Choosing a Location That Works for You

Move beyond the map pin. Compare the places against the same real-life needs.

Start with your routine

List where you need to travel, how often, who will use the property and when. Decide what is essential and what is only desirable. A location for weekends may not meet everyday needs.

Use evidence you can repeat

Measure the route from the exact entrance. Visit at relevant times. Record what exists now and keep proposed roads, airports or facilities in a separate column with official sources and dates.

Do not average away a serious issue

A useful comparison covers access, services, neighbourhood conditions, risk and affordability. An unresolved legal access or technical concern needs a clear answer even when other features score well.

My intended use and timing

My three non-negotiable needs

Test the actual journey.

Distances are useful only when the route is usable and relevant to your routine.

- [ ] Travel from the property entrance to work, school, healthcare and shops.
- [ ] Record time of day, travel time, road condition and alternative routes.
- [ ] Check the last connecting road and the documents supporting legal access.
- [ ] Ask who maintains access and what happens during rain or road works.
- [ ] Separate official infrastructure status from marketing forecasts.

Route / destination / time / date

Access issue to verify

Ask how the basics work.

Installed infrastructure and a usable individual connection are different stages.

Water

Ask about source, reliability, seasonal availability, testing, treatment, connection charges and recurring cost.

Electricity and communications

Ask whether service is available to your property, which connection steps remain and who pays. Test the communication services you rely on.

Drainage and site conditions

Observe levels, drains, outlets and low areas. Ask about available hazard information and technical checks where flood, slope, soil or coastal conditions are relevant.

Neighbourhood and maintenance

Observe occupation, traffic, noise and lighting. Ask who maintains roads and common areas, what charges apply and when they begin.

Unconfirmed service / evidence needed

Compare two locations.

Use 1 = poor fit and 5 = strong fit. This is your planning score, not a professional valuation.

Location A / Location B / visit dates

Essential travel: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Documented access: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Services and running cost: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Neighbourhood and daily comfort: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Site conditions: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Total affordability: A ___ B ___ Evidence:

Choose your own priorities. Keep unresolved legal or technical issues outside the score and seek the appropriate advice.

Keep proposals separate.

Make the purchase decision understandable without relying on a future promise.

Proposed infrastructure / official source / status / date checked

Would this location still work if the proposal were delayed?

Before you decide

Revisit if conditions or services remain uncertain. Seek a surveyor or engineer for issues beyond a visual visit. Check official planning and utility information with the competent authority for the exact site.

This is a general comparison tool, not a flood certificate, valuation or technical report. It does not guarantee future connectivity, development or returns.