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

Case Reference	:	LON/00AY/LBC/2015/0022
Property	:	65 Greyhound Lane, Streatham, London SW16 5NW
Applicant	:	<b>Quadron Investments Limited</b>
Representative	:	Salter Rex M. Lamidi (GFF)
Respondents:	:	Mr S Boucher & Ms G Wood (Flat B) Mr D Sendell & Ms T Walsh (Flat C)
Representative	:	N/A
Type of Application	:	Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 Section 20ZA
Tribunal Members	:	Judge Tagliavini Mr. D Jagger MRICS
Date and venue of hearing (paper)	•	10 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7LR
Date of Decision	•	31 March 2015

## DECISION

(1) The tribunal determines that dispensation pursuant to section 20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 shall be granted to the Applicant landlord.

### The application

1. The Applicant seeks a determination pursuant to s.20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 ("the 1985 Act") in relation to roof/gutter works to the subject premises

## The hearing

2. No party requested an oral hearing and therefore the application was determined on the papers only, which comprised a hearing bundle containing the relevant documents from the Applicant.

# 3. <u>The background</u>

- 4. The property, which is the subject of this application, is an end of terrace three-storey property converted into three flats.
- 5. No party requested an inspection and the tribunal did not consider that one was necessary, nor would it have been proportionate to the issues in the application.
- **6.** Respondents hold long leases 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 issues

- 7. The sole issue to be determined buy the tribunal is:
  - (i) Whether the tribunal should exercise its powers to grant a dispensation from the s.20 consultation procedures in respect of works or repair/replacement of the roof and guttering?
- 8. Having considered all the documentary evidence provided, the tribunal has made the following determinations.
  - (i) No objection to the application for dispensation was received by the tribunal from the lessees.
  - (ii) Agreement to the application was received by the tribunal from the lessees of Flat B.

- (iii) No lessee has sought to show there has been prejudiced caused to the by the lack of consultation.
- (iv) The general tone from the available correspondence suggests to the tribunal that the lessees accept that these works are necessary.
- (v) The tribunal is satisfied that the works are necessary and have some element of urgency to them in light of the poor weather and roof conditions.
- (vi) The lessees have been notified previously of the Applicant's intention to carry out these works and have received some notice of them.
- 9. Consequently, the tribunal determines it is appropriate to dispense with the consultation procedures pursuant to s.20 of the Act and grants the dispensation sought by the Applicant.

Signed: Judge Tagliavini

Dated: 31 March 2015