

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

Case reference : LON/00AY/LDC/2025/0745

Applicant : 72 Kings Avenue (Management) Ltd

Representative : Dexters Block Management

Respondents : See attached schedule

Property: 72 Kings Avenue, London SW4 8BH

Tribunal : Judge Adrian Jack

Date of decision : 24th September 2025

## **DECISION ON THE PAPERS**

- 1. The Applicant on  $28^{th}$  May 2025 applied for dispensation from the statutory consultation requirements in respect of repair to one of two sump pumps serving the property. The estimated cost of the works is up to £1,404 including VAT.
- 2. The application is said to be urgent because should the remaining pump fail, it would cause soiled water to back up causing serious damage
- 3. The only issue for the tribunal is whether it is reasonable to dispense with the statutory consultation requirements under section 20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985. Accordingly the Tribunal makes no determination as to whether any service charge costs will be reasonable or payable, or the possible application or effect of the Building Safety Act 2022.
- 4. The Tribunal gave directions on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 which provided for tenants to state their case in opposition to the application. No tenant has in the event objected to the making of an order dispensing with consultation.

5. In my judgment this is a quintessential case for the grant of dispensation. The work to the sump pump is urgent. Delaying repairs so as to allow time for carrying out a statutory consultation would be prejudicial to the tenants.

## **DETERMINATION**

The Tribunal pursuant to section 20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 dispenses with the requirement to carry out a consultation under section 20 of the said Act in respect of the works the subject of this application.

Name: Judge Adrian Jack Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## **Schedule of Respondents**

James Nicolas Colario	Flat 1
Mr Patrick Edmund Orr	Flat 2
Mark Crotti	Flat 3
Ms Zoe Berville	Flat 4
Irene Bausas	Flat 5
Ms Lauren Godfrey	Flat 6
Mr James Dowen	Flat 7