



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

Case Reference	:	LON/00AA/MNR/2026/0243
Property	:	Flat 103 Guinness Court Mansell Street Aldgate London E1 8AQ
Applicant	:	Sohima Begum (Tenant)
Representative	:	None
Respondent	:	The Guinness Partnership (Landlord)
Representative	:	None
Date of Application	:	6 April 2026
Type of Application	:	Determination of a Market Rent sections 13 & 14 Housing Act 1988
Tribunal Members	:	Neil Martindale FRICS Sheilen Dhanani
Date of Decision	:	22 June 2026
Rent Determined	:	£500 per week
Date of new rent start	:	6 April 2026

REASONS FOR DECISION

Background

- 1 A landlord's notice dated 23 February 2026, was served under Section 13(2) Housing Act 1988 proposing a new rent of £352.96 per week in

place of the passing rent of £336.79 per week to take effect from 6 April 2026.

- 2 At a date, prior to the effective date, under S.13(4)(a) Housing Act 1988 the tenant referred the landlord's notice proposing a new rent, to the Tribunal for determination.
- 3 The assured tenancy is now weekly periodic.

Allocation of Repairs between Landlord and Tenant

- 4 As per S.11 Landlord and tenant Act 1985.

Landlord's Service Charges and Furniture provided and costs.

- 5 No information on white goods. Floor coverings and finishes were provided throughout.

Liability for Council Tax

- 6 Tenant.

Other relevant terms of tenancy

- 7 None

Inspection and Hearing

- 8 An inspection is not routinely carried out. The Tribunal is content that it has sufficient information on the Property, its condition and on comparables, from a combination of the written and any photographic representations received and from its own knowledge and specialist expertise.

Property

- 9 There was no inspection. The Property appears to be modern flat constructed post 2000. It is within a purpose built block on the fifth floor amongst similar modern flats. The Property, has 2 bedrooms, living room/ kitchen, bathroom, WC set on 1 level. There are communal internal access areas for these flats in each part of the Building, each served by communal stairs and hallways and lift, with small communal external areas and access. There are on street parking restrictions. Access is off a busy road in Aldgate in a City Centre location near commercial activity mainly within office blocks but, near other mainly modern residential blocks. (Google Streetview July 2022).
- 10 The Property appears to be of modern framed construction with brick wall finishes and what appears to be a main flat roof above. It seems to

be in good condition. There are PVCu framed double glazed windows and central heating.

Evidence

- 11 The Tribunal received completed Form 1 from the tenant. Form 1a from the landlord was received. The Tribunal is grateful for such information as was provided by one or both of the parties.

Tenant

- 12 The tenant referred to two basis of tenancy and rent levels – the ‘Affordable Rent’ and the ‘Social Rent’. The tenant sought to have the rent set to one basis, the one producing a lower figure, rather than the other. The tenant sought a new rent of £218 per week.
- 13 No issues were raised about the Building or the Property condition, size layout floor or other aspect. No comparable market lettings were referred to.

Landlord

- 14 The Tribunal received brief representations from the landlord in Form 1a. These included their reference to the notices, the passing rent and the new rent sought. They did not refer to market rental evidence.

Law

- 15 In accordance with the terms of S.14 of the Act we are required to determine the rent at which we consider the property might reasonably be expected to let in the open market, by a willing landlord, under an assured tenancy, on the same terms as the actual tenancy; ignoring any increase in value attributable to tenant’s improvements and any decrease in value due to the tenant’s failure to comply with any terms of the tenancy. Thus the Property falls to be valued as it stands; but assuming that the Property to be in a reasonable internal decorative condition.

Valuation

- 16 The tenant and landlord referenced terms “Affordable Rent” and “Social Rent”. Neither term is recognised, nor forms a relevant consideration for the Tribunal in determining a market rent under Section 14 of the Act. The Tribunal makes no reference to them.
- 17 From the Tribunal’s own general knowledge of market rent levels in the LB Tower Hamlets it determines that the subject Property would let on normal Assured Shorthold Tenancy (AST) terms, for £500 per week, fully fitted and in good order. This is the rent we would expect the Property to let for in the open market if it was in the same condition as

comparable properties including landlord's white goods carpets and curtains.

- 18 From the representations made, the Tribunal found that there were no reasons to make any deductions from the rent stated above. The new rent is therefore £500 per week.

Undue Hardship

- 19 Undue hardship from this increase in the rent was sought by the tenant in their application. However they provided no details in support of their claim and confirmed that they had no evidence of such, to provide.

Decision and effective start date

- 20 The starting date of the new rent of £500 pcm is from and including 6 April 2026.
- 21 Although the landlord is not obliged to charge this rent and may charge a significantly lower rent as a result of their own choice, policy, or governmental regulation; they may not charge more than this figure. It is a matter between the parties, only.

Chairman N Martindale FRICS

Date 22 June 2026

Rights of appeal

By rule 36(2) of the Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013, the tribunal is required to notify the parties about any right of appeal they may have.

If either party is dissatisfied with this decision, they may apply for permission to appeal to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) on any point of law arising from this Decision.

Prior to making such an appeal, an application must be made, in writing, to this Tribunal for permission to appeal. Any such application must be made within 28 days of the issue of this decision to the person making the application (regulation 52 (2) of The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rule 2013).

If the application is not made within the 28-day time limit, such application must include a request for an extension of time and the reason for not complying with the 28 day time limit; the tribunal will then look at such reason(s) and decide whether to allow the application for permission to appeal to proceed, despite not being within the time limit.

The application for permission to appeal must identify the decision of the tribunal to which it relates (i.e., give the date, the property, and the case number), state the grounds of appeal and state the result the party making the application is seeking.

If the tribunal refuses to grant permission to appeal, a further application for permission may be made to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber).