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High Street store sold

OWEN Owen in the centre of Uxbridge High Street has changed hands in a multi million pound land deal.

The deal has led to fears among Uxbridge conservationists as new owners, Chartwell Land, also have the freehold on the two shops next door, Woolworths and Etam.

Ownership of Owen Owen in Uxbridge is one of five land deals, totalling £37.5m, across the country

which have been made by Oppidan Estates Ltd and Chartwell Land.

Chairman of Old Uxbridge Conservation Advisory Panel, Betty Buttrum was stunned by the news, as although the buildings are not in the Conservation Area they border it.

"I'm very concerned," she said. "These buildings could be knocked down or altered in some way which will affect the St Margarets Church area and the Conservation Area gen-

erally. We feel that as Uxbridge watchdogs we have to keep our eyes and ears open." She will report to the advisory panel when it next meets on July 1.

Philip Coates of Oppidan Estates Ltd said Owen Owen was an attractive investment for Chartwell Land. Chartwell Land spokesman Paul Dawson said although there were no immediate plans for development, it could be a long term plan.