

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : LON/00AP/F77/2024/0112

Property : Flat 1, 11 Francis Terrace, London N19 5PY

Tenant : Mr Philip Richards

Landlord : Loramah Estates Ltd

Date of Objection : 4 January 2024

Type of Application : Section 70, Rent Act 1977

Tribunal : Mr D Jagger MRICS

Date of Summary

Reasons : 17th June 2024

DECISION

The sum of £1,188 per calendar month will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 14 May 2024, being the date, the Tribunal made the Decision.

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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 did not inspect the property and relied on the information provided by the Rent Officer together with Google Street Maps and its expert knowledge.

Evidence

3.. The Tribunal had copies of the Valuation Office Agency correspondence including the rent registers effective **17th January 2022** and **17th January 2024** together with the calculations for the most recent registration.

The parties provided information in connection with the property and the Tenant completed the Reply Form. The Landlord provided comparable evidence of rental values for four flats achieved in the same building.

Determination and Valuation

- 4. Having consideration of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the Tooting area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in its current condition would be in the region of £1,650 per month. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to the terms of the tenancy. which equates to approximately 10%
- 5. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment for scarcity at 20%
- 6. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent £1,650 pm

Less (as above) approx. **10**% **£**165

Leaves: £1,485.00

Less

Scarcity approx. 20% £297

Leaves: **£1,188 pm**

7. The Tribunal determines a rent of £1,118 per calendar month

Decision

8. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £1,188 per calendar month. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £1,382per calendar month. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £1,188 per calendar month is to be registered as the fair rent for this property.

Chairman: Duncan Jagger MRICS Date: 17th 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