

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case reference : LON/00AF/LSC/2021/0329

HMCTS code (paper, video,

audio)

: P: PAPERREMOTE

Property Flat 5 Ripon House, 254 Croydon Road,

Beckenham BR3 4DA

Applicant : Marlon Davids and Yogeeta Davids

Representative : N/A

Respondent : Stephen Clacy and Wendy Nunn

Representative : Mr Stephen Woolf of Counsel.

For the determination of the liability to

Type of application : pay service charges under section 27A of

the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985

Tribunal members : Judge H. Carr

Mr K Ridgeway

Venue : 10 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7LR

Date of decision : 10th January 2023

DECISION

Covid-19 pandemic: description of hearing

This has been a remote hearing on the papers which has been consented to by the parties. The form of remote hearing P:PAPERREMOTE,. A face-to-face hearing was not held because it was not practicable and all issues could be determined in on paper. The documents that I was referred were extensive and not all contained in a bundle. I have noted all the documents received. The order made is described at the end of these reasons.

Decisions of the tribunal

(1) The tribunal determines to reduce the service charges challenged on the Scott Schedule by the applicants by a total of £ 679.59 which is broken down as follows;

2013 - £72 which relates to management charges = £72

2014 - £116 which relates to profession fees and £16 which relates to management charges = £132

2015 - £16 which relates to management charges = £16

2016 - £16 which relates to management charges = £16

2017 - £3.33 – a concession by the respondent and £16 for management charges = £19.33

2018 - £13.80 a concession by the respondent, £10.00 a concession by the respondent and £14.96 further concession by respondent – making £38.76 in concessions plus £42.67 relating to electrical charges and £16 which relates to management fees = £97.43

2019 - £233.83 relating to groundworks and £29.46 in relation to management charges = £263.29

2020 - £23.31 for rubbish clearance and £6.67 concession by the respondent and £22.08 for management charges = £52.06

2021 - £11.54 concession by the respondent = £11.54

- (2) The tribunal determines to grant the respondent's application for dispensation from statutory consultation charges
- (3) The tribunal determines that service charges demands were served
- (4) The tribunal makes the determinations as set out under the various headings in this Decision
- (5) The tribunal makes an order under section 20C of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 so that none of the landlord's costs of the tribunal proceedings may be passed to the lessees through any service charge.
- (6) The tribunal determines that the Respondent shall pay the Applicant £300 within 28 days of this Decision, in respect of the reimbursement of the tribunal fees paid by the Applicant.

The application

1. The Applicants seek a determination pursuant to s.27A of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 ("the 1985 Act") [and Schedule 11 to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002 ("the 2002 Act")] as to the amount of service charges [and (where applicable) administration charges] payable by the Applicants in respect of the service charge years

The hearing

2. It was agreed between the parties and with the tribunal at the CMH on 21st July 2022 that the matter would be decided on the papers provided by the parties.

The background

- 3. The property which is the subject of this application is a one bedroom flat on the first floor of a Victorian building known as Ripon House converted into 9 flats. Adjoining Ripon House is a further extension Ripley House which provides a further 4 flats.
- 4. Neither party requested an inspection and the tribunal did not consider that one was necessary, nor would it have been proportionate to the issues in dispute.
- 5. The Applicant holds a long lease of the property which requires the landlord to provide services and the tenant to contribute towards their costs by way of a variable service charge. The specific provisions of the lease and will be referred to below, where appropriate.

- 6. The tribunal has held a number of hearings prior to this paper determination.
- 7. There were directions hearings on November 15th 2021
- 8. The matter was set down for a hearing on 21st April 2022. The parties were unrepresented at that hearing. The tribunal expressed concerns that the Scott Schedule prepared by the Applicants did not reflect issues raised at earlier directions hearing and that the Respondent had not completed the relevant columns of the Scott Schedule.
- 9. As a result of a concession by the Applicants the tribunal determined that the insurance demands were payable and reasonable and the tribunal made a determination to that effect.
- 10. The tribunal then set the matter down for a reconvened hearing. It was listed for two days, June 16th and June 17th 2022. The Respondent was represented at that hearing by Mr Woolf of counsel and did not himself attend. There continued to be a lack of clarity about the Scott Schedule and three problems emerged that prevented the tribunal from being able to determine the application over those two days; (i) some of the service charges that appeared to have been demanded had not in fact been demanded but related to another property, (ii) works may have been carried out which were above the statutory consultation limit although this was not apparent from the invoices provided by the Respondent and (iii) there was no evidence available to the tribunal that service charges demands had been served in the correct statutory form.
- 11. The tribunal then held a CMH on 21st July 2022 and issued further directions on 17th August 2022.
- 12. At the CMH the parties agreed to the decision being made on the basis of paper submissions. The tribunal considered the papers on 6th October 2022.
- 13. Very usefully for the CMH Mr Woolf had prepared a consolidated Scott Schedule. The matter was set down for a determination on the basis of papers provided and the Applicants were given an opportunity to provide a response to the consolidated Scott Schedule.
- 14. The Respondents were given the opportunity to make legal submissions in connection with the statutory consultation required for any major works which the Applicants were given an opportunity to responds to.
- 15. The consolidated Scott Schedule with the Applicants' responses, the legal submissions and the Applicants reply are the documents which the Tribunal considered in reaching this determination.

The issues

- 16. At the start of the hearing the parties identified the relevant issues for determination as follows:
 - (i) The payability and/or reasonableness of service charges for years 2013 2021 relating to in particular
 - a. Whether invoices were genuine and/or related to the property
 - b. Whether charges were fair, reasonable and accurate
 - (ii) Whether statutorily compliant service charge demands had been served
 - (iii) Whether there was a requirement for consultation in connection with works carried out to the property and if so whether there should be dispensation from consultation.
- 17. Having heard evidence and submissions from the parties and considered all the documents provided, the tribunal has made determinations on the various issues as follows.

The reasonableness and payability of items challenged on the Scott Schedule

- 18. There are two general points that the Tribunal wishes to make in connection with the numerous challenges to service charges set out in the consolidated Scott Schedule amplified by the response by the Applicants dated
- 19. First the Applicants make several allegations of fraud. The Tribunal cautioned the Applicants about this during the hearing and suggested that the evidence they provided did not amount to fraud and that they should desist from making such allegations. It was not helpful to the Tribunal. For the avoidance of doubt the Tribunal makes it clear that there was no evidence that the Respondent had been fraudulent.
- 20. It is insufficient to claim that companies do not exist, do not have websites etc, as there are often valid reasons for using firms which are not incorporated, do not pay VAT and do not have a virtual presence. When these assertions have been made in the Scott Schedule as reasons for challenge they have all been treated as inadequate. Nor can the Applicants simply assert that charges are unreasonable, excessive etc. Clear evidence has to be provided.

21. On the other hand there was evidence that the Respondent was cavalier with his invoicing and his accounts and his attitude throughout the hearing appears to have been resentful and even angry that the Applicants are challenging the service charge. It would be very useful in future if the Respondent accepted that the Applicants have a right to challenge charges and that there is an expectation that landlords behave professionally and provide clear explanations and clear accounts of how leaseholders' money is being spent.

The tribunal's decision

22. The tribunal determines that the amount payable in respect of the service charges challenged be reduced by £670.59 .

Reasons for the tribunal's decision

23. The parties are referred to the completed Scott Schedule attached as Appendix 1.

Have statutorily compliant service charge demands been served?

- 24. This issue arose during the course of proceedings when the Tribunal noted the lack of statutorily compliant service charge demands in the documents provided.
- 25. The Applicants say that on 22nd August 2022 they received an email from the Respondent with a letter attached from LMD Management stating that they sent Service Charge demands with the necessary statutory notices and a letter attached from Bowden Property Investments Limited also stating that they attached the statutory notices.
- 26. The Applicants say that prior to that date they had never seen those documents. They say they only ever received Applications of Payments with nothing accompanying them. They say that had they received them they would have been attached into the bundle alongside the Application for Payments that are included.
- 27. The Respondent provided a letter from LMD management dated 19th July 2022 who were managing the property during the years ending 5th April 2013 2015. LMD management say that the company was growing rapidly during that period and staff members were sent frequently on industry training course. All Applications for Payment and Ground Ren were accompanied by statutory notices and it was, and still is, the final check we make before stuffing envelopes ready for dispatch.
- 28. The Respondent also provided a letter dated 15th July 2022 from Bowden Property Investments Limited saying that during its period of

- management of Ripon House, applications for payment were accompanied by one or other of the attached statutory notices.
- 29. The Respondent also provides a statement that says that they own a substantial portfolio and whilst there have inevitably been challenges from leaseholders which have come before the Tribunal in one of those cases has it been found that there had been a failure to serve a valid demand by failing to enclose the Summary of Rights

The tribunal's decision

30. The tribunal determines that statutorily compliant service charge demands have been served.

Reasons for the tribunal's decision

31. The tribunal is faced with the situation where it has to decide who to believe on the balance of probabilities whether statutorily compliant service charge demands have been sent. The Applicants are adamant that they were not sent and the Tribunal notes that the Respondents are the directors of Bowden Property Investments Limited. The Tribunal has no doubt that the Applicants sincerely believe that they have not received such notices. However the Respondent is equally adamant that it has sent them via one of the two companies who have managed the property over the relevant years. Bearing in mind that it was the Tribunal itself that raised the issue and not the Applicants, and that there is no evidence from any other leaseholder in the property that notices have not been sent the tribunal determines to accept the evidence from the Respondent that the proper demands were served.

<u>Dispensation from the requirements of s.20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985</u>

- 32. The Applicants said that some of the invoices presented were for works which together required statutory consultation and that no statutory consultation had taken place.
- 33. They say that the Landlord has failed on multiple occasions to serve the correct section 20 notices due to his own mismanagement and failure to comply with the law. assert that they have suffered prejudice.

34. They submitted that from 2013 – 2021 the building has had the following costs spent on it in total:

JOB 1 - Fire Safety Testing - £2,604.00

JOB 2 – Works in flat 8 - £2,138.00

JOB 3 - Roof works - £20,555.00

JOB 4 – Works in flat 2 - £11,227.54

JOB 5 – Drainage work - £12,255.81

Job 6 – Works in flat 6 - £3,636.00

JOB 7 – Rubbish removal - £8,524.67

JOB 8 - Works in flat 1 - £866.00

JOB 9 - Works in flat 9 - £1,429.40

JOB 10 – Electrical works - £11,539.73

- 35. They say that they have done their best to be accurate.
- 36. Counsel for the Respondent pointed out that the way in which the Applicants have aggregated works is almost impenetrable and the Tribunal agrees. However it should also be noted that if the invoices had been dealt with in a transparent manner there would have been no need for the Applicants to do the works of aggregation.
- 37. Counsel submit that of the 10 sets of works which the Applicants describe as JOBs on two, those identified as 4 and 6 fall into the category of being Major Works.
- 38. He says that is because JOBs 1,2,3,5,7.8.9 and 10 are not Major Works. It is submitted by Counsel that the Applicants have wrongly joined together works of a similar nature over the course of many years and argued that they are major works.
- 39. He points out that for works to be major works for the purposes of statutory consultation they must evidence at least two of the four characteristics:
 - (i) They must be works contiguous to rather than be physically removed from each other, and/or

- (ii) Subject to the same contract; and/or
- (iii) Done more or less at the same time; and/or
- (iv) be of the same character and have a connection to one another.
- 40. In Counsels submissions 1,2,3,5,7,8.9 and 10 fail as they cannot be said to fall into at least two of the four categories.
- 41. In connection with JOBs 4 and 6 Counsel points out that the applicable test is for the Tribunal to determine whether it can be satisfied that it is reasonable to dispense with the consultation by considering whether the tenant will suffer real prejudice in that (a) they have either paid for inappropriate works or (b) are paying more than would be appropriate.
- 42. Counsel agrees that section 20 Notices should have been served in connection with JOBs 4 and 6 but 4 In respect of JOBs 4 and 6, it is submitted that Section 20 Notices should have been served, but that:
 - (i) in respect of JOB 4, the relevant costs exceeded the threshold by £15.33 (see page 61 of Scott Schedule);
 - (ii) in respect of JOB 6, the relevant costs exceeded the threshold by £52.40 (see page 82 of Scott Schedule);
 - (iii) The tenants have not suffered any real prejudice because even had here been a consultation process, the works would have been carried out by the landlord's preferred contractor;
 - (iv) The tenants would not have been able to find a significantly cheaper cost for these works;
 - (v) 'Relevant prejudice' must be financial. The question to be asked is whether the tenants suffered financially in that has the failure to consult resulted in the landlord spending unreasonable amounts and visiting those costs upon the tenant;
 - (vi) Having not had the opportunity to make representations about the proposed works, the tenants have to identify what they would have said

The tribunal's decision

- 43. The tribunal determines that only JOB 4 and JOB 6 attract statutory consultation requirements.
- 44. The tribunal determines to dispense with requirement for statutory consultation in respect of JOB 4 and JOB 6 on condition that the costs incurred by the Respondent for this aspect of the application are borne by the Respondent and not added to the service charge.

Reasons for the tribunal's decision

- 45. Through no fault of their own the applicants have failed to understand what is required for work to attract statutory consultation. The information provided does not suggest that all of the work identified should have been consulted upon.
- 46. The tribunal agrees with the Respondent that of all the JOBs identified by the Applicants only JOB 4 and JOB 6 require statutory consultation.
- 47. The Tribunal also agrees with the Respondent that the Applicants have failed to show the necessary financial prejudice required by *Daejan v Benson* [2013] UKSC 14
- 48. However it also takes from *Daejan* the understanding that asking the Tribunal to dispense with consultation is a privilege what Lord Neuberger at paragraph 61 of the decision describes as a 'statutory indulgence'.
- 49. It notes that the reason that this issue emerged is because of the haphazard way service charges for works have been levied. If there had been clarity, there would have been no need for the application. As it is clarity has only been achieved at a very late stage in the proceedings and therefore the Tribunal has determined to exercise its discretion to dispense with statutory consultation conditionally, imposing the condition that the Respondent must bear his own costs in making this application.

Application under s.20C and refund of fees

50. At the end of the hearing, the Applicant made an application for a refund of the fees that he had paid in respect of the application and hearing1. Having heard the submissions from the parties and taking into account

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¹ The Tribunal Procedure (First-tier Tribunal) (Property Chamber) Rules 2013

the determinations above, the tribunal orders the Respondent to refund any fees paid by the Applicant.

51. Taking into account the determinations above, the tribunal determines that despite its relatively low level of reduction of the service charge demands that it is just and equitable in the circumstances for an order to be made under section 20C of the 1985 Act, so that the Respondent may not pass any of its costs incurred in connection with the proceedings before the tribunal through the service charge. This is because until relatively late in the proceedings there was very little clarity about the amounts demanded and it has required a tribunal determination to settle the dispute.

Name: Judge H Carr Date: 10th January 2023

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 a party wishes to appeal this decision to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber), then a written application for permission must be made to the First-tier Tribunal at the regional office which has been dealing with the case.

The application for permission to appeal must arrive at the regional office within 28 days after the tribunal sends written reasons for the decision to the person making the application.

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).

Appendix 1

SCHEDULE

DISPUTED SERVICE CHARGES S/C YEAR ENDED 2012-2021

Case	LON/00AF/LSC/2021/0329	Premises:
Reference:		<u>Flat 5</u>
		Ripon House
		254 Croydon Road
		Beckenham
		BR3 4DA

<u>Item</u>	Cost (£)	APPORTION ED TO FLAT 5 (£)	ACCEPTE D BY FLAT 5 (£)	Tenants' Comments *
2013				
Mr Snazell SC-2013-005 & 012 (part) Plus 12 invoices with no invoice number pp. R106 – R118	2,920.00	<u>208.57</u>	208.57	When calculating this, we found it fair and reasonable when split between 14 flats over 12 months. Amounts to £208 for this year. We are happy to pay this.

Mr Snazell SC-2013-007 p. R121	45.00	5.00	0.00	Happy to pay our contribution to this once we have seen the before and after pictures as mentioned in the invoice. No invoice date. When was this work carried out?

Assured Preservations SC-2013-006 Deposit for works to be carried out as per report number 10099. p. R120	1,918.00	106.56	0.00	We do not accept this invoice because the invoice has no information about what work was needed or carried out. We'd like to see the report. Invoice (and report provided by Mr Woolf at last hearing from Assured Preservations) only refers to flat 254a, that is Ripley House and not Ripon House. Mr Clacy's response on Scotts Schedule response also confirms the work is for Flat A.

J Batts Scaffolding SC-2013-008 Access Tower p. R122	<u>260.00</u>	<u>28.88</u>	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. Why was this work needed? Invoice doesn't specify size, height and type of scaffolding required. The company doesn't exist according to Companies House and there is no website for us to see what this company specialise in. We have a quote for a scaffolding tower lowest price £45.80 per week, highest price 174.50 for a

		week – source: lakeside-
		<u>hire.co.uk</u>
		Why was the seaffelding
		Why was the scaffolding put up 3 weeks before
		work started?
		WOIN Stail tour

AWR Roofing SC-2013-009 p. R123 SC-2013-011 p. R126 260.00 28.88 0.00 We do not accept this invoice. Why was this work carried out? Do you have any reports or pictures to show why the roof needed renewing? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House. No website so we can't check their work. Why was this work needed? You dight respond to our questions in the Scotts Schedule. Why are we paying for work in flat 8?				-	
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SC-2013-011 D. R126 28.88 O.00 have any reports or pictures to show why the roof needed renewing? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House. No website so we can't check their work.		1,070.00	118.88	0.00	invoice. Why was this
]		260.00	28.88	0.00	have any reports or pictures to show why the roof needed renewing? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House. No website so we can't check their work. Why was this work needed? You didn't respond to our questions in the Scotts Schedule. Why are we paying for

Control				
Central Communications SC-2013-010 Plus 1 Invoice with no number pp. R124 & R125	170.00 670.00	93.33	93.33	What system was installed? And what lock was installed? Invoice doesn't specify this so we can't check for whether this charge is fair or reasonable. I contacted the number on the invoice and a lady answered and when I asked about the company she told me it was a wrong number – why is this? the company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there is no website so we can't see what work they carry out.
				reasonable. I conta the number on the and a lady answere when I asked abou company she told n was a wrong numb why is this? the co doesn't exist accor Companies House, no website so we ca

Andrew Harris SC-2013-012 Clear bin area of excess waste p. R128	200.00	14.28	0.00	We do not accept this invoice; we do not believe that this amount is genuine and that the work took place. There is no invoice number on the invoice from the company. We believe this to be a friend of Mr MacEvoy's. This company is registered to an address a few doors away from Mr MacEvoy.
LMD Management SC-2013-013 Management Charge p. R129	1,800.00	200.00	120.00	Is this reasonable? We do not accept this because the property is not being managed well. We aren't being informed with enough notice of works taking place and the costs. We believe we are being invoiced from companies that do not exist and are being invoiced from companies that aren't genuine and

				with amounts that aren't genuine. The management of the building is poor which can be reflected in the witness statements and seen in photos.
2014	T	T	T	
MPM Building Excellence Professional fees SC-2014-005 p. R136 SC-2014-006 p. R137 SC-2014-007 p. R138 SC-2014-009 p. R140 SC-2014-011 p. R142	480.00 450.00 450.00 360.00 720.00	36.92 34.62 50.00 40.00 80.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices, they are not reasonable. They are from your ex-business partner, the works are expensive and exaggerated to benefit MPM and yourself. We'd like to see the report made by lessees Mr and Mrs King, the report from flat 8, the report from Flat 2 and all reports that these invoices claim to have been made. In respect of SC-2014-005 & 006:- Applies to Flat A Ripley house, not Ripon House In respect of SC-2014-
				why are we paying for work in flat 8? Why does a surveyor need to attend?

		In respect of SC-2014- 009:- Why are we paying for work in flat 8? In respect of SC-2014- 011:- Why are we paying for work in Flat 2? Why were there 5 site visits? What was the total value of the work to incur such a high fee? Poor management?

AWR Roofing				
<u>SC-2014-008</u>	330.00	<u>36.66</u>	0.00	We do not accept this
p. R139	330.00	30.00	<u>0.00</u>	invoice. Last year this company sent an invoice
<u>SC-2014-010</u> p. R141	480.00	53.33	0.00	for repairs on the dormer roof and upper level valley
<i>p.</i> N 171			,	(no other details specified) and this year we are
				paying again for works on the same area?

		We'd like proof from the company that the work was carried out. The company doesn't exist according to Companies House and there is no website for us to check what this company specialise in.
		In respect of SC-2014- 008:- Roof works
		In respect of SC-2014- 010:- Why are we paying for work in flat 8?

Surrey Groundworks				
<u>SC-2014-012</u> p. R143	1,240.00	137.77	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. It is not reasonable and why is it being carried out? This company is another company owned by your ex-business partner and the works carried out are in preparation for the bungalow development at the back of the property which is nothing to do with Ripon or Ripley residents. Since you received our bundle with this evidence the website has been removed from the internet, why is this? We took screenshots of this

		information and was included in our bundle.
		Why are we paying for work in flat 2? why was
		this work needed? This company is owned by the surveyor - he is surveying
		the job and instructing himself on what job to carry out and then
		awaiting an inspection from himself? Mr
		MacEvoy owns Surrey Groundworks and MPM the surveying company.

<u>Julian Agnew</u> <u>SC-2014-013</u> <u>p. R146</u>	<u>676.00</u>	<u>52.00</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice because the company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website for us to see what this company actually do or

		proof that the work was carried out or required. Why was this work needed? Can we see photos?
		Why was this work needed? the lease specifies that lessees need to provide their own bin. Was this necessary?

Andrew Harris SC-2014-015 p. R159	240.00	<u>17.14</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice, again no invoice number from the company? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required.
LMD Management <u>SC-2014-016</u> p. R160	<u>2,925.00</u>	225.00	120.00	Is this reasonable? We do not accept this because the property is not being managed well, we are being invoiced for companies that do not exist and being invoiced from companies that aren't genuine and with

				amounts that aren't genuine. The management of the building is poor which can be reflected in the witness statements.
<u>2015</u>				
MPM Building Excellence Professional Fees SC-2015-004 p. R166 SC-2015-008 p. R172 SC-2015-009 p. R173 SC-2015-010 p. R174	450.00 480.00 594.00	50.00 53.33 66.00 60.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices, we do not believe this is genuine work on the property. They are from your ex-business partner, the works are expensive and exaggerated to benefit MPM. We'd like to see the reports and the requests from lessees for this work as stated in the invoices.
<u>SC-2015-012</u> p. R176 <u>SC-2015-019</u> p. R184	360.00 720.00	<u>40.00</u> <u>80.00</u>	<u>0.00</u> <u>0.00</u>	In respect of SC-2015- 004:- Why are we paying for work in flat 6? A surveyor wasn't needed for this.

In respect of SC-2015- 008:: The invoice states 'Issue to competitive tender' - Mr MacEvoy from MPM gave the work to his company Surrey Groundworks, this isn't fair or ethical? In respect of SC-2015- 009:: Why does this need an investigation? We live at flat 5 and an investigation? We live at flat 5 and an investigation is 'overkill' for the issue that we had resolved by our builder, a damp report wasn't necessary, it was due to some lose tiles from wear and tear that was resolved by a builder fitting a new bathroom. In respect of SC-2015- 010:: We are not responsible for flat 2. Back to investigate the damp in flat 2 again? In respect of SC-2015- 012:: Why can't the management company instruct the contractor? In respect of SC-2015- 019:- Again you are instructing yourself to do the work. Barry at MPM instructing himself at Surrey Groundworks to do the work and remove the work (movice below - from Mr MacEvoy to Mr MacEvoy to Mr MacEvoy to Mr MacEvoy to Mr MacEvoy)			
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Assured Preservations SC-2015-011 p. R175	3,180.00	353.33	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. As one of 2 contactable companies, we contacted them to confirm the amount. Assured Preservations told us this isn't an invoice from them as their invoice is different, but they did carry out some work in relation to the invoice number, but the price is nowhere near what you are invoicing residents. Assured Preservations sent us the original invoice for the job, and it is very different to the one you have sent, why is this? Why are you charging us for works that haven't been done at a price that hasn't been quoted? Why is this invoice not on headed paper? When speaking with staff at Assured Pres they told us that isn't their headed paper all their invoices include their accreditations at the bottom. You have also invoiced for a different amount to what you paid them, how do you explain this? and why didn't you send

Drain View Ltd SC-2015-005 p. R167	<u>80.00</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Why are we using companies that aren't VAT registered? And another company that uses no invoice number? We'd like to see the CCTV of the work carried out as outlined in the invoice and the report to prove the work was done and why. This company has no website so we can't check the work they do. We were living in our flat at this time, we never received one of the many letters you sent regarding this nor have the lessees. Can we see the letter that you sent? Do you have proof? electronically maybe?

Northway Electrical Services SC-2015-013 p. R177	318.00	<u>24.46</u>	24.46	Can you provide proof of the work? Reasons for work and Inspection report? Happy to pay this once the information is provided.

J Batts Scaffolding SC-2015-015 p. R179	700.00	77.78	0.00	We do not accept this invoice, who carried out the work on the roof that the scaffolding was installed for? This company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required. For works on flat 8 that Mr MacEvoy instructed. Nothing to do with our flat.

<u>J Interiors</u> <u>SC-2015-017</u> <u>p. R181</u>	828.00	<u>92.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice, we do not believe this work was genuine. The company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required.

				Why was this work needed?
Andrew Harris <u>SC-2015-021</u> p. R197	200.00	14.28	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. We do not believe that the work was genuine. There is no proof that the work was carried out or required.
LMD Management <u>SC-2015-022</u> p. R198	2,925.00	225.00	120.00	Is this reasonable? We do not accept this because the property is not being managed well, we are being invoiced for

				companies that do not exist and being invoiced from companies that aren't genuine and with amounts that aren't genuine. The management of the building is poor which can be reflected in the witness statements.
<u>2016</u>				
Northway Electrical Services SC-2016-004 SC-2016-004/2 pp. R204 & R205	330.00 330.00	73.33	73.33	We do not accept this invoice. We do not believe that this company is genuine and nor is the invoice. Can we see the inspection report? Then we will be happy to pay.

J Interiors SC-2016-005 SC-2016-005/2 pp. R206 & R207 SC-2016-007 p. R210 SC-2016-008 pp. R212 & R213 SC-2016-013 p. R218	290.00 290.00 2,388.00 1,512.00	<u>44.47</u> <u>265.33</u> <u>168.00</u> <u>0.00</u>	0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept this invoice. SC-2016-007 requires work on the roof but no scaffolding? This amount is not reasonable – and within 6 months of that invoice, AWR Roofing are also carrying out roof works at a high price, why is so much work being carried out on the roof that no one can see? SC-2016-013 is for Ripley House. There is no proof that the work was carried out or required. Why is all this work needed? We believe this to be a friend on Mr MacEvoy's. We do not believe that this invoice is genuine. The invoice description is very similar to the description invoiced to Drainview Ltd below. Why do we need this on the property twice? And why do both companies use the same wording in their descriptions?

		Why do we need twice yearly maintenance of rain water goods? Have there
		been any problems or overflow of the rain guttering to warrant us
		needing to pay for this. In respect of SC-2016-007
		and 008:- Who instructed this work? why was it needed?

Drain View Ltd SC-2016-006 SC-2016-006/2 pp. R208 & R209	<u>260.00</u> <u>260.00</u>	<u>39.87</u>	0.00	See above. We do not accept this invoice. Why are we using companies that aren't VAT registered? We do not believe that this invoice is genuine and the works were not needed. Works underground that we can't see, like the roof repairs. See above response in 2015 for Drainview – i.e. the

				comments made for J Interiors work to the rainwater goods
AWR Roofing <u>SC-2016-009</u> p. R214	1,470.00	<u>163.33</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice, why was the work needed on the roof again? There is no proof that the work was carried out or required. Why did you not consult leaseholders - so much work on the roof, it may have been more cost effective to do some major works instead of constant repairs. Are you not advised of the state of the roof each time a company does works on the roof? are they not giving you

		advice on repairing the whole roof?
		whole roof?

MPM Building				
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<u>Professional Fees</u>				We do not accept these invoices because they are
<u>SC-2016-010</u>	<u>600.00</u>	<u>66.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	from your ex-business
p. R215				partner, the works are expensive and exaggerated
<u>SC-2016-011</u>	<u>540.00</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	to benefit MPM.
<u>p. R216</u>				We'd like to see the reports and the requests
<u>SC-2016-012</u>	<u>240.00</u>	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	from lessees for this work.
<u>p. R217</u>				<u>In respect of SC-2016-</u> 010:-
<u>SC-2016-014</u>	<u>540.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	This charge is excessive
p. R219				

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ADS & Associates Ltd SC-2016-016 p. R221	<u>540.00</u>	0.00	0.00	We do not accept this. What was the report for? Why did we need this? Can you provide the report for this?
<u>Surrey Groundworks</u> <u>SC-2016-017</u> p. R222	450.00	<u>34.50</u>	0.00	

		We do not accept this invoice. This company is another company owned by your ex-business partner and the works carried out seem to be in preparation for the bungalow development at the back of the property which is nothing to do with Ripon or Ripley residents. Mr MacEvoy is carrying out drainage work that he has instructed his
		company to carry out?

Andrew Harris SC-2016-021 2 PARTS pp. R253 & R254	1,222.40	<u>87.31</u>	<u>87.17</u>	We do not accept this invoice. There are no invoice numbers for this company to reference. We do not believe this invoice is genuine. We'd like proof from the company that the work was carried out. The company doesn't exist according to Companies House. No website.
Bowden Property Investment				

<u>SC-2016-022</u> p. R255	2,925.00	225.00	120.00	Is this reasonable? The management of the building is poor which can be reflected in the witness statements.
2017				
MPM Building Excellence Professional Fees SC-2017-005 p. R262 SC-2017-007 p. R264 SC-2017-008 p. R265	360.00 450.00 450.00	<u>40.00</u> <u>50.00</u> <u>50.00</u>	0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices because they are from your ex business partner, the works are expensive and exaggerated to benefit MPM. We'd like to see all reports made for all of these invoices from MPM and lessees. In respect of SC-2017-005:- This is for Flat 6
				In respect of SC-2017- 007:- Attending flat 6 again, why so many visits? poor management

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Assured Preservations				
SC-2017-006 p. R263	1,716.00	190.67	0.00	We do not accept this invoice, we contacted this company to confirm the
<u>SC-2017-009</u>	2,721.60	302.40	0.00	amount. Assured

p. R266				Preservations told us this isn't an invoice from them
<u>SC-2017-010</u>	<u>1,612.80</u>	<u>179.20</u>	<u>0.00</u>	as their invoice is
<u>p. R267</u>				different, but they did
				carry out some work in relation to the invoice
				number, but the price is
				nowhere near what you
				are invoicing residents. Assured Preservations
				sent us the original invoice
				for the job, and it is very
				different to the one you
				are using, why?
				In respect of SC-2017-
				006:- Why did you send us an
				invoice with different
				amounts to the original
				one? Original invoice has been edited with a higher
				charge from you, why is
				this? Why wouldn't you
				send the original invoice?
				In respect of SC-2017-
				<u>009:-</u>
				We have the original invoice with the original
				amount, why have you
				edited the invoice to
				<u>charge lessees more?</u>
				In respect of SC-2017-
				<u>010:-</u> Works to Flat 2
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<u>J Interiors</u>				
<u>SC-2017-011</u> <u>p. R268</u>	108.00	12.00	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. SC-2017-011: Why are we
<u>SC-2017-015</u> p. R272	420.00	32.31	0.00	paying for works on flat 2?
<u>SC-2017-016</u> p. R273	300.00	33.33	<u>0.00</u>	SC-2017-015 Who provided the scaffolding? And why more works on the roof? SC-2017-016: works for flat(s) that aren't ours. Why are we paying for this? Why is all this work needed? Is this work required?
				In respect of SC-2017- 011:- Works to Flat 2
				In respect of SC-2017- 015:- Was this work necessary? who instructed the work?

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			<u>In respect of SC-2017-</u> <u>016:-</u>
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			Includes flat A so should
			be split 14 ways if the
			work was carried out.
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Northway Electrical Services SC-2017-012 p. R269	289.44	32.16	0.00	We do not accept this invoice – We believe this company isn't genuine. Can we see the report? When was this work carried out? no date on invoice., how do you know when it is for?

Patrick Bishop				
<u>SC-2017-013</u> p. R270	66.00	7.33	0.00	We do not accept this invoice, there is no
SC-2017-014 p. R271	110.00	12.22	0.00	company name on the invoice, no details at all. The company can't be found online. Who is this company? We don't believe that it is a genuine company. Why are we paying for someone to check a ceiling rose in another flat? In respect of SC-2017-013:- Work on Flat 6 In respect of SC-2017-014:- Replacing columbus light switch

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AVS Building and Maintenance SC-2017-017/018 p. R274	2,125.00	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. The company does not exist anywhere online. The Invoice looks disingenuous and where was this work done? Can you provide proof for this work?

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Andrew Harris SC-2017-019 p. R275 SC-2017-020 p. R276 SC-2017-021 p. R277 SC-2017-022 part p. R289	890.00 980.00 220.00 240.00	63.57 70.00 15.71 169.23 Sub-total 318.51	Sub-total 264.23	We do not accept this invoice. Invoice SC-2017-019 is regarding removing garage doors, boundary walls and hiring of a skip – this development belongs to you, why are we paying for this? SC-2017-020: what is grounds maintenance? Why are we paying for this twice a month? What are the 'arisings' from the site that need disposing of?
Bowden Property Investment SC-2016-022* Respondents' note: Mis-labelled by the Applicants. SC-2017-025 p. R339	2,925.00	225.00	120.00	Is this reasonable? The management of the building is poor which can be reflected in the witness statements.

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Drain View Ltd				
<u>SC-2018-004</u> p. R345	420.00	32.31	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Why does the same
<u>SC-2018-005</u> p. R346	120.00	9.23	0.00	expensive job have to be carried out 3 times in one
<u>SC-2018-006</u> p. R347	420.00	32.31	0.00	None of these invoices have invoice numbers from the company. We do not believe the company is genuine and the work was not needed. Why are we using companies that aren't VAT registered? Can we have some proof of the works? In respect of SC-2018-004 and 006:- See above response in 2015. In respect of SC-2018- 005:- Why couldn't this work be carried out when they attended above to do the same work

Northway Electrical Services SC-2018-007 D. R348					
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p. R348	SC-2018-007	342.00	38.00	38.00	We do not accept this
$ \underline{SC-2018-008} $ $ \underline{420.00} $ $ \underline{46.67} $ $ \underline{0.00} $ the light switch again that					invoice/s.
<u> </u>	<u>SC-2018-008</u> p. R349	420.00	46.67	0.00	the light switch again that was refitted brand new 6

<u>SC-2018-009</u> p. R350	357.60	39.73	0.00	months ago by Patrick Bishop? Why does it need replacing again? We do not believe any of
<u>SC-2018-010</u> p. R351	1,374.00	<u>152.67</u>	0.00	this work is genuine. There is no information on
<u>SC-2018-011</u> p. R352	342.00	38.00	38.00	this company for us to find out what work they do? can you provide proof of
<u>SC-2018-012</u> p. R353	894.00	99.33	0.00	the work? Inspection report? Service report?
<u>SC-2018-019</u> p. R363	361.08	40.12	0.00	<u>In respect of SC-2018-</u> 008:-
<u>SC-2018-027</u> p. R373	399.42	44.38	0.00	Columbus light switch was replaced by Patrick Bishop last year 30.9.16 - why does it need replacing again?
				In respect of SC-2018- 009:- Paying for another test?
				In respct of SC-2018-010:- Why were 3 visits needed? In visit 1 Northway Electrical were able to identify and fix fault, why
				couldn't they do this for flat 2? Why couldn't they do what they did in visit 2 in visit 1? poor
				management here. 3 visits were not necessary. Also
				why couldn't they do this job in April when they visited and saw the fault.
				Why have they come back 3/4 months later to fix it? Surely as a statutory
				requirement it should be done sooner if it's a requirement?
				In respect of SC-2018-012:-
				Why are we carrying out a 'major fire alarm service'

		when we pay twice monthly for the 'automatic fire detection test' is this not the same thing? Where were the life detectors renewed? as some were renewed in the April visit.
		In respect of SC-2018-019:- This is for work in flat 2 In respect of SC-2018-027:- as above - replacing another 2 smoke detectors.
		so far 10 have been replaced this year.

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<u>J Interiors</u> <u>SC-2018-013</u>	336.00	<u>25.85</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. This company
p. R354	200 00	22.15	0.00	dissolved in 2017 and doesn't exist at the time of
<u>SC-2018-016</u> p. R358	288.00	22.15	0.00	invoicing. Why are you using a company that doesn't exist? Can J
<u>SC-2018-017</u> p. R360	330.00	25.38	0.00	Interiors provide bank statements showing payments received? This
SC-2018-018 p. R362	120.00	0.00	0.00	company is used several times for works that are
<u>SC-2018-021</u> p. R365	390.00	30.00	0.00	<u>vague and we don't believe</u> <u>have happened. Who</u> <u>provided the scaffolding</u>
<u>SC2018-023</u> p. R368	280.00	31.11	0.00	for the works in SC-2018- 021 that was needed but we wasn't billed for?

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<u>SC-2018-032</u> p. R379 <u>SC-2018-033</u> p. R381 <u>SC-2018-035</u> p. R383	1,488.00 1,740.00 1,242.00	114.46 193.33 138.00	0.00 0.00 0.00	In respect of SC-2018-013 As above - why is this work needed? can we see the letter you sent to residents. If residents are not listening maybe a different form of communication would be
р. К363				helpful?
				In respect of SC-2018-016 As above
				In respect of SC-2018-017 As above roof works
				In respect of SC-2018-023 Waste removal, we fail to understand what all the waste removal is for -
				clearing the rear of the property from the work you are carrying out for
				your development? We refuse to accept invoices for rubbish removal as you were editing invoices
				from london rubbish, removing the addresses they worked at and the
				pictures they took and writing Ripon House and charging us for rubbish not at our building.
				In respect of SC-2018-032 Who instructed this work and why?
				In respect of SC-2018-033 What 2 rooms beneath flat 3? There aren't any rooms beneath it other then
				another flat. Waste clearance - with 2 skips? honestly where is all this
				rubbish coming from considering many invoices from the comapnies

		carrying out work say on the invoice that they remove their rubbish. See above regarding fake invoices to London Rubbish.
		In respect of SC-2018-035 Includes flat A so should be split 14 ways

London Rubbish SC-2018-014 p. R356	130.00	10.00	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. London Rubbish was another company we contacted to get clarity on the amount. They sent us the original invoices NONE of them are addressed to Ripon House, you have changed the amounts and the addresses on these invoices and charged us, Why? Photographic evidence has been provided of rubbish at different addresses being removed that is NOT Ripon House. Why would you do that?

			We do not accept these
360.00	0.00	0.00	invoices because they are from your ex business partner, the works are
450.00	50.00	0.00	expensive and exaggerated to benefit MPM. Can we see all reports and requests from lessees and
480.00	53.33	0.00	photos taken? In respect of SC-2018-022
360.00	40.00	0.00	Does not apply to flat 5. Should be split 14 ways includes Ripley House.
96.00	10.67	0.00	High cost compared to the job carried out.
312.00	34.67	0.00	In respect of SC-2018-028 This is for work in flat 2
600.00	66.67	0.00	In respect of SC-2018-030 Should be split 14 ways as covers grounds - car park. Is a surveyor visit
<u>216.00</u>	<u>16.62</u>	0.00	necessary?
			In respect of SC-2018-034 Why did the surveyor need to be involved with this? How much was the job and where is the invoice from Addiscombe security?
			In respect of SC-2018-036 This job includes flat A - see above
			In respect of SC-2018-037 No invoice for this and on final account document this says its for Ripley House, why are MPM sending an invoice to Ripon house for this in your bundle but this isnt
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		shown on your final account?

Hedges and Sons SC-2018-020 p. R364	192.00	0.00	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. We do not believe that this invoice is genuine - the company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required.
Phipps Electrical Solutions	294.00	42.67	42.65	TT
<u>SC-2018-024</u> p. R370	384.00	42.67	42.67	Happy to pay this once we have seen the report.
<u>SC-2018-025</u> p. R371	<u>540.00</u>	0.00	0.00	
Andrew Harris				

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<u>SC-2018-026</u> p. R372	35.00	2.69	2.69	We do not accept this invoice – We do not believe that this invoice is
<u>SC-2018-038</u> p. R387	1,420.00	109.23	100.00	genuine, and the works carried out are not
SC-2018-039 p. R389	220.00	16.92	0.00	necessary. What is grounds maintenance? Why do we need it to be carried out so often? On top of all the other maintenance costs of the building? What needs disposing of? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required. In respect of SC-2018-038 Waste clearance twice a month for 1 year, why? what rubbish? As well as additional rubbish removal costs above. In respect of SC-2018-039 Do you have a contract with Andrew Harris? Can we see it? laying rocksalt- weather Dec 11: 2 degrees, light rain partly sunny. 5th Feb: 2 degrees, overcast. 7th Feb: 1 degree, passing clouds. 26 Feb: 0 degrees, partly cloudy. 1st March: -4 passing clouds. Was rocksalt really necessary?

Surrey Groundworks				
<u>SC-2018-031</u> p. R377	330.00	<u>25.38</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. This company is another company owned
<u>SC-2018-038a</u> p. R388	995.00	<u>76.54</u>	0.00	by your ex business partner and the works carried out are in preparation for the bungalow development at the back of the property which is nothing to do with Ripon or Ripley
				residents.
				In respect of SC-2018-031 why was this work needed? Mr MacEvoy suggesting work for his company to carry out?
				In respect of SC2018-038a Comment in the Scotts schedule doesn't match the
				invoice description which says 'rear of garden' so the rear of the garden is having works. Also who
				requested landscaping works? this isn't a job for the lessor to 'just do' - includes skip hire for rubbish
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BM Arboriculture <u>SC-2018-040</u> p. R390	2,030.00	<u>153.87</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Why was this work needed?

				We'd like proof from the company that the work was carried out. We do not believe that this company exists. Work at the rear of the property - why are we paying for this?
Bowden Property Investment SC-2018-044 p. R452	2,925.00	225.00	100.00	We do not see this as fair and reasonable. The management of the building is poor which can

				be reflected in the witness statements.
2019				
<u>SC-2019-001 - p. R457</u> <u>SC-2019-016 - p. R476</u> <u>SC-2019-017 - p. R477</u> <u>SC-2019-021 - p. R481</u> <u>SC-2019-024 - p. R486</u> <u>SC-2019-026 - p. R489</u> <u>SC-2019-027 - p. R491</u> <u>SC-2019-028 - p. 493</u> <u>SC-2019-030 - p. R495</u> <u>SC-2019-035 - p. R506</u> <u>SC-2019-036 - p. R507</u>	11,298.00 150.00 320.00 1450.00 390.00 950.00 504.00 180.00 690.00 417.60 288.00	1,129.80 16.67 35.56 161.11 43.33 105.60 56.00 20.00 76.67 0.00 0.00	0.00 16.67 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept this invoice. This company dissolved in 2017 and doesn't exist. In respect of SC-2019-017 Doesnt apply to flat 5. Who instructed this work? Mr MacEvoy from MPM surveyors or Mr MacEvoy at Surrey Groundwork? In respect of SC-2019-021 More roofing works? In respect of SC-2019-28 and SC-2019-29 (Redhill Scaffolding see below) Who carried this out? where's the invoice, whats the description? In respect of SC-2019-026 and 027 What does this mean? who carried out the work and where? In respect of SC-2019-024

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		as above in 2015, what does this involve when
		compared to the ich helow
		compared to the job below and vice versa?

MPM Building				
Excellence SC-2019-001* p. R457 Respondents' note: Mis-labelled by the Applicants. This is an insurance certificate.	1,620.00	162.00	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept these invoices because they are from your ex-business partner, the works are expensive and exaggerated to benefit MPM. Can we see all reports and
SC-2019-031 a p. R497 SC-2019-031 b	984.00 1,020.00	<u>61.45</u> <u>63.70</u>	0.00 0.00	requests from lessees and photos taken?

p. R498				In respect of SC-2019- 031a
<u>SC-2019-031 c</u> p. R499	660.00	41.22	0.00	Which competitive tenders? Who decides
<u>SC-2019-031 d</u> p. R500	480.00	<u>29.97</u>	0.00	this? Mr MacEvoy or the management company?
<u>SC-2019-031 e</u> p. R501	420.00	<u>26.23</u>	0.00	In respect of SC-2019- 031b In total for both Ripon &
SC-2019-031f p. R502	1,026.00	64.08	0.00	Ripley, these 6 jobs amount to £4590.00. £2580 apportioned to Ripon
<u>SC-2019-034</u> p. R505	<u>168.00</u>	0.00	0.00	House but from my calculations £2,124 is the correct amount for Ripon House.
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				In respect of SC-2019-031c Works on flat 8
				In respect of SC-2019- 031d Works on flat 0
				Works on flat 9

Northway Electrical				
Services				
SC-2019-005 /1	333.60	<u>37.06</u>	0.00	We do not accept this
<u>p. R464</u>				invoice/s. The fire alarm
				seems to be failing every
SC-2019-005/2	333.60	<u>37.06</u>	0.00	year and needs constant
<u>p. R465</u>				maintenance from this
SC 2010 006	550.00	<i>C</i> 1 11	0.00	company, why? The
SC-2019-006 p. R466	<u>550.00</u>	<u>61.11</u>	0.00	wording in this invoice is almost word for word with
p. 13400				the wording used in
SC-2019-007	360.00	40.00	0.00	invoices from J Interiors
p. R467	22200		_ 	invoices in 2018. We do
				not believe that these
SC-2019-009	<u>345.60</u>	<u>38.40</u>	0.00	invoices are genuine. No
p. R469				website, so we can't check
				what the company
				specialise in – can you
				provide proof of the work?
				Inspection report? Service report?
				Set vice report?
				In respect of SC-2019-06
				What repairs? invoice
				doesn't specify what this is

		In respect of SC-2019-007, 008 & 009 Which invoice does this work refer to? cannot find an invoice to match this amount. which company carried out the work? what lighting and where did this work take place? In respect of SC-2019-005 No invoice for this work?

Patrick Bishop <u>SC-2019-008</u> p. R468	90.00	10.00	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. This company is carrying out the same work as the above company – replacing lights? Why don't you use one company for these things? there is no company name on the invoice, no details at all. The company can't be found online. Who is this company? We don't believe that it is a genuine company.
Surrey Groundworks SC-2019-010				

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<u>p. R470</u>	<u>290.00</u>	<u>22.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this
				invoice. The Surveyor
<u>SC-2019-019</u>				owns this company, so is
p. R479	<u>865.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	recommending work to
				the landlord for his
SC-2019-032				company to carry out?
p. R503	468.60	0.00	0.00	How is this reasonable and
<u></u>		3333	3333	fair?
SC-2019-038				The wording used in these
p. R511	120.00	13.33	0.00	invoices and those for
<u>p. 1311</u>	120.00	13.33	0.00	AWR Roofing are more or
SC-2019-039				less the same, why is this
	260.00	25.71	0.00	
<u>p. R512</u>	<u>360.00</u>	<u>25.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	when they are different
				companies?
<u>SC-2019-043</u>		1.50 - 4		London Rubbish was
pp. R516 & R517	<u>1,941.96</u>	<u>138.71</u>	<u>0.00</u>	invoiced for by your
				surveyor who is also
<u>SC-2019-044</u>				charging here for more
pp. 518 & R519	3,273.60		0.00	<u>rubbish removal – we do</u>
				not see this as genuine, as
				the invoices for rubbish
				removal aren't true. This
				company is another
				company owned by your
				ex-business partner and
				the works carried out are
				in preparation for the
				bungalow development at
				the back of the property
				which is nothing to do
				with Ripon or Ripley
				<u>residents.</u>
				In respect of SC-2019-010
				Barry MacEvoy again
				directing himself to do the
				work?
				<u></u>
				In respect of SC-2019-038
				Waste removal, we do not
				believe waste was there to
				-
				be removed, like it was
				suggested there was for
				London Rubbish to
				remove in previous years
				before.
				In respect of SC-2019-043
				& 044

				What is this work? No information is provided.
				In respect of SC-2019-039 Mr MacEvoy instructing himself to do work again
Drain View Ltd				
<u>SC-2019-011</u> p. R471	120.00	9.20	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. No invoice numbers are on invoice.
<u>SC-2019-012</u> p. R472	120.00	9.20	0.00	Why are we using companies that aren't VAT registered? Invoice
<u>SC-2019-013</u> p. R473	650.00	49.83	0.00	description is very similar wording to that used in invoices from J Interiors
<u>SC-2019-014</u> p. R474	384.00	29.44	0.00	and NorthWay Electrical services? Why is this? We do not believe that the
<u>SC-2019-015</u> p. R475	120.00	9.20	0.00	work is genuine. This company has no website. Can we see the CCTV?
				In respect of SC-2019-013 and 014 Who carried out this work and where?

Redhill Scaffolding				
SC-2019-018 p. R478 SC-2019-022	2,250.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. This company belongs to you. We don't
p. 483	804.00	89.33	<u>0.00</u>	believe this work was carried out or needed.
<u>SC-2019-029</u> p. R494	600.00	<u>66.67</u>	<u>0.00</u>	You are working with your ex business partner who instructs the work. He uses his company, Surrey Groundworks to deliver the work and you use your company to provide the scaffolding and we are billed for

		unnecessary work from companies that you and your business partner own, how is that fair and reasonable?
		In respect SC-2019-018 This is your company carrying out the work, did you compare prices with other scaffold companies?
		In respect of SC-2019-29 and SC-2019-28 (J Interiors see above) Who carried this out? where's the invoice, whats the description?
		In respect of SC-2019-022 2 lots of scaffolding were provided by the same company on the same day? see above. What work was this needed for?

J Batts Scaffolding				
<u>SC-2019-020</u> p. R480	1,400.00	<u>155.56</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice – why was this
<u>SC-2019-025</u> p. R488	750.00	83.33	0.00	scaffolding needed? And why was major costs spent

AWR Roofing <u>SC-2019-023</u> pp. R484 & R485	2,250.00	250.00	0.00	on scaffolding works (this and above) needed within 2 months of each other? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required. We do not accept this invoice – more work on the roof valley? We have paid a few times for this in previous years, why does it keep needing repairs? The company doesn't exist according to Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required.
Andrew Harris <u>SC-2019-033</u> p. R504 <u>SC-2019-040</u> p. R513 <u>SC-2019-041</u> p. R514 <u>SC-2019-042</u>	80.00 1,460.00 352.00 130.00	0.00 104.29 25.14 9.29	0.00 95.00 0.00	We do not accept this invoice. SC-2019-033 is for work on Ripley House. Invoice SC-2019-045 says clean carpet, have you seen the carpet? It needs repairing, see photos in bundle. The company doesn't exist according to
p. R515 SC-2019-045 B p. R521	420.00	46.66	0.00	Companies House, there's no website or proof that the work was carried out or required. In respect of SC-2019-040

				Waste removal - What grounds maintenance? and what is being carted away? In respect of SC-2019-041 Weather 3rd - 24th January 2013: high: 12 degrees low: 0 weather 3rd Feb:4-7 degrees weather 26th March: 3-5 degrees - is it really necessary to lay rocksalt? And why only lay rocksalt on those days, why wasn't it laid on the other predicted snow days? In respect of SC-2019-042 waste clearance - Andrew Harris was removing waste in Invoice sc-2019-040 twice a month in January - why was he back for more waste removal? what is all this waste?
Bromley Financial Services SC-2019-037 pp. R509 & R510	314.86	24.22	0.00	What is this for? What containers? For more rubbish? Is this genuine for Ripon/Ripley house or for your development at the back? How do we know? Why did we hire bins from Bromley council? what for?

Baytree SC-2019-045A p. R520	1,782.00	<u>169.23</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Have you seen the communal area? Why are we spending this amount of money to keep the communal area clean when it's falling apart, wouldn't it be better to invest in some new carpet? Paint? Instead of paying a company that doesn't exist? Who is this company? No details van be found about what they do.
Bowden Property Services SC-2019-048 p. R558	3,100.00	238.46	125.00	We do not accept this invoice. The management company are sending fake invoices to leaseholders.
2020				
<u>Baytree</u>				

SC-2020-006	952.00	105.78	0.00	We do not accept this
<u>p. R596</u>				invoice.
SC-2020-007	560.00	0.00	0.00	We believe the company is not genuine. Contact
<u>p. R597</u>				details on all the invoices
SC-2020-019	1,176.00	90.46	90.46	for this company have the contact details faint and
p. R616				difficult to read.
				Can't get through to the company with the
				telephone number, no
				information online to say what the company
				specialise in.
<u>J Interiors</u>				
SC-2020-008 A	<u>696.00</u>	<u>53.54</u>	0.00	We do not accept this
pp. R598 & R599				invoice. This company doesn't exist.
SC-2020-008 B	<u>352.00</u>	<u>27.08</u>	0.00	Why are you invoicing us
pp. R600 & R601				from a company that doesn't exist?
<u>SC-2020-012</u>	<u>720.00</u>	0.00	0.00	
pp. R607 & R608				In respect of SC-2020- 008a and 008B
SC-2020-014	728.00	80.89	0.00	More works on drainage
pp. R610 & R611				In respect of SC-2020-014
				Roof works
				In respect of SC-2020-028

420.00	46.66	0.00	We do not believe that these invoices are genuine or reasonable. When we
420.00	46.66	0.00	call the company we are told unable to help. Causes suspicion. Can you
222.00	24.67	0.00	provide an inspection report as mentioned in the invoice?
			In respect of SC-2020-009 A and 009 B See above – 2015
			In respect of SC-2020-023 is this work genuine? no date on invoice, how do you know when the work was completed? How can you keep accurate records without this info?
-	420.00	420.00 46.66	420.00 46.66 0.00

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<u>MPM</u>				
SC-2020-010 pp. R604 & R605	480.00	36.92	0.00	Can we see report from Cardinus Risk
<u>SC-2020-011</u> p. R606	866.00	96.22	0.00	Management? Can we see the timesheets? Can we see the emailed
SC-2020-013 p. R609	180.00	0.00	0.00	report? Includes a site visit to J Interiors, a company that doesn't exist? Can you
SC-2020-015 p. R612	264.00	29.33	0.00	explain this? Charging us for Mr MacEvoy to visit
<u>SC-2020-017</u> p. R614	220.00	16.92	0.00	Drainview? Why? Can we see the report?
<u>SC-2020-022</u> p. R621	384.00	42.67	0.00	In respect of SC-2020-10 Why was a re-inspection needed? could management not have done this?
				In respect of SC-2020-11 Not for our flat
				In respect of SC-2020-15 Why is a report needed and overseeing of the work, J Interiors has done extensive work on the property by now surely they are a trusted company that do not need supervising
				In respect of SC-2020-17 why is a supervisory site visit necessary from Mr MacEvoy? it's a trusted company as you wrote in your scotts schedule
				In respect of SC-2020-22 Flat 5 belongs to us and a surveyor was not necessary for this work

Drainview Ltd SC-2020-016 p. R613	2,180.00	<u>167.69</u>	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. It is not reasonable. Can we see the CCTV footage? In respect of SC-2020-016 Drainage works

LMD Developments	1,150.00	127.78	<u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice, it's another company owned by your surveyor/friend/ ex business partner we do not believe that this work was carried out. In respect of SC-2020-018 What gate and frame is this? why was this work needed? it's your company carrying out the work?

London Rubbish SC-2020-021 a p. R619 SC-2020-021 b p. R620	<u>198.00</u> <u>105.00</u>	15.23 8.08	<u>0.00</u> <u>0.00</u>	This is not a genuine invoice. Why have you edited the invoice to claim is it for Ripon House when the invoice shows the works
				and photos of another property?

Assured Preservations SC-2020-024 p. R623	330.00	36.67	0.00	Do not accept this invoice, as this is not a genuine invoice provided by Assured Preservation In respect of SC-2020-024 Ripley
M&S Reversionary <u>SC-2020-025</u> <u>p. R624</u>	3,966.00	305.08	<u>130.00</u>	We do not accept this because the property is not being managed well and we are being invoiced for companies that do not exist and being invoiced from companies that aren't genuine.

Andrew Harris				
SC-2020-026 p. R625 SC-2020-027	1,920.00 255.00	<u>137.14</u> <u>18.21</u>	<u>100.00</u> <u>0.00</u>	We do not accept this invoice. More rubbish removal, how do we know this is true when you have edited previous invoices
p. R626 <u>SC-2020-028</u> p. R627	<u>260.00</u>	<u>18.57</u>	<u>0.00</u>	for rubbish removal? Why does Ripon/Ripley house produce so much rubbish? This company are also
<u>SC-2020-032</u>	<u>247.50</u>	<u>17.68</u>	0.00	being paid to remove rubbish?
p. R632				In respect of SC-2020-026 What arisings were carted away? Why so much rubbish? In respect of SC-2020-027
				Weather: 19 Jan: 3 degrees 6 FEb: 11 degrees 26 Feb: 6 degrees 3 March: 6 degrees

		In respect of SC-2020-028 Invoice states different to what's on final demand, why is this? and who instructed this work? why was it needed?
		In respect of SC-2020-032 Why was this work needed?

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Surrey Groundworks				
SC-2020-029				
<u>SC-2020-029</u> p. R628	<u>180.00</u>	12.86	<u>0.00</u>	

<u>SC-2020-030</u> p. R629	<u>960.00</u>	<u>68.57</u>	0.00	We do not accept these invoices because they are instructed by your surveyor who owns this
<u>SC-2020-031</u> pp. R630 & R631	<u>1,650.00</u>	<u>117.86</u>	0.00	company. This is not fair or reasonable.
<u>SC-2020-033</u> p. R633	440.00	31.43	0.00	In respect of SC-2020-029 Why was the fence being replaced? is this to do with your development?
				In respect of SC-2020-030 More work to the back of the property
				In respect of SC-2020-031 more work to the back of the property
				In respect of SC-2020-033 Who instructed this work?

2021		

Many of the comments made by the Tenants in 2021 relate to arguments advanced above that have follow.

Accordingly, the Landlords have only picked out issues where they believe further responses are n

<u>In examining several hundred invoices, only a handful – all from London Rubbish – have found to explanation for these invoices and, if the Landlords cannot at present explain the charges, it is equentiate towards the costs.</u>

Baytree 12 invoices all with no invoice number pp. R680 – R691	108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00 108.00	7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56	7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56 7.56	We do not accept these invoices. Why haven't these invoices got numbers on. The communal stairway needs repairing not cleaning. We do not believe that this work has been carried out.
J Interiors 10 invoices with no invoice number pp. R692 & R693 pp. R694 & R695 p. R700 Major Works final, see SC-2019-001 above pp. R712 & R713 pp. R715 & R716 p. R728	370.00 370.00 13,134.00 1,185.00 135.00	28.45 38.45 183.60 91.15 0.00	$ \begin{array}{c} 0.00 \\ 0.00 \\ 0.00 \end{array} $ $ \frac{0.00}{0.00} $	We do not accept invoices from this company as they do not exist. In respect of R693 & R694 Drainage In respect of R712 More repairs and renewals to the roof. In respect of SC-2020-028

pp. R734 & R735 p. R736 p. R738 pp. R741 & R742	254.40 1,270.00 216.00 216.00 168.00	28.27 141.11 0.00 0.00 18.67	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	Works on flat 9 - water ingress again. In respect of SC-2020-738 This was for leak under the sink, this is our flat and we have 24/7 drainage cover on our flat and had the management company made us aware we could have this resolved on the same day. We'd expect someone to knock at the door explaining there may be a leak from our flat and for us to fix it. We are happy to send photos of our flat too as it is described in the invoice quite rudely as 'in state of poor repair'. In respect of R741 Work on flat 8 and water again.
Northway Electrical services 6 invoices with no invoice number p. R696 p. R697 p. R708 p. R721 p. R731 p. R732	420.00 420.00 924.00 300.00 147.86 396.60	46.67 46.66 102.67 33.33 16.43 44.07	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices. We do not believe that the work was carried out. Why are we charged for 3 visits because of access problems? Can we see the test reports? In respect of R696 and R697 A lot of electrical work this year

				In respect of R708 More electrical work In respect of R721 Changing smoke detectors again and emergency lights In respect of R731 New emergency lights being fitted again. In respect of R732 a fault with lighting even though it is tested every 6 months unecessarily according to the site mentioned in 2015 for JOB 10.
MPM Building Excellence 8 invoices with no invoice number pp. R698 & R699 p. R701 Major Works final, see above p. R705 p. R714 p. R717 p. R729 p. R730 p. R737	480.00 1,620.00 196.80 384.00 570.00 150.00 150.00	$\frac{36.92}{162.00}$ $\frac{21.87}{29.54}$ $\frac{0.00}{41.67}$ $\frac{11.54}{0.00}$	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices. We do not believe that this work was carried out. In respect of R698 Amount seems excessive. In respect of R705 Flat 2 seem to report lots of work that lessees have to pay for. In respect of R714 Mr MacEvoy overseeing roofing works from a genuine company trusted by management who have been doing works on the roof for the last 10 years. In respect of R729 Works on flat 9 - water ingress again. In respect of R730

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				Invoice states Ripley House
M&S Reversionary No invoice number p. R702 Management charge on S20 Major Works, see above	<u>560.00</u>	<u>56.00</u>	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Managing work that hasn't taken place or was needed.
Andrew Harris RIP60 – p. R703 RIP61 – p.R747 RIP62 – p.R750 RIP63 – p. R744 RIP64 – p. R743	1,050.00 760.00 50.00 245.00 1,720.00	75.00 54.28 3.58 17.50 122.86	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 100.00	RIP60 is for 3 bins, Why have you paid so much? I have found the same bins with free delivery for almost half the price – www.yellowshield.co.uk Why are you not working for the best interests of your lessees? In respect of RIP60 These bins can be found cheaper on line - in the same spec. In respect of RIP64 What arisings were carted away? Why so much rubbish? In respect of RIP63 Weather 28th Dec: 3 degrees. 7th Jan: 3 degrees. 22nd Jan: 7 degrees. 8th Feb: -1 degrees. 6th April: 6 degrees. It wasn't necessary for rocksalt on all these dates. In respect of R750 Invoice specifies 'rear of
				site' In respect of R747

				Invoice refers to 'fitting of fence posts' - this is to seperate your development from Ripon House, this benefits you.
Drainview 6 invoices with no invoice number p. R704 p. R710 p. R718 p. R719 p. R720 p. R723	450.00 780.00 140.00 140.00 140.00 220.00	34.61 60.00 10.76 10.76 10.76 16.92	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices. No invoice numbers from you or the company. How can you keep your accounts up to date without this? In respect of R704 Drainage works In respect of R710 Drainage works

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				In respect of R718,R719 & R720 Drainage work again In respect of R723 Drainage
Central communications 2 invoices, No invoice number p. R707 p. R709	300.00 175.00	33.33 19.44	0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices. We do not believe the work was carried out. Telephone number called and answered by lady saying we had wrong number? Why is this? In respect of R707 We've just had our phone entry system reinstalled that we paid for ourselves - this is a cost to our flat that we were happy to pay. No call out charge for a surveyor to do a report or investigate and no companies in your list of companies to carry out the work - can you explain more about this job? In respect of R709 See above R707 comments.
J Batts Scaffolding No invoice number p. R711	<u>1,050.00</u>	80.77	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. Company cannot be contacted. We do not

				believe that the work was carried out.
				In respect of R711 Drainage works
AWR Roofing No invoice number p. R722	235.00	18.08	0.00	We do not accept this invoice. We do not think the company is genuine. Do you have proof of the works carried out? Invoice states Ripley House
London Rubbish 4 invoices, No invoice numbers p. R724 p. R725 p. R726 p. R727	230.00 190.00 119.00 221.00	17.69 14.61 9.15 17.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept any of these invoices as you have changed the amounts and the addresses to Ripon house when this isn't true. Why did you do this? These have been cleared from the account as they are part of fake invoices sent from Mr Clacy.

The Safety Partnership No invoice number pp. R739 & R740	2,300.00	176.92	0.00	Can we see the logs for this?
				In respect of R739 Covid is an air born virus and this isnt needed at all - huge amount to pay, why were lessees not consulted.

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Surrey Groundworks 3 invoices, No invoice numbers. p. R745 p. R748 p. R749	1,920.00 880.00 744.00	137.14 62.86 53.14	0.00 0.00 0.00	We do not accept these invoices as they are from your ex business partner and friend who is charging for work that his other companies are carrying out. How is this fair or reasonable? In respect of R745 Why was tree Surgery needed? and did Mr MacEvoy instruct his company to carry out this work? In respect of R748 Invoice refers to work on the 'boundary' In respect of R749 Invoice refers to 'boundary'

LMD developments No invoice number 1,460.00 104.29 0.00 The management of the property is poor. We are being invoiced fraudulently.		1	1		
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- *1) Chargeable under lease?
- *2) Reasonable in amount/ standard?
- *3) Correctly demanded?