

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference	:	LON/00AJ/F77/2024/0269
Property	:	9 Castle Road, Southall, Middlesex UB2 4QE
Tenant	:	Mr G Khan & Mrs Khan
Landlord	:	The Peabody Trust
Date of Objection	:	14 July 2024
Type of Application	:	Section 70, Rent Act 1977
Tribunal	:	Mr D Jagger MRICS
Date of determination	:	11 February 2025
Date of Summary Reasons	:	11 February 2025

DECISION

The sum of **£239.20** per week will be registered as the fair rent with effect from **11 February 2025** being the date the Tribunal made the Decision.

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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.

Evidence

2. The Tribunal has consideration of the Rent Officers calculations. The Tenant and the Landlord did not produce and written submissions and neither party provided the Tribunal with any comparable evidence.

Determination and Valuation

4. Having consideration of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the Southhall area, The Tribunal considers that an achievable rent for a similar four-bedroom terrace house in a good marketable condition with reasonably modern kitchen and bathroom fittings, modern services with carpets curtains and white goods provided by the Landlord would be **£460** per week. (Approximately £20000 per month)

5. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to: no white goods, no carpets or curtains, evidence of damp and mould to the main walls, dated kitchen and sanitary fittings and the tenant's terms of the tenancy which equates to approximately **35%**

6. The Tribunal has made an adjustment of 20% for scarcity as it considers there is a restricted supply of similar rental properties in the general area.

7. The calculations for the valuation is shown below:

Market Rent		£460.00 pw
Less Terms and condition	approx. 35%	£161.00
	Leaves	£299.00
Less Scarcity	20%	£59.80

8. The Tribunal determines a rent of £239.20 per calendar week.

Decision

9. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was **£239.20** per week. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at **£297.50** per calendar week. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case, the lower rent of **£239.20** per calendar week is to be registered as the fair rent for this property to take effect from the 11 January 2025 being the date the Tribunal made the Decision.

Chairman: Duncan Jagger MRICS

Date: 11 February 2025

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