



**FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL
PROPERTY CHAMBER
(RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)**

Case Reference : **LON/00BK/F77/2024/0605**

Property : **Flat B, 263 Portnall Road, London,
W9 3BL**

Tenant : **Ms EM Buxton**

Landlord : **Sovereign Network Group**

Date of Objection : **20 July 2024**

Type of Application : **Section 70, Rent Act 1977**

Tribunal : **Mr A Harris LLM FRICS FCI Arb**

**Date of Summary
Reasons** : **19 November 2024**

DECISION

The sum of £223.50 per week will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 19 November 2024, being the date the Tribunal made the Decision.

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

1. Following an objection from the Tenant 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 but considered this case on the basis of the papers provided by the parties.

Evidence

3. The Tribunal has consideration of the written submissions provided by the Landlord and the letter of objection from the Tenant.

Determination and Valuation

4. In the absence of rental comparables provided by the parties the tribunal has relied on its own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area. We consider that the open market rent for the property in the condition and with the amenities the market would expect/ its current condition would be in the region of £415 per week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to:

No carpets curtains or white goods
General condition

5. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment for scarcity.

6. The full valuation is shown below:

Fair rent		PW	
Market rent		£	415.00
less condition & terms	25%	-£	<u>103.75</u>
adjusted rent		£	311.25
less scarcity off adj rent	20%	-£	<u>62.25</u>
Fair rent		£	249.00

7. The Tribunal determines a s70 rent of £249.00 per week.

Decision

8. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £249.00 per week. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £223.50 per week. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £223.50 per week is to be registered as the fair rent for this property.

9. The registered rent of £223.50 is the maximum rent that can be legally charged. However, as this is a social tenancy, as per government guidelines, the landlords rent increases are capped at CPI plus 1%. The Landlord advises that Ms Buxton's rent is currently £121.82pw and a rent increase notice has been issued advising that rent will increase to £131.20 with effect from 14 October 2024 and not to the registered rent.

Chairman: A Harris

Date: 19 November 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