

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case Reference LON/00AT/OLR/2018/1217 :

183 Belfont Close, Feltham, **Property**

Middlesex, TW14 8LQ

Applicant Mr A and Ms D Steer

Representative :

Mr M and Mrs C Smart (or their Respondent

successors in title)

Representative

Determination of terms of collective enfranchisement Type of Application :

(missing landlord)

Tribunal Judge Prof R Percival

Mr L Jarero BSc, FRICS **Tribunal Members**

Date and venue of

8 January 2019

10 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7LR Hearing

Date of Decision 8 January 2019 :

DECISION

Conclusions of the Tribunal

- 1. The vesting order dated 14 August 2018 vested an additional term of 80 years, rather than 90 years.
- 2. The premium is £8,263 for a term of 80 years.
- 3. The premium is £8,160 for a term of 90 years, should the court so amend the vesting order.

Introduction

- 4. The applicant applied in the County Court for a vesting order under Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 in relation to 183 Bedfont Close, Feltham, Middlesex, TW14 8LQ ("the property") under claim number EooBFo55. The leasehold property is registered at HM Land Registry under title number AGL67158.
- 5. On 14 August 2018, Deputy District Judge Shelton sitting at the County Court at Brentford ordered that an additional term of 80 years be vested in the applicants; and that the case be transferred to this Tribunal to determine the premium (if any) and rent to be paid consequential on the vesting order.

Determination

- 6. The applicants have provided a valuation report by P J Roper BSc, FRICS, of London Surrey Surveyors, dated 29 November 2018. The report indicates that the property is a purpose built two bedroomed ground floor maisonette in a detached block of two self-contained maisonettes, constructed in about 1960. It is situated in a residential area close to Heathrow airport, to the west of Feltham town centre. Mr Roper considers that the external condition of the property is in generally good condition, and the interior is in good condition.
- 7. Mr Roper values various improvements to the maisonette over the course of the lease at £8,000.
- 8. Mr Roper gives his general account of the current market in the area, which he describes as static since the end of 2016, with some further slowing of the market, and sliding prices, since that date. He gives details of the sale price achieved by five similar properties in the area.
- 9. The valuation Mr Roper arrives at is a market price of the property in January 2018 as £270,000, ignoring improvements.

- 10. The lease is for a term of 99 years from 24 June 1998, at a peppercorn rent.
- 11. Mr Roper states that he sees no reason to depart from the deferment rate of 5% in *Sportelli*.
- 12. Mr Roper was unable to find market evidence for leases with a similar unexpired term. He considers various relativity graphs. He considers that the Nesbitt and Co graph is the most generally appropriate. Consideration of the market now leads him to adjust the Nesbitt figure slightly down to 95%.
- 13. The valuation for the premium proposed by Mr Roper is £8, 194.
- 14. The Tribunal sees no reason to depart from Mr Roper's valuation in principle. However, we disagree with his calculation of the existing lease term, which we think is 79.43 years rather than 79.48 years. Our valuation above is based on this approach.

Right of appeal

- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. 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.
- 18. 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.
- 19. 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.

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

Name: Tribunal Judge Professor Richard Percival Date: 8 January 2019

First-tier Tribunal: 90 years

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Valuation Date 18 January 2018

Lease 99 years from 24 June 1998

Unexpired term 79.43 yrs Ground rent Peppercorn

Deferment rate 5%
Relativity (freehold to existing lease) 95%
Freehold value £270,000
Long lease value @99% of freehold £267,300
Existing lease value £256,500

Freehold interest

Reversion to freehold value £270,000

PV of £1 in 79.43 years @ 5% 0.02070 £5,589

Proposed

Reversion to freehold value £270,000

PV of £1 in 169.43 years @ 5% 0.000257 £69

Diminution to freehold interest £5,520

Marriage Value Proposed interest

Freeholder £69
Tenant £267,300

£267,369

Existing interest

Freeholder £5,589Tenant £256,500

£262,089

Marriage value £5,280

Marriage value @ 50% £2,640

Premium payable £8,160

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PV of £1 in 159.43 years @ 5% 0.0004186 £113

Diminution to freehold interest £5,476

Marriage Value Proposed interest

Freeholder £113 Tenant £267,300

£267,413

Existing interest

Freeholder £5,589

Tenant £256,500

£262,089 Marriage value £5,324

Marriage value £5,324
Marriage value @ 50% £2,662

Premium payable £8,138