

**Rent Assessment Committee: Summary reasons for decision.****Housing Act 1988****Address of Premises**

1 Heathview Close  
East Finchley  
London  
N2 0PY

**The Committee members were**

Mr S Shaw  
Mr C White FRICS  
Mr J J Tomalin

**1. Background**

On 30 July 2004 the tenant of the above property referred to the Committee a notice of increase of rent served by the landlord under section 13 of the Housing Act 1988.

The landlord's notice, which proposed a rent of £800 per month with effect from 19 August 2004 is dated 13 July 2004.

The tenancy commenced on 19 August 1990 for a term of 1 year. The tenant remains in occupation as a statutory periodic tenant. The current rent is £640.40 per month.

**2. Inspection**

The Committee inspected the property on 18 November 2004 and found it to be in good condition.

The following services are provided for the tenant.  
Garden maintenance and landlord pays water rates.

**3. Evidence**

The committee received written representations from the landlord and these were copied to the parties. No written representations were received from the tenant.

Neither party requested a hearing at which oral representations could be made.

**4. The law**

In accordance with the terms of section 14 Housing Act 1988 the Committee proceeded to determine the rent at which it considered that the subject property might reasonably be expected to be let on the open market by a willing landlord under an assured tenancy.

In so doing the Committee, as required by section 14(1), ignored the effect on the rental value of the property of any relevant tenant's improvements as defined in section 14(2) of that Act.

In coming to its decision the Committee had regard to the evidence supplied by the parties and the members' own general knowledge of market rent levels in the area of East Finchley and concluded that an appropriate market rent for the property would be £800 per month.

## **5. The decision**

The Committee therefore concluded that the rent at which the property might reasonably be expected to be let on the open market would be £800 per month.

This rent will take effect from 19 August 2004 being the date specified by the landlord in the notice of increase.

Chairman: S Shaw

Dated: 18 November 2004

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This document contains a summary of the reasons for the Rent Assessment Committee's decision. If either party requires extended reasons to be given, they will be provided following a written request to the committee clerk which must be made within 28 days from the date of issue of this document.

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