

# FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference	:	TR/LON/00AJ/MNR/2024/0004
Property	:	15 Gordon House, Western Avenue, Ealing, W5 1EY
Tenant	:	Mr Mustafa Shaban and Ms Safa Suleiman
Landlord	:	Edge Property Ltd
Date of Objection	:	4 December 2023
Type of Application	:	Determination of a Market Rent sections 13 & 14 of the Housing Act 1988
Tribunal	:	Mr Charles Norman FRICS Mr Simon Johnson MRICS
Date of Summary Reasons	:	9 June 2024

# DECISION

The Tribunal determines a rent of £372 per week with effect from 23 May 2024

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## SUMMARY REASONS

# Background

1. On 7 November 2023 the Landlord served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £ 415.38 in place of the existing rent of £ 334.62 per week to take effect from 1 January 2024.

2. On 4 December 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.

#### Inspection

3. The Tribunal has carried out an inspection of the property on 23 May 2024.

### Evidence

4. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the Tenant and the Landlord.

### **Determination and Valuation**

5. Having consideration of the comparable evidence provided by the parties and of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in good condition would be in the region of £1,700 per calendar month which is equivalent to £392.34 per week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to:

Mould in the main bedroom, bathroom and loose ceiling roses

6. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent	per week £392
<i>Less</i> Mould to internal wall in main bedroom, bathroom and loose ceiling roses	) approx. 5 %

£<u>20</u> £372

7. The Tribunal therefore determines a rent of  $\pounds$  372 per week.

### Decision

8. 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  $\pounds$ 372 per week.

9. The Tribunal directs the new rent of 372 per week to take effect on 23 May 2024. The Tribunal was satisfied that a starting date of that specified in the Landlord's notice would cause the tenant undue hardship.

**Chairman:** Mr Charles Norman FRICS **Date:** 9 June 2024

# 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.