

## FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL

# PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : LON/00AK/MNR/2024/0140

Property: 8 Burleigh Road, Enfield, London EN1 1NY

Tenant : Mrs Derya Degirmen

Landlord : Housing Gateway Ltd

Date of Objection : 14 March 2024

Type of Application : Determination of a Market Rent sections 13

& 14 of the Housing Act 1988

Tribunal : Judge N O'Brien

Tribunal Member A Flynn FRICS

**Date of Summary** 

**Reasons** : 18 July 2024

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## **DECISION**

The Tribunal determines a rent of £348.50 per week with effect from 1 April 2024

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**SUMMARY REASONS** 

# **Background**

- 1. On 1 March 2024 the Landlord served a notice under Section 13(2) of the Housing Act 1988 which proposed a new rent of £488.95 per week in place of the existing rent of £368.22 per week to take effect from 1 April 2024.
- 2. On 14 March 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. The Tenant's referral was received by the Tribunal on 14 March 2024

# **Inspection**

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

## **Evidence**

4. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the Tenant. They include comparable properties for rent in the same area and evidence that the property suffers from dampness and mould affecting the kitchen and bathroom. There were no written submissions or any evidence submitted by the Respondent.

## **Determination and Valuation**

- 5. Having considered the comparable evidence provided by the applicant 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 tenantable condition would be in the region of £410 per week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to the dampness and mould present in the kitchen and bathroom.
- 6. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent	£410 per week
Less	
Damp affecting kitchen (7.5%)	£ 30.75
Damp affecting bathroom (7.5%)	£30.75

£348.50

7. The Tribunal determines a rent of £348.50 per week and this equates to £1510.17 per calendar 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 £348.50 per week.
- 9. The Tribunal directs the new rent of £348.50 to take effect on 1 April 2024. This being the date as set out in the Landlord's Notice of Increase.

Chairman: Judge O'Brien Date: 18 July 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 request for full reasons should be made within a month. Any subsequent application for permission to appeal should be made on Form RP PTA.