

# FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : LON/00AQ/F77/2023/0292

Property : 55 Whitegate Gardens, Harrow, Middlesex

**HA3 6BW** 

Tenant : Miss Beryl Leveson

Landlord : Bradford Property Trust Ltd

Date of Objection : 8th August 2023

Type of Application : Section 70, Rent Act 1977

Tribunal : Mr D Jagger MRICS

**Date of Summary** 

Reasons : 29 November 2023

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#### **DECISION**

The sum of £243.50 per week will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 29 November 2023, being the date, the Tribunal made the Decision.

#### SUMMARY REASONS

### **Background**

1. Following an objection from the Landlord to the determination of a fair rent by the Rent Officer, the Tribunal has made a determination under the provisions of the Rent Act 1977.

## **Inspection**

2. The Tribunal considered the matter on the papers and did not inspect the property.

#### **Evidence**

3. The Tribunal receive a written representations containing comparable evidence from the Landlord in this matter.

#### **Determination and Valuation**

4. Having consideration of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the Harrow area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in its current condition would be in the region of £507 per calendar week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to:

Terms of tenancy, no white goods, no carpets or curtains, dated kitchen and bathroom fittings, tenants improvements including original gas central heating, garage and 50% cost of double glazing and general dilapidations which equates to approximately 40%

- 5. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment for scarcity at 20%
- 6. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent		£507 pw
Less	approx. 40%	£202
		£305
Less	0.4	
Scarcity	approx. 20%	<u>61</u> £244 pw

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7. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £244 per calendar week. The capped rent for the property according

to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £273.50 per calendar week. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £244 per calendar week is to be registered as the fair rent or this property.

The Tribunal determines a rent of £244 per week.

Chairman: Duncan Jagger MRICS Date: 29 November 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