

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : HS/LON/00BD/MNR/2023/0315

Property: 10 Riverview Gardens, Strawberry Hill,

Middlesex, TW1 4RT

Tenant : Mr Ian Malcolm & Keelane Malcolm

Landlord : Domenico Sassone-Corsi

Date of Objection : 13 July 2023

Type of Application : Determination of a Market Rent

sections 13 & 14 of the Housing Act

1988

Tribunal : Mr A Harris LLM FRICS FCIArb

Mrs L Crane MCIEH

Date of Summary

Reasons : 27 September 2023

DECISION

The Tribunal determines a rent of £5100.00 per calendar month with effect from 15 July 2023.

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

- 1. On 6 June 2023 the Landlord served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £ 5200.00 per month in place of the existing rent of £ 3333.33 per Month to take effect from 15 July 2023.
- 2. On 13 July 2023 under Section 13(4)(a) of the Housing Act 1988, the Tenant referred the Landlord's notice proposing a new rent to the Tribunal for determination of a market rent. The Tenant's referral was received by the Tribunal on 13 July 2023

Inspection

3. The Tribunal did not inspect the property but considered this case on the basis of the hearing and papers provided by the parties.

Evidence

4. The tribunal held a hearing attended by the Landlord. The Tribunal has consideration of the written submissions provided by the Tenant and the Landlord's written and oral evidence at the hearing.

Determination and Valuation

5. Having consideration of the comparable evidence proved by the parties in particular the letting of the next door property which is a mirror image of the subject property at a rent of £5100.00 per month and of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in it's the condition we are required to assume would be in the region of £5100.00 per calendar month.

Decision

- 6. The Tribunal therefore determined that the rent at which the subject property might reasonably be expected to be let in the open market by a willing Landlord under an assured tenancy was £5100.00 per calendar month.
- 9. The Tribunal directed the new rent of £5100.00 to take effect on 15 July 2023. This being the date as set out in the Landlord's Notice of Increase.

Chairman: A Harris Date: 27 September 2023

APPEAL PROVISIONS

These summary reasons are provided to give the parties an indication as to how the Tribunal made its decision. If either party wishes to appeal this decision, they should first make a request for full reasons and the details of how to appeal will be set out in the full reasons. Any subsequent application for permission to appeal should be made on Form RP PTA.