

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference : CHI/24UP/HYI/2017/0002

Property : 46 Harrow Down, Badger Farm,

Winchester, Hampshire SO22 4LZ

Applicant : Winchester City Council

Representative: Kevin Reed, Team Leader Private Sector

Housing

Respondent : Mr Richard Warwick Tapper

Representative :

Type of Application: The approval of an Interim Empty

Dwelling Management Order

Tribunal Member(s) : Judge Tildesley OBE

Date and venue of

Hearing

: 8 April 2019

Havant Justice Centre, The Law Courts,

Elmleigh Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9

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Date of Decision : 8 April 2019

DECISION

- 1. The Tribunal received an application for authorisation to make an Interim Empty Dwelling Management Order (Interim EDMO) for the property in accordance with Section 133 of the Housing Act 2004.
- 2. The property has been continuously vacant since at least July 2009. The proceedings have been ongoing since 4 January 2018, and have been adjourned on various occasions to give Mr Tapper an opportunity to pursue a planning application in respect of the property. Mr Tapper has not been successful with his planning application.
- 3. The Tribunal convened a hearing on 8 April 2019 to determine the application. Mr Khalid Ishmael, Barrister, represented the Council and was accompanied by Mr Reed. Mr Tapper appeared in person.
- 4. At the hearing Mr Tapper agreed to the making of an Interim EDMO for the property. In return the Council undertook the following:
 - To use its best endeavours to obtain best value quotations for the renovation of the property.
 - To keep Mr Tapper informed of the quotations prior to the instruction of contractors to carry out the renovation.
 - Any council tax liability once the Interim EDMO is made will be borne by the Council

Decision

- 5. The Tribunal authorise Winchester City Council to make an interim EDMO in respect of 46 Harrow Down, Badger Farm, Winchester SO22 4LZ with effect from 8 April 2019 for the period of 12 months.
- 6. A copy of the Order is attached.
- 7. The Tribunal records the undertakings given by the Council.