The Surrey house was bought by Elsina Khayrova, below

Home sold for £22m in return of Russians

The socialite daughter of a prominent Russian politician has bought one of Surrey's most luxurious homes (David Byers writes). Elsina Khayrova's purchase of the house on the Wentworth Estate is evidence that Russians are returning to the London property market, lured by the cheap pound. Ms Khayrova, 31, paid £22 million for the property in January. It had been listed for £29 million.

A first-time buyer would pay £2,553,750 in stamp duty on a £22 million home. For an additional property it would be £3,213,750.

The house has ten bedrooms, including a large master suite, an indoor pool and spa complex, sauna and steam room and cinema. The drive sweeps up to a façade hand-carved from French limestone.

Ms Khayrova's father, Rinat, 54, is a Russian MP, a member of President Putin's party.

The sales suggest that Russians are back in London, after their number dwindled from 2014 when the EU levied sanctions against Moscow over the invasion of Crimea.

Trevor Abrahmsohn, of Glentree, an exclusive estate agency, said that wealthy Russians had been returning since last summer. "Lured by the depreciation in sterling after the Brexit referendum, we have seen a great increase of buyers from these regions," he said.