



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

Case Reference : **HAV/29UQ/F77/2024/0615**

Property : **1 Crockhurst Farm Cottage
Crockhurst Street
Tudeley
Tonbridge
Kent
TN11 0NT**

Tenant : **Mrs L Luck**

Representative : **None**

Landlord : **Trustees of Goldsmid Settled Estate**

Representative : **Hadlow Estate office**

Type of Application : **Section 70 Rent Act 1977 (“the Act”)
Determination by the First-Tier Tribunal
of the fair rent of a property following an
objection to the rent registered by the
Rent Officer.**

Tribunal Members : **Mr I R Perry FRICS
Ms C D Bartn MRICS**

Date of Objection : **29th October 2024**

**Date of Decision and
Summary Reasons** : **30th December 2024**

DECISION

**The Tribunal determines a rent of £1,106.50 per calendar month with
effect from 30th December 2024.**

SUMMARY REASONS

Background

1. On 2nd September 2024 the Landlord applied to the Rent Officer for the registration of a new rent of £1,067 per month for the property in accordance with Section 70 of the Rent Act 1977.
2. The rent was previously registered at £970 per month on 1st November 2022 following a determination by the Rent Officer.
3. On 18th October 2024 the Rent Officer registered a new rent of £1,016.50 per month for the property to take effect from the 1st November 2024.
4. On 29th October 2024 the Landlord objected to this new rent and the matter was referred to the First-tier Tribunal Property Chamber (Residential Property), formerly a Rent Assessment Committee.

Inspection

5. The Tribunal did not inspect the property but considered this case based on the papers provided by the parties and information freely available on the internet.

Evidence

6. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the Landlord. The Tenant made no submission.

Determination and Valuation

7. Having consideration to the comparable evidence provided 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 tenable condition would be £1,700 per calendar month.
8. Such a tenancy would normally include white goods, carpets and curtains/blinds to all be provided by the Landlord and the Landlord would also be responsible for internal repair and decoration.
9. In this case the property is not let in such condition or with white goods, carpets and curtains all supplied so some adjustments to the 'open market rent' are necessary. In particular the Tribunal has made the adjustments for the Tenant's responsibility for internal decoration, Tenant's provision of white goods and provision of carpets and curtains, lack of double glazing and for an unmodernised kitchen.
10. The Tribunal noted the numbers of properties with similar accommodation within a reasonable distance of the property that are available to rent and decided that no deduction for scarcity should be made.

11. The Energy Performance Rating for the property is 'D'.

12. The full valuation is shown below:

Full open market rent in good condition	£1,700
Less deductions for:-	
Tenants' liability for internal decoration	£60
Tenant's provision of white goods	£30
Tenant's provision of carpets and curtains	£75
Lack of double glazing	£50
Unmodernised kitchen	£50
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Total deduction per month	£265
TOTAL MARKET RENT PAYABLE PER MONTH	£1,435

13. Having made the adjustments indicated above, the Fair Rent determined by the Tribunal for the purpose of section 70 of the Rent Act 1977 was £1,435 per calendar month.

14. The Section 70 Fair Rent determined by the Tribunal is above the Maximum Fair rent of £1,106.50 permitted by the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999. Accordingly, the lower amount of £1,106.50 is to be registered as the Fair Rent with effect from 30th December 2024, this being the date of the Tribunal's decision.

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.