

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : LON/00AJ/F77/2025/0068

Property: 33B The Avenue, London, W13 8JR

Tenant : Miss J Lewis

Landlord : Notting Hill Genesis

Date of Objection : 17 December 2024

Type of Application : Section 70, Rent Act 1977

Tribunal : Ms S Beckwith MRICS

Mr C Piarroux JP

Date : 25 April 2025

DECISION

The sum of £213 per week will be registered as the fair rent with effect from 25 April 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.

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 reply form provided by the Tenant and the documents provided by the Rent Officer, which include the Landlord's original application form. There were no additional written submissions sent to the Tribunal by the Landlord.
- 4. The property is a ground floor flat. There is a kitchen, bathroom, separate WC, living room and two bedrooms. The flat has central heating and double glazing provided by the Landlord. The Tenant has provided all white goods, carpets and curtains.

Determination and Valuation

- 5. Having consideration 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 £450 per week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to:
 - The terms and conditions of the tenancy.
 - The Tenant having provided all white goods, floor and window coverings and other furnishings.
- 6. The Tribunal has also made an adjustment for scarcity.
- 7. The full valuation is shown below:

ADJUSTED MARKET RENT			£324
Market rent less deductions and scarcity			£324.00
Less scarcity		approx. 20%	£81.00
Market rent less deductions			£405.00
Tenant's provision of white goods, furniture, etc)	approx. 10%	£45.00
Terms of tenancy)		
Less			
MARKET RENT			Per week £450
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8. The Tribunal determines a rent of £324 per week.

Decision

- 9. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £324 per week. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £213 week. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £213 per week is to be registered as the fair rent for this property.
- 10. The Tribunal notes that the Landlord proposed a lower rental figure in its application form. The Landlord is entitled, but not compelled, to charge the Tenant rent at the registered figure from the effective date.

Chairman: Sarah Beckwith MRICS Date: 25 April 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 request for full reasons should be made within a month. Any subsequent application for permission to appeal should be made on Form RP PTA