

FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL PROPERTY CHAMBER (RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY)

Case reference	:	LON/00AN/LDC/2022/0210
HMCTS code (paper, video, audio)		P: PAPERREMOTE
Property	:	91 Greyhound Road, Fulham, London W6 8NJ
Applicant	:	Southern Land Securities Limited
Representative	:	N/A
Respondents	:	The three lessees listed in the application
Representative	:	N/A
Type of application	:	Section 20ZA Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 – dispensation from consultation
Tribunal member(s)	:	Judge Tagliavini Ms F Macleod
Venue	:	10 Alfred Place, London WC1E 7LR
Date of decision	:	31 January 2023
DECISION		

The tribunal's summary decision

(1) The tribunal determines it is reasonable and appropriate to grant the applicant, dispensation from consultation pursuant to section 20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 in respect of works to the top floor flat roof to remedy water ingress, carried out by Hamilton Roofs in September 2022 in the sum of £5022.00 (inc. VAT).

The application

- 1. This is an application made pursuant to section 20ZA of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 seeking dispensation from the consultation provisions in respect of works to the top floor flat roof covering the property at 91 Greyhound Road, London W6 8NJ ('the Property'). The Property comprises three self-contained flats in a converted Victorian proport on the ground first and second floors.
- 2. In the application the applicant asserted that water ingress to the top floor flat had been reported. An investigation was carried out and a report prepared by Hamilton Roofs. The identified works were subsequently carried out and invoiced on 20/09/2022 in the sum of £5022.00 (including VAT).
- 3. In accordance with the tribunal's directions dated 21 November 2022, the applicant confirmed that all lessees had been notified of the application and provided with an opportunity to make any objections to it. No responses were received by any of the lessees or any representative either consenting or objecting to the application.

The tribunal's decision

4. In the absence of any objection to the application or any evidence of prejudice caused to the lessees if the application was granted, the tribunal determines that, having regard to the urgent nature of the works it is reasonable to dispense with the consultation requirements of s.20 of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1985 in respect of the flat roof works to the Property.

Name: Judge Tagliavini

Date: 31 January 2023

<u>Rights of appeal</u>

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).