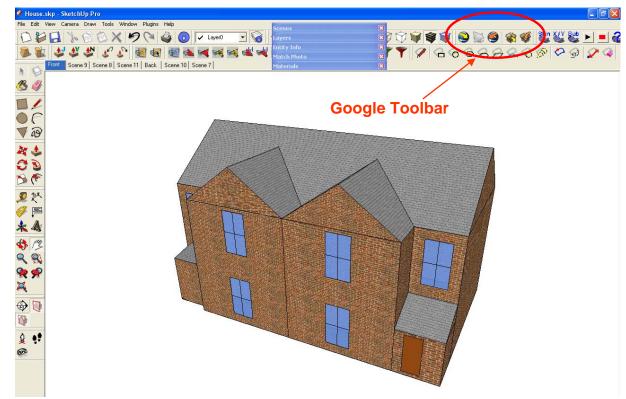
SU Models to Google Earth

1. Open SketchUp Model – Keep SketchUp Open – Turn On Google Toolbar

View – Toolbars – Google (Select / Tick)



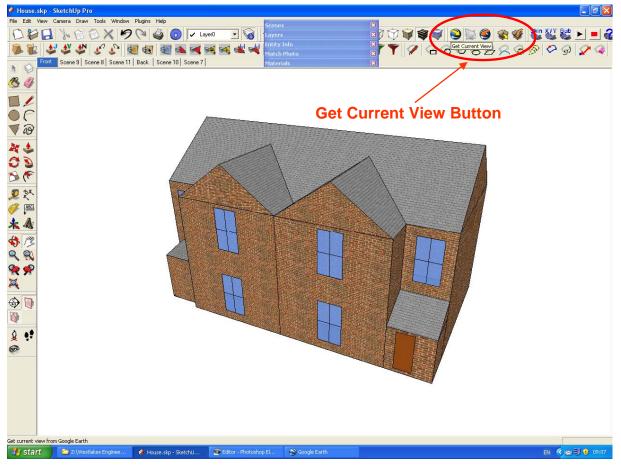
2. Open Google Earth – Keep Google Earth Open

Zoom in to area of interest eg the street showing the location of the house model.



3. SketchUp- Get Current View

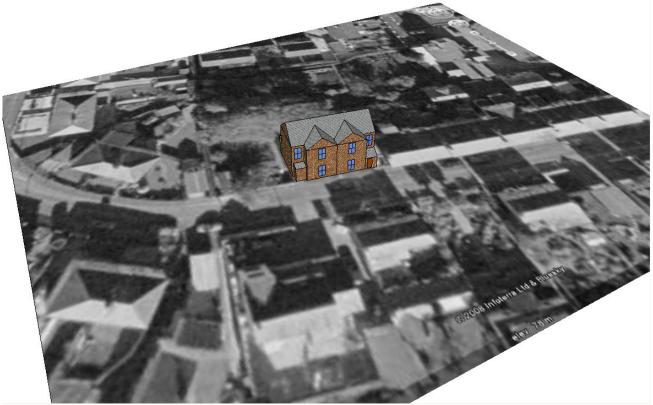
A Black and White Image from Google Earth showing your area of interest, is brought into SketchUp, with your model centred on the image.





4. SketchUp- Move Model in X and Y (Red and Green) to the correct position

In SketchUp, move the model to the correct location on the image, rotate the model as required.



5. SketchUp - Toggle Terrain.

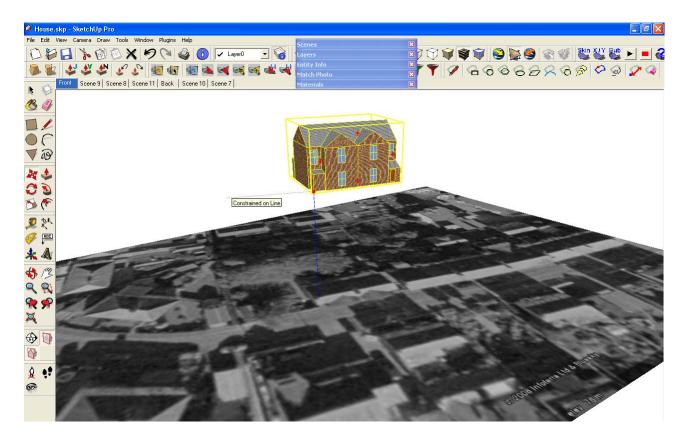
Switch on the Terrain (Toggle). Your model may now be floating above the earth or drilled into the ground. This is much more obvious on hilly terrain.



6. SketchUp – Move Model in Z (Blue) to the Correct Height

With the Terrain Switched on, Click on a Corner of the Model, Press Up or Down Arrows on your Keyboard (Locks the Blue Axis). Move Model as Required.

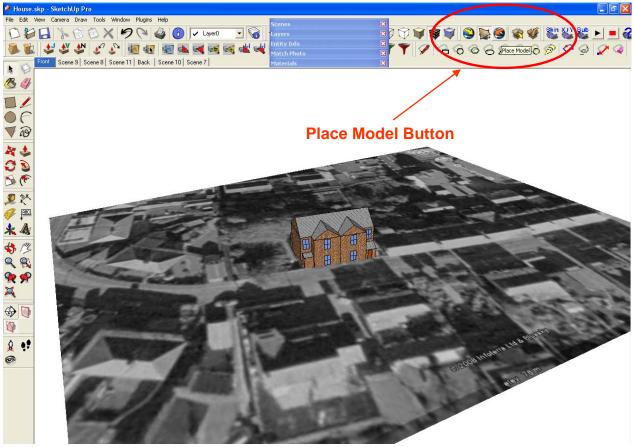
Alternative – use drop.rb to move model to Terrain (Drop at Intersection) – Good.



7a. Place Model (Place Model into Google Earth Directly).

You now have 2 methods to see your model in Google Earth:

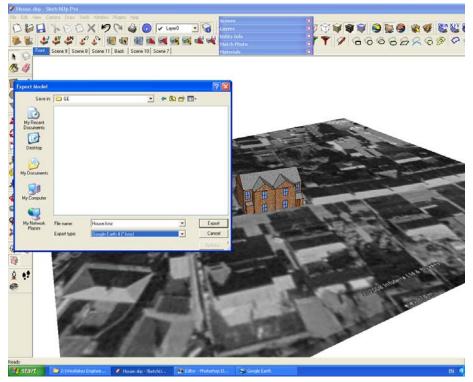
Place Model eg to see the Model in Google Earth on your own PC immediately.



7b. SketchUp – Export *.kmz file

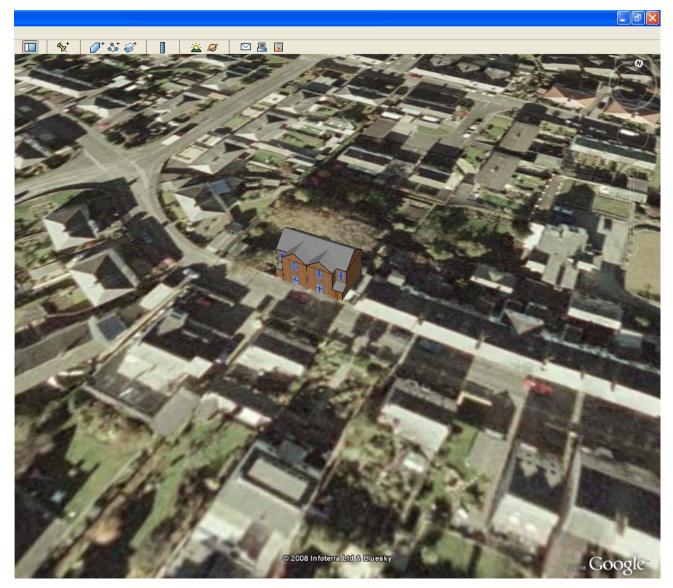
This method is very useful if you want to keep a Georeferenced version of your model in the Google Earth (*.kmz) format. This can then be emailed to clients etc and the model will then open in Google Earth in its correct location.

File - Export - 3D Model - < Google Earth *.kmz format>



8. Model in Google Earth

Whichever method you have used (7a or 7b), your model should now be visible in Google Earth in its correct location.



I hope you have found this Tutorial useful

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