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Welcome to Hopebeck House, Gressingham, Lancaster, LA2 8LP

Hopebeck House is full of delightful surprises, with its charm and character extending far beyond what first meets the eye. From the road, the true scale of the extensive three storey accommodation remains hidden, as does the beautifully landscaped and enticingly private south-facing garden.

It started life as a barn which was partially converted around 1845 with a cottage in the western end, and has evolved over time, into the spacious home we see today. Whilst there are three main floors, the airy, light and well-proportioned rooms are arranged over even smaller levels, creating interesting and unique spaces. Fully embracing its quirks, Hopebeck House is artfully curated with a modern rustic aesthetic, appearing as if it were lifted straight out of the pages of an interiors' magazine.

The spacious entrance hall and stairwell, tastefully presented and well-appointed, unifies the house and connects the various levels. There is a breakfast kitchen, which is open to the primary reception room, a second living room with balcony and a view over the garden and beck, four bedrooms, two of which are ensuite, a house bathroom, separate cloakroom, utility room and double garage. The joyous south-facing rear garden has been thoughtfully landscaped and extensively stocked, and extends down to the banks of Gressingham Beck. There is off road parking.

With abundant personality and a restful air, Hopebeck House is unlike anything else and without compare.

“ Our first impression of the house was that it was incredibly interesting and we just loved that. We'd seen nothing like it before and have enjoyed how the different spaces and unusual layout have worked for us.

This is the longest we've ever lived in a house; we'll particularly miss the garden and the stream and how the interior relates to the outside space. The house is cosy and comfortable; it feels very personal when it's just the two of us but soon expands to accommodate everyone when the children return home.





Location

One of the English countryside's unspoilt gems, the Lune Valley begins just a few minutes' drive from Lancaster and borders both the Forest of Bowland AONB and the National Park of the Yorkshire Dales. Hopebeck House lies centrally within the valley and is just inside the boundary of the Forest of Bowland. The Arnside and Silverdale AONB and the Lake District National Park are also within easy reach.

The Lune Valley, with a backdrop of green and gently undulating fells, at the heart of which is the meandering River Lune, has long been a sought-after place to live; thriving local communities have taken root in picturesque villages and hamlets with a great choice of destination country pubs.

The attractive village of Gressingham lies either side of Gressingham Beck as it flows down to join the River Lune. The centres of village life are Gressingham Old School Room (which holds social events) and the church. The community aligns itself with nearby Arkholme (1.8 miles distant) where there is an excellent primary school and active village hall, and Hornby (1.5 miles across the river) where it too has a busy institute and primary school, as well as a nursery school, pub, village store, tea rooms, doctors' surgery and hairdressers. The larger towns of Kirkby Lonsdale and Carnforth offer a wider range of shops and local services as well as a choice of supermarkets. Beyond these towns, the historic city of Lancaster has much to offer all generations with established cultural and music scenes, bars and restaurants offering cuisines from around the world, an excellent range of high street and independent shops, professional services, historic buildings (including a fabulous medieval castle) and both NHS and private hospitals.

This is a wonderful place to live if you value life in the countryside but equally rate excellent road and rail accessibility. One of the unexpected surprises of Gressingham is the sheer centrality of the location and therefore convenience on offer, so whether you are travelling for business, pleasure or family, road and rail links are readily to hand in a variety of directions depending on where you are ultimately headed.

“ *Needing to travel for work and family, the ease by which we can access the M6 has been a great bonus* ”





Step inside

A skillfully curated contemporary country interior provides multiple points of interest set against a calm, consistent canvas that flows throughout the house in harmonious, muted tones. Full of architectural character, the house feels fresh and current, totally equipped for modern day family living. Great thought has been given to not only colour choice but also the employment of natural materials and tactile surfaces – wood, stone, granite, and sisal all playing a part.

Cleverly laid out, the main living areas are all positioned at the back of the house in the light-filled south-facing aspect, where the views are over the garden to the leafy banks of the opposite side of the beck. It's a green and verdant outlook that enlivens every room within the house.

The breakfast kitchen is a lovely space in which to work, offering views of the garden, a door leading outside, and an island with room to pull up a stool for light bites. The present owners widened the opening to the sitting room to provide a greater connection between the two rooms. This thoughtful layout creates a strong sense of connection and flow while still allowing for independent use of each room. In the lounge area, the contemporary wood burner adds a stylish focal point, while large retractable French windows blur the boundary between home and garden, inviting you to step into the garden.

French doors in the first-floor living room open onto a small covered balcony, where the gentle sound of the beck creates a peaceful setting – ideal for relaxing, working from home, or enjoying a quiet read. The balcony links the house to the garage, which accommodates a large car and is equipped with power, lighting and an electric door. It also offers great flexibility, making it an ideal space for a workshop, gym or other creative use, depending on your needs.

Enhancing the individualistic quality of Hopebeck House are four very different bedrooms. All are approached off the main stairwell which has an airy feel thanks to a high vaulted ceiling with exposed roof trusses and maximum light flooding in from skylights, as well as the former barn opening, now a large impactful window. The main bedroom has a delightful dual aspect, a characterful cast iron feature fireplace and built-in wardrobes. The ensuite bathroom has a roll top bath, vanity wash basin, toilet and bidet. From this bedroom, there is a short flight of steps up to the main top floor landing, off which are two further bedrooms. The first is a charming double with an eastfacing window. The second is set over two levels, making it an ideal space for a teenager. The lower part is a versatile space that could serve as the main bedroom area, or possibly a dressing room, study or media space. A small set of wooden open riser steps lead up to a mezzanine tucked into the roof's apex, although head height is limited, it accommodates a double bed and the view of the stars through the skylights has enormous appeal. Set between the two bedrooms is the house bathroom, containing a bath, large rainfall shower, twin wash bowls on a console cabinet and toilet.

The final bedroom is the second ensuite room – a perfect guest room as it is mid-way between the ground and lower ground floors and has a wonderfully light double aspect with a door out to the west garden. The ensuite offers a bath, large rainfall shower, a console with twin wash bowls and a toilet.

“ We've found it to be a great family house, with the two reception rooms and the not quite open plan but still linked living area on the lower floor - we can all have our own space but come together and stay connected. It's also lovely when we have friends over, both the house and garden work really well for entertaining. Our favourite room is probably the living kitchen, with the picture window and door to outside; there's a direct relationship to the garden and view, but in winter we hunker down in front of the fire and stay cosy.



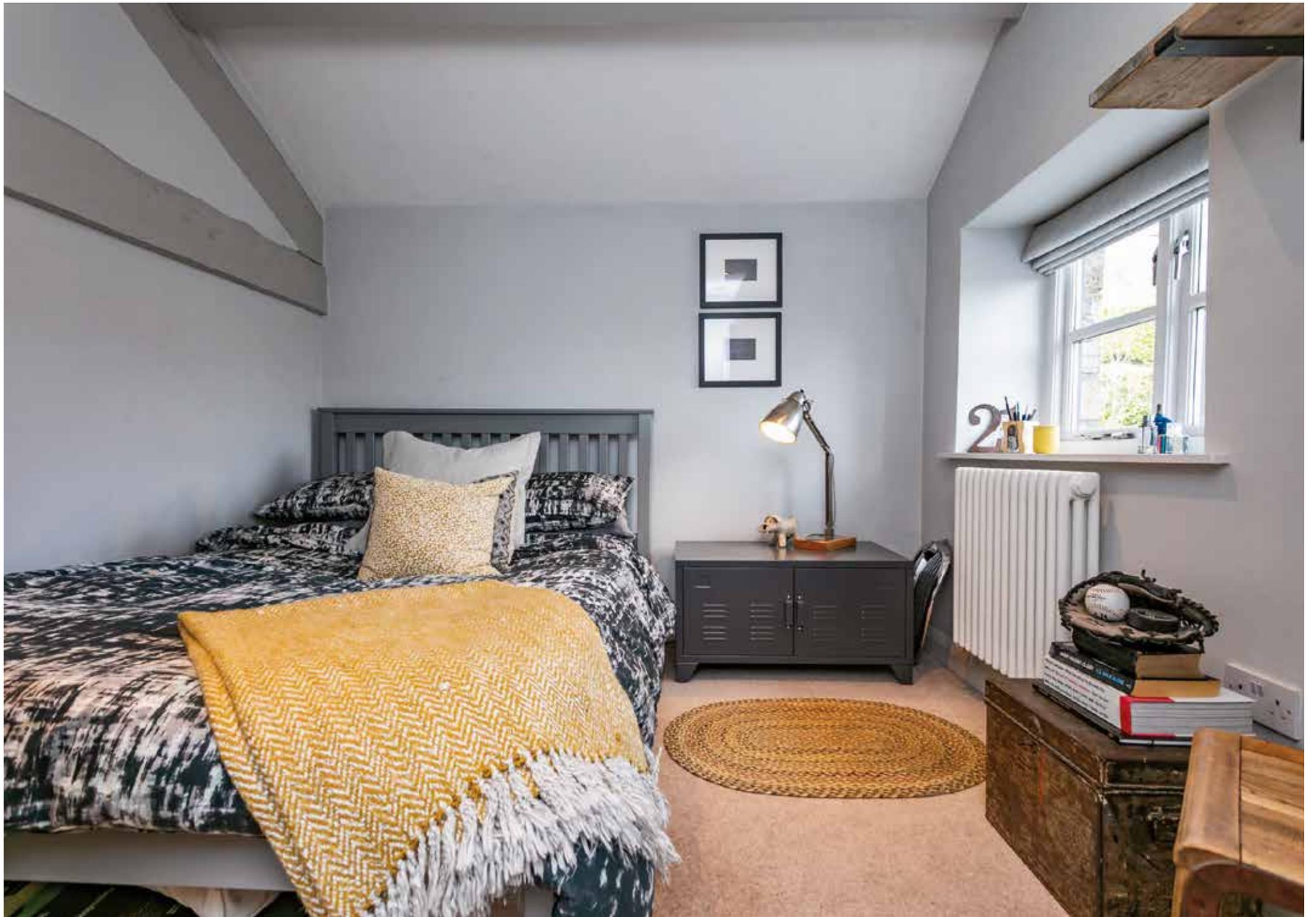
















Step outside

The soundtrack for life here is the gentle murmur of water from the beck, with uplifting notes of birdsong.

The sunny south-facing garden is delightfully private and has numerous split level and multi-orientated stone-flagged terraces, each purposefully positioned to catch the sun at different times of the day, creating spots for morning coffee and evening gatherings. Central is a lawn, largely framed by classic box hedging. Around the garden, much of the planting is evergreen, to provide year round structure and colour, and is interspersed with a variety of perennials and herbaceous plants, all connected with a soft and elegant palette of pink and cream blooms which echo the soft tones chosen within the house; together, they create a consistent canvas that's very easy on the eye. A small garden shed with an extended roof profile provides a small, covered seating area that attracts the sun first thing in the morning and offers an alternative aspect of the house and garden. The garden has iron railings along the beck providing peace of mind for those with small children and dogs. A gate opens to steps leading down to the water for when it's warm enough for paddling and exploring the rockpools. An additional creatively designed garden sits to the west of the house and is gated to both the main garden and the road with a door leading out from the second bedroom, which could be used for independent ancillary accommodation.

There is exterior lighting and water.



“ *The orientation of the house is towards the garden and beck. We live on this side of the house, it's south facing, incredibly private and restful with just the noise from the flowing beck and visiting birds.* ”



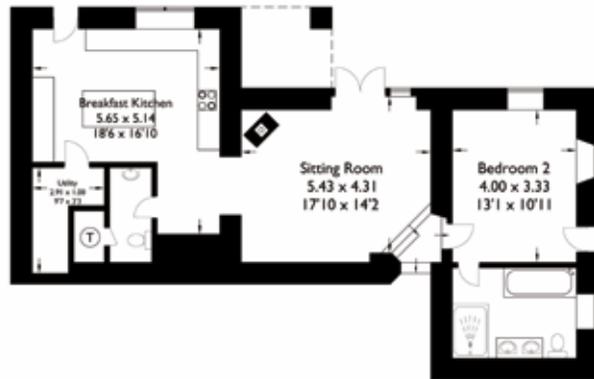
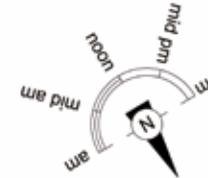


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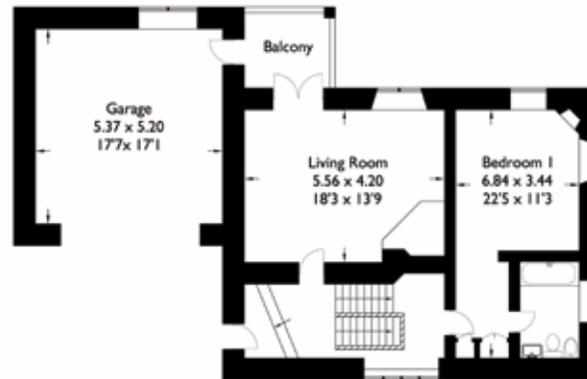
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Garage : 27.92 sq m / 300.52 sq ft

Total : 232.48 sq m / 2502.39 sq ft



Lower Ground Floor

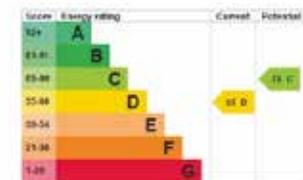


Ground Floor



First Floor

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On the road

Carnforth	5.1 miles
Kirkby Lonsdale	7.3 miles
Lancaster	9.5 miles
Kendal	20.1 miles
Manchester	62.3 miles

Transport links

Wennington station	4.3 miles
Carnforth station	5.3 miles
M6 J35	5 miles
M6 J34	8.3 miles
M6 J36	13.9 miles
Oxenholme station	18.2 miles
Manchester airport	71.8 miles
Liverpool airport	77.3 miles

The above journey distances are for approximate guidance only and have been sourced from the fastest route on the AA website from the property postcode.

Directions

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Use Sat Nav **LA2 8LP** with reference to the directions below:

From the M6, exit at J35 and take the B6601 link road off the roundabout for just a short distance, upon reaching the T junction, turn left onto the B6254 signed Kirkby Lonsdale and Over Kellet. Drive through Over Kellet village and out the other side, continuing into the open countryside. After passing the Redwell Country Inn on the left, take the first turning left onto Borwick Road, signposted Gressingham 1 and proceed into the village. After crossing the river bridge, Hopebeck House is the third property on the right. Parking is in front of the garage, immediately after the house.

Rail Journeys



Based on approximate direct train journey times from Lancaster station. Train service durations vary, please check nationalrail.co.uk for further details.

There are also stations at Carnforth and Wennington (both on the Bentham Line, which runs between Leeds and Morecambe via Skipton). Both offer frequent services to Lancaster.

Included in the sale

Fitted carpets, curtains, curtain poles, blinds and integral kitchen appliances as follows: induction hob, extractor fan, NEFF combination fan oven and grill, NEFF microwave and a Beko dishwasher.

Available by way of further negotiation are the light fittings, Fisher & Paykel fridge freezer, washing machine and condenser dryer (both Hotpoint).

Internet Speed

Broadband

Full fibre gigabit broadband available from B4RN (Broadband for the Rural North) www.B4RN.org.uk. All B4RN customers receive gigabit (1,000Mbps) speed.

Mobile

Indoor: EE and Three are reported as providing 'limited' services for both Voice and Data. O2 and Vodafone are reported as providing 'limited' Voice services but no Data services.

Outdoor: EE, Three, O2 and Vodafone are all reported as providing 'likely' services for both Voice and Data.

Broadband and mobile information provided by Ofcom.

Services

Mains electricity and water. Oil fired central heating from a Grant boiler in the utility room. Drainage to a private sewerage treatment plant (installed in 2020) located within the garden.

Places to visit

There are theatres, cinemas, arts centres and historic buildings to visit in Lancaster and Kendal
Local historic houses to visit – Levens Hall, Leighton Hall, Sizergh Castle (National Trust) and Holker Hall
RSPB Leighton Moss and the Nature Reserves at Warton Crag and Gait Barrows

Sport and recreation

There is a wealth of outdoor pursuits available locally whether you go it alone or join a club – walking and running, cycling, climbing, pot holing as well as clubs for football, rugby, cricket, tennis and bowls.
Golf clubs – Casterton, Kirkby Lonsdale, Silverdale, Lancaster, Morecambe, Heysham and two in Kendal
Diving and open water swimming at Capernwray Diving Centre

Swimming at the outdoor pool in Ingleton during the warmer months and throughout the year at the Lune Valley Swimming Pool in Hornby and leisure centres at Kendal, Morecambe and Lancaster University
3-1-5 Fitness Centre at Lancaster

Places to eat

The Lune Valley is popular with food lovers – here are a few local favourites:
The Royal Hotel, The Sun Inn, Avanti and No.9 amongst many others in Kirkby Lonsdale
The Fenwick Arms, Claughton
The Highwayman, Burrow

The Lunesdale Arms, Tunstall
The Redwell Country Inn, Arkholme
The Plough, Lupton
The Sun Hotel, The Quarterhouse, Quite Simply French and Now or Never by Journey Social all in Lancaster

Great walks nearby

Gressingham is surrounded by fabulous countryside; straight from the door is a network of footpaths and quiet lanes that are a pleasure to explore. A recognised route is the Lune Valley Ramble along the banks of the River Lune from Lancaster to Kirkby Lonsdale. End to end it measures 16.5 miles and is accessible at nearby Loyn Bridge. The Lune Valley is wonderful walking terrain and equally good for cycling with an endless variety of routes to explore.

It's worth hopping in the car for day trips to our two local National Parks (the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales) and two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (the Forest of Bowland and coastal Arnsdale and Silverdale).

For something completely different, try the scenically stunning Ingleton Waterfalls Trail or the impressive promenades at nearby Morecambe and Grange over Sands.

Schools

Primary

Arkholme CoE Primary School
Hornby Saint Margaret's CoE Primary School
Melling St Wilfrid CoE Primary School
Carnforth Community Primary School, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School and Carnforth Christ Church CoE Voluntary Aided Primary School, all in Carnforth
Sedbergh Preparatory School, Casterton (independent)

Secondary

Queen Elizabeth School and QEstudio, Kirkby Lonsdale (bus stop in the village)
Lancaster Royal Grammar School and Lancaster Girls' Grammar School (bus stop in the village)
Carnforth High School
Sedbergh School (independent)

Further Education

Lancaster and Morecambe College
Kendal College
Lancaster University
University of Cumbria (campuses in Lancaster, Ambleside and Carlisle)

Guide price £695,000

Lancaster City Council – Council Tax band D

Tenure - Freehold



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