

Wimbledon estate agents, Brinkley's does the math.

Brinkley's Estate Agents, which has branches in Putney, Wimbledon Hill and Wimbledon Park, says that the figures that are published from various sources can be confusing. Buyers should talk to their local estate agents for the best information.

That said, The Council of Mortgage Lenders or CML, are the people who should know about number-crunching; the latest news from the Council is that the value of new buy-to-let loans increased by 21% in the period, April to June, 2011.

Apparently, there were 32,000 loans taken out during that period, worth some £3.5 billion and this was the largest number and highest value since the end of 2008.

The CML data suggests re-mortgaging accounted for 65% of the overall increase in buy-to-let lending in the quarter. That's 15,230 loans (valued at £1.6 billion), which was 27% higher than in the first quarter of 2011.

Brinkley's Estate Agents' Managing Director, Robert Brinkley, said, "Although the figures are not indicative of a full recovery, the buy-to-let market is holding steady, especially in SW London. We are in the happy position of having ideal rental properties for sale, a long list of tenants to fill them and the expertise to make sense of the figures."

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