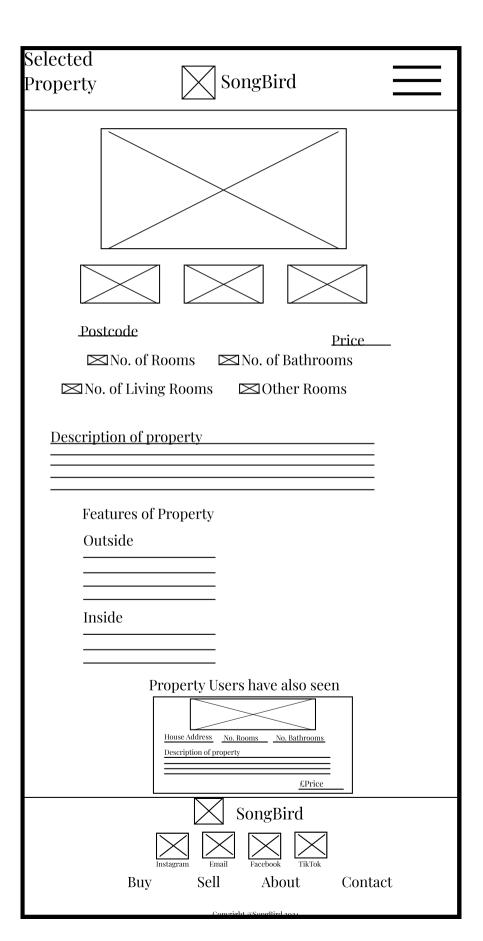




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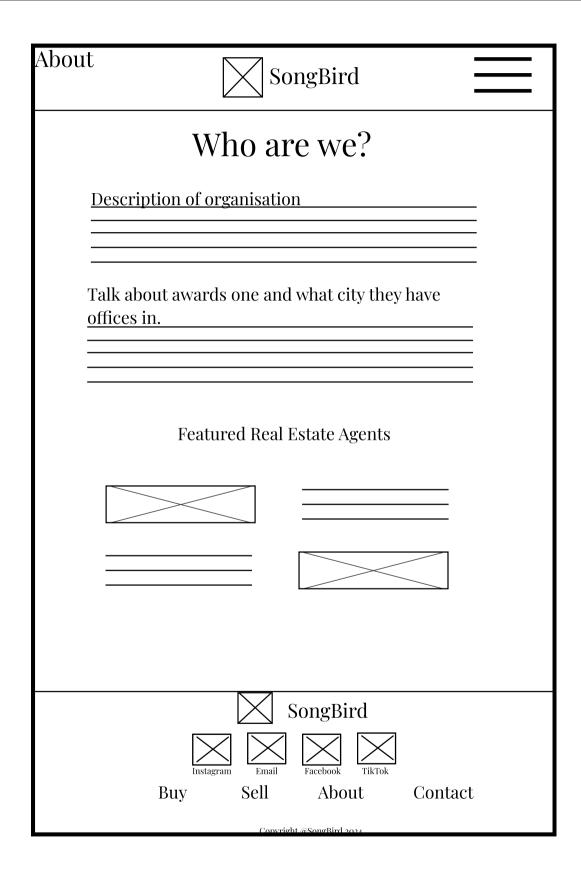


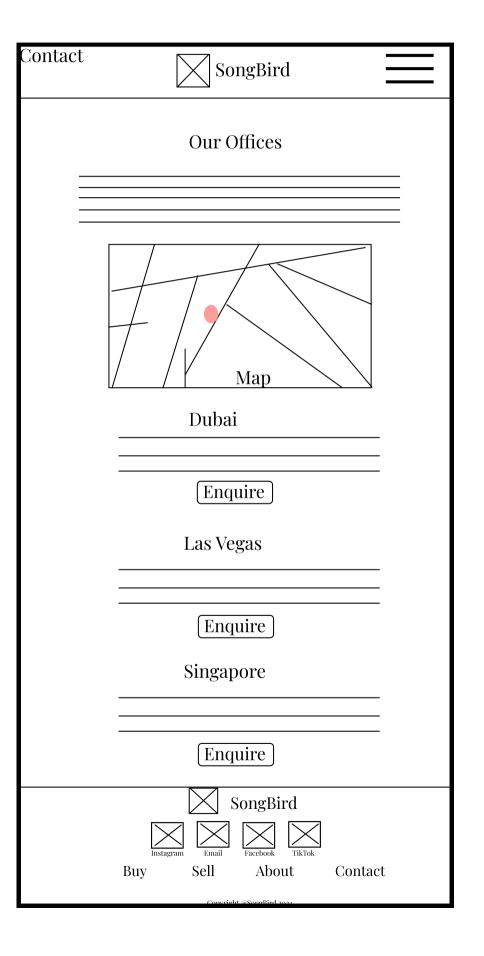




Wireframes









Wireframes

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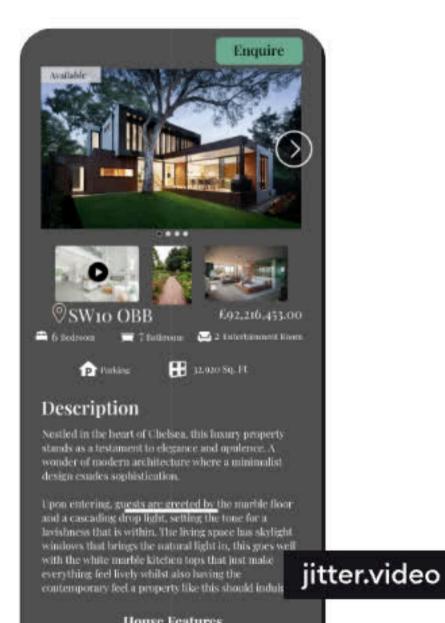
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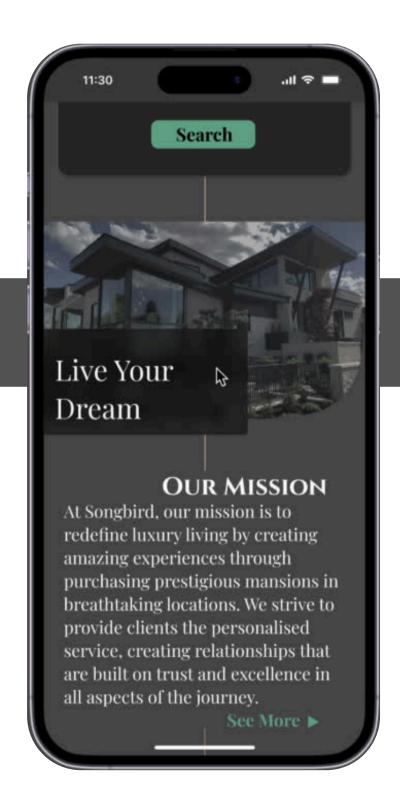






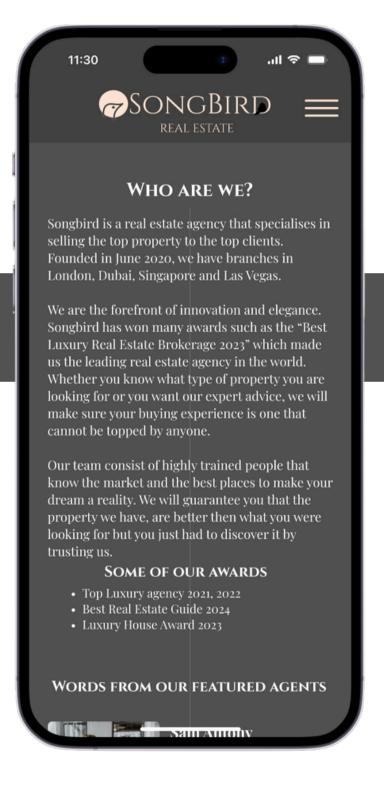








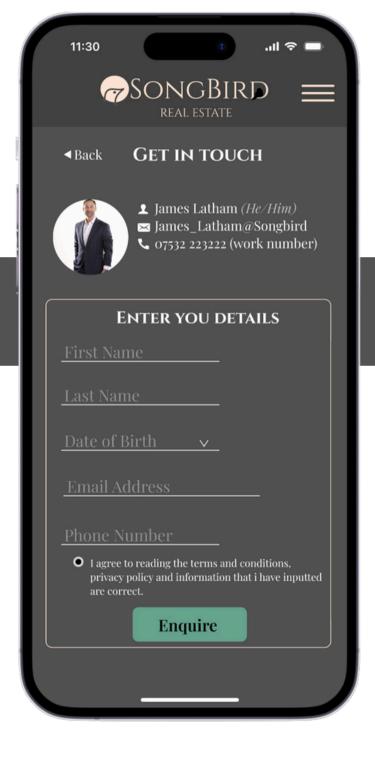


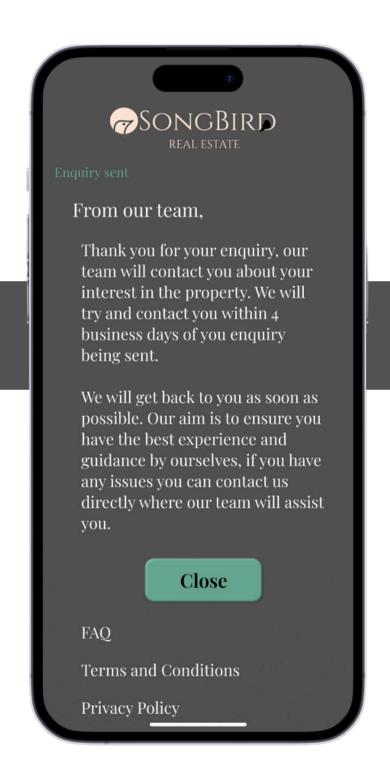


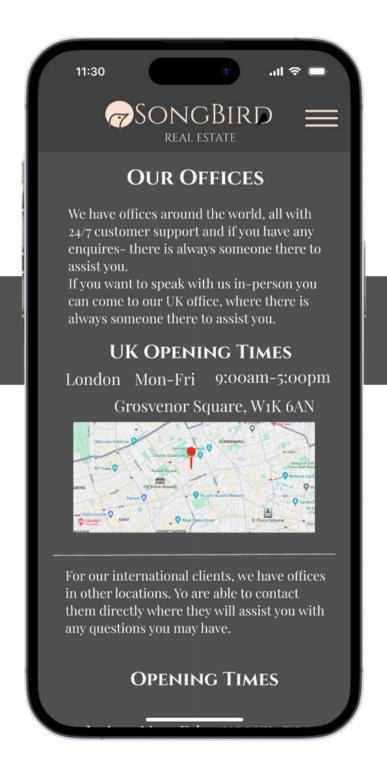




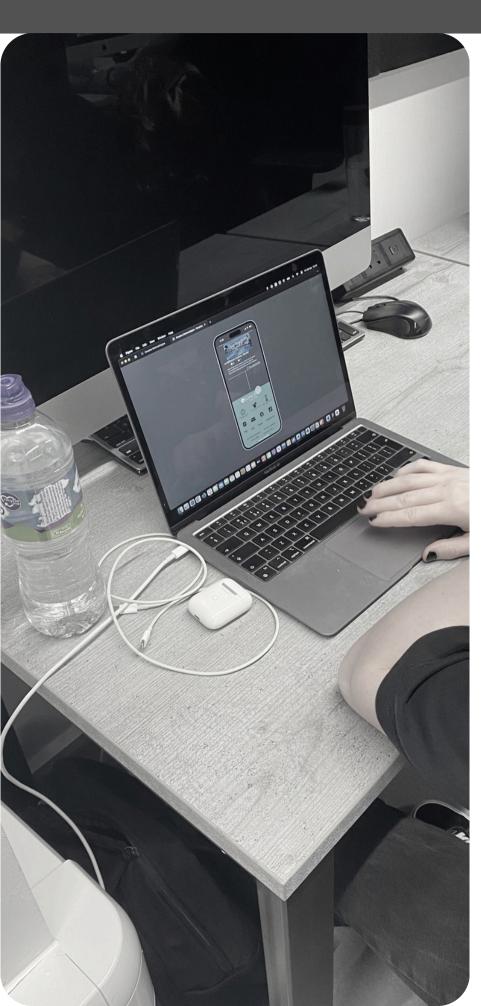












Creative Critique

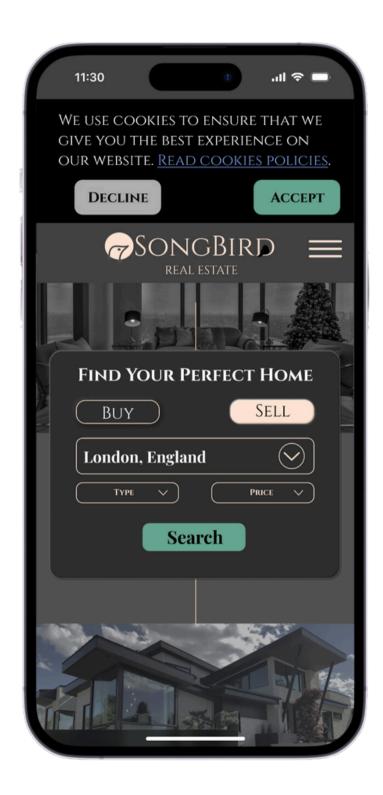
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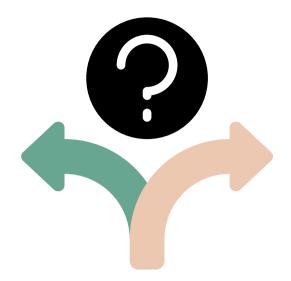
What's working well?

- Layout of the prototype is **suitable**.
- Colours that have been chosen reflect luxury.
- The button designs draw your attention, you know what the purpose of them are.
- The prototype has used elements of 'Fitts Law'.





Recommendations



- Align some of the text
- Increase the size of the footer to make it less crowded
- Add arrows on 'Featured properties'
- Increase the padding of the logo to make it flow naturally
- Some elements in the footer can be increased such as 'Awards'





Project Resolution

The approach that was carried out meets the purpose of the brief given by the client as I believe the outcome has taken the needs into consideration whilst.

If this project was to be done again, I would carry out the following:

- Carry out primary research for knowing more about the target audience, colours that are preferred
- How they normally spend their day know more about the type of devices that they use
- When testing the prototype, use people who fit the target audience and not UX professionals
- Research other platforms that the target audience use such as social media platforms to try and include certain eleme







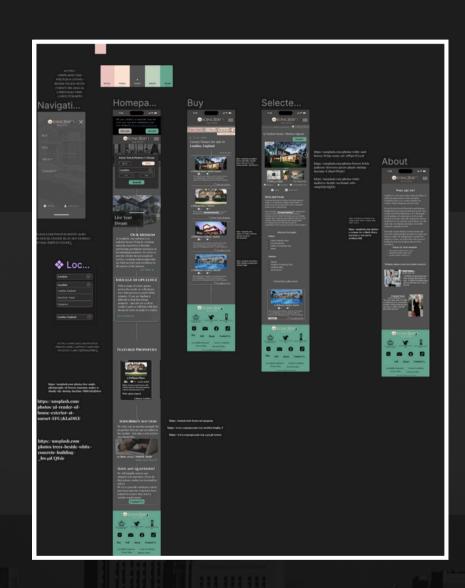




LINK TO PROTOTYPE



Link to Final Prototype



Link to Figma File







IMEPLAN

2nd Feb 2024 - Find an organisation for project

9th Feb 2024 - Finalise Organisaiton

16th Feb 2024 - Determine the user needs and do some research around the industry and type of devices are used most.

22nd Feb 2024 - Once secondary research has been done, create a persona and user journey based off the research

25th Feb 2024 - Create a moodboard, an idea of colours and other design assets

27th Feb 2024 - Create a persona and user journey to understand what users are wanting/need

6th Feb 2024 - Create some sketches to determine how the website can look.

10th Feb 2024 - After sketches are made, create wireframes of that to see if changes need to be made.

18th Feb 2024 - Amend any changes if needed.

21st Feb 2024 - Begin making homepage of the prototype.



TIMEPLAN

28th Feb 2024 - After sketches are made, construct a style guide - typography, icons and button designs.

3rd Mar 2024 - Check colour contrast to ensure colours that have been thought about can be checked to see if they comply with accessibility requirements.

15th Mar 2024 - Begin making the prototype

5th Apr 2024 - Finish Prototype

11th Apr 2024 - Finalise Prototype

12th Apr 2024 - Start creative critique

15th Apr 2024 - Start Pitch Presentation

30th Apr 2024 - Finish Presentation

1st May 2024 - Amend changes in presentation (if needed)

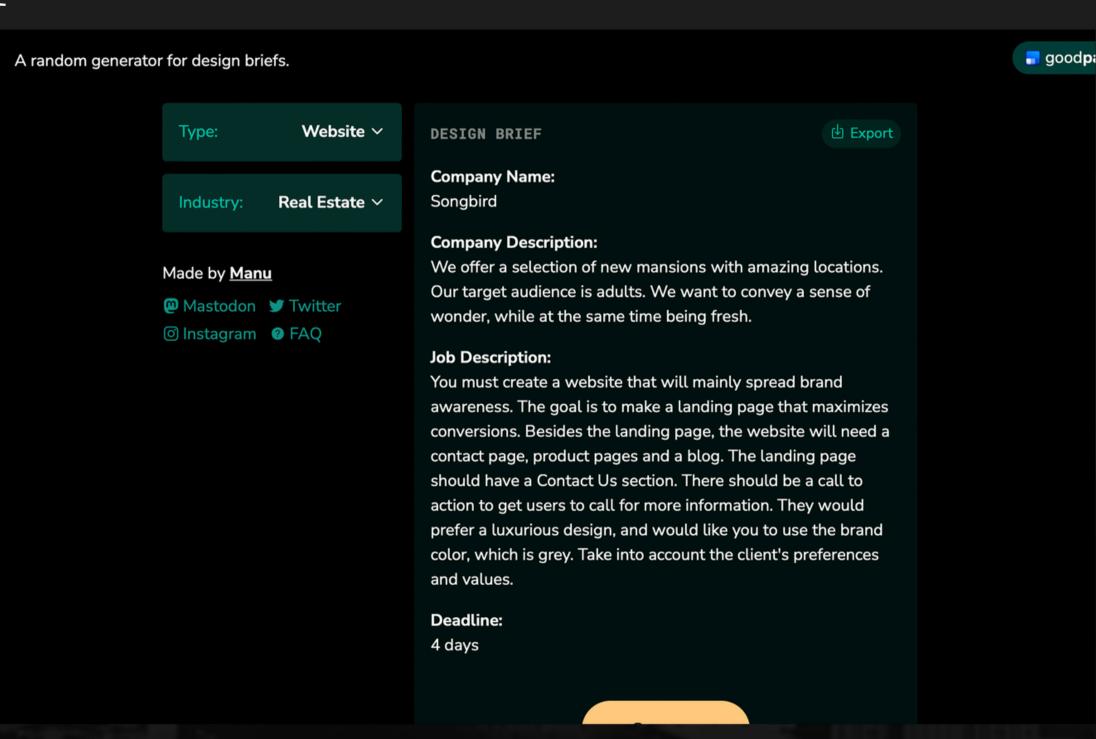
3rd May 2024 - Pitch Presentation



PROJECT BRIEF

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Link to generator: https://goodbrief.io





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