

FIRST - TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference	:	LON/00BK/F77/2025/0073
Property	:	4 Westbourne Crescent Mews, London W2 3BY
Tenant	:	Mrs M Chapman
Landlord	:	Notting Hill Genesis
Date of Objection	:	16 December 2024
Type of Application	:	Section 70, Rent Act 1977
Tribunal	:	Mr C Norman FRICS
Date of Summary Reasons	:	23 May 2025

SUMMARY REASONS

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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 did undertake an unaccompanied external viewing, in order to ascertain its location, as Westbourne Crescent Mews is not shown on Google Maps. Otherwise, the Tribunal considered this case on the basis of the papers provided by the parties.

Evidence

3. The Tribunal has considered the written submissions provided by the Tenant. The landlord did not respond to the appeal.

Determination and Valuation

4. Having considered of our own expert, general knowledge of rental values in the area, we consider that the open market rent for the property in good condition would be in the region of \pounds 725 per week. From this level of rent we have made adjustments in relation to:

Bathroom and kitchen will require refurbishment: 15% Tenant is responsible for some internal repairs: 5%

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

6. The full valuation is shown below:

Market Rent		per week £725
<i>Less</i> Bathroom and kitchen will require refurbishment: Senant is responsible for some internal repairs:)) approx. 20%
		<u>£145</u> £580
<i>Less</i> Scarcity	approx. 20%	<u>£116</u> £464

7. The Tribunal determines an uncapped rent of £464 per week.

Decision

8. The uncapped fair rent initially determined by the Tribunal, for the purposes of section 70, was £464 per week. The capped rent for the property according to the provisions of the Rent Acts (Maximum Fair Rent) Order 1999 is calculated at £258.50 per week. The calculation of the capped rent is shown on the decision form. In this case the lower rent of £258.50 per week is to be registered as the fair rent or this property.

Note:

The Fair Rent is the maximum rent for the property under the Rent Act. However, the landlord may charge a lower rent.

Chairman:	Mr C Norman FRICS	Date:	23 May 2025
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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