

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case reference : LON/00BH/OLR/2025/0711

Property : 4a Essex Road, Leyton, London E10 6HP

Applicant : Ms. Pamela Wilkinson

Representative : Excello Law

Respondents : (1) The Personal Representatives of

Joseph and Nora Kelly Deceased

(2) Persons Unknown

Representative : Not applicable (missing landlord)

Application under sections 50 and

Type of application : 51 of the Leasehold Reform

Housing and Urban Development

Act 1993

Tribunal member : Mr A Parkinson MRICS

RICS Registered Valuer

Date of Decision : 2nd of June 2025

DECISION

Decisions of the Tribunal

- 1) The tribunal determines that the price to be paid by the applicant for the new lease on statutory terms is **£67,500.80**.
- 2) The tribunal accepts the terms of the draft new lease.

The Background

- 1. This is an application under sections 50 and 51 of the Leasehold Reform Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 ("the 1993 Act") pursuant to an order made by Deputy District Judge Hillam, sitting at the County Court at Edmonton on 24 May 2024
- 2. Sections 50 and 51 of the 1993 Act concern claims for a statutory lease extension where the relevant landlord cannot be found. It enables the court to make a vesting order in respect of any interests of the landlord which are liable to acquisition.
- 3. Under section 51 of the 1993 Act, the role of the tribunal is to determine the appropriate sum to be paid into court in respect of the landlord's interests.
- 4. The applicant in this matter is Pamela Andrus Wilkinson. She is the qualifying tenant of 4a Essex Road, Leyton, London, E10 6HP ("**the Property**"). The respondent freehold owner is believed to be The Personal Representatives of Joseph and Nora Kelly Deceased.
- 5. On 21 September 2023, the applicant issued a Part 8 Claim at the County Court at Edmonton for an order pursuant to section 50(1) of the 1993 Act seeking a new lease in the Property. The applicant has been unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the respondent.
- 6. The applicant applied for a vesting order under section 49(3) of the 1993 Act. The vesting order was granted subject to the determination of the valuation and terms of the acquisition of a new lease by this tribunal. The order dispensed with the statutory requirement to serve a section 42 notice on the Defendant.
- 7. The applicant has provided the tribunal with a valuation report prepared by Mr Josef Wasinski AssocRICS dated 25 April 2025.
- 8. Mr Wasinski is of the view that the premium to be paid for the statutory lease extension is £72,670 as at the valuation date of 21 September 2023.

The Determination

- 9. After careful scrutiny the tribunal accepts the opinions expressed by Mr Wasinski in his valuation report dated 25 April 2025.
- 10. The tribunal is advised at (7) of the order that the summarily assessed costs of this claim are £5,169.20. This sum to be deducted from the premium payable to the court.
- 11. Accordingly, the tribunal determines that the premium to be paid in respect of the new lease is £72,670 less the summarily assessed costs of £5,169.20. This amounts to a sum of £67,500.80.
- 12. The Tribunal also approves the draft proposed lease included in the bundle at {pp.97-104} subject to the inclusion at LR7 {pp.99} of £67,500.80 and that these monies are paid into court.
- 13. This matter should now be returned to the County Court sitting at Edmonton under Claim Number **Ko2ED371** in order for the final procedures to take place.

Name: Antony Parkinson MRICS Date: 2 June 2025