

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : LON/00BE/MNR/2024/0057

Property: Flat 4, 4 Sanctuary Street, Borough,

London, SE1 1EA

Tenant : Mr Anthony Munene

Landlord : James Liddiment

Date of Objection : 12 January 2024

Type of Application : Determination of a Market Rent

sections 13 & 14 of the Housing Act

1988

Tribunal : Ian B Holdsworth FRICS

RICS Registered Valuer 0079475

Date of Summary

Reasons : 22 May 2024

DECISION

The Tribunal determines a rent of £1900 per calendar month with effect from 14 January 2024.

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

- 1. On 12 December 2023 the Landlord served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £2,250 in place of the existing rent of £1,733.33 per month to take effect from 14 January 2024.
- 2. On 12 January 2024 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 did not inspect the property but considered this case based on the papers provided by the parties.

Evidence

4. There were no written submissions from the parties.

Determination and Valuation

5. Having consideration of the comparable evidence proved 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 its current condition would be in the region of £2,000 per calendar month. From this level of rent we have made adjustments to reflect tenant improvements, tenant furniture and floor coverings, dilapidation and obsolescence at the property.

6. The full valuation is shown below:

Flat 4, 4 Sanctuary Street, Borough, SE1 1EA					
Market rent calculation in accordance with Housing Act 1988 Section 13					
Market rent		£2,000.00	per month		
			Amount per week	Deduction as %	
Disregards					
Carpets , curtains white, goods, soft furnishing			£100.00	5.00%	
Obsolescence and defects					
None advised			£0.00	0.00%	
	Adjustment total		£100.00	5.00%	
Adjusted Market Rent					
			£1,900.00	per month	

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 £1,900 per calendar month.

9. The Tribunal directed the new rent of £1,900 to take effect on 14 January 2024. This being the date as set out in the Landlord's Notice of Increase.

Chairman: Ian B Holdsworth Date: 22 May

2024

APPEAL PROVISIONS

You can only appeal if the First-tier Tribunal decision was wrong on one or more points of law and you must say why the First-tier Tribunal was wrong in law.

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.