



DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF NICOLA IRVINE, LEGAL MEMBER OF THE FIRST-TIER TRIBUNAL WITH DELEGATED POWERS OF THE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Under Rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber Rules of Procedure 2017 ("the Rules")

in connection with

Flat 0/2, 4 Garturk Street, Glasgow, G42 8JD ("the Property")

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/EV/23/4636

Mr Amanpreet Barhaya, 120 Haggs Road, Glasgow G41 4AT ("the Applicant")

Ms Michaela Popikova, Flat 0/2, 4 Garturk Street, Glasgow, G42 8JD ("the Respondent")

1. The Applicant submitted an application dated 10 December 2023 in terms of Rule 109 of the Rules.

DECISION

2. The Legal Member considered the application in terms of Rule 8 of the Chamber Procedural Rules. That Rule provides:-

Rejection of application

8.—(1) The Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, must reject an application if—

(a) they consider that the application is frivolous or vexatious;

(b) the dispute to which the application relates has been resolved;

(c) they have good reason to believe that it would not be appropriate to accept the application;

(d) they consider that the application is being made for a purpose other than a purpose specified in the application; or

(e) the applicant has previously made an identical or substantially similar application and in the opinion of the Chamber President or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, there has been no significant change in any material considerations since the identical or substantially similar application was determined.

(2) Where the Chamber President, or another member of the First-tier Tribunal, under the delegated powers of the Chamber President, makes a decision under paragraph (1) to reject an application the First-tier Tribunal must notify the applicant and the notification must state the reason for the decision.

- 3. After consideration of the application and the documents submitted by the Applicant in support of same, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected on the basis that it is frivolous within the meaning of Rule 8(1)(a) of the Rules.**

Reasons for Decision

4. 'Frivolous' in the context of legal proceedings is defined by Lord Justice Bingham in *R v North West Suffolk (Mildenhall) Magistrates Court*, (1998) Env LR9. He indicated at page 16 of the judgment; *"What the expression means in this context is, in my view, that the court considers the application to be futile, misconceived, hopeless or academic"*. It is that definition which the Legal Member has considered as the test in this application, and on consideration of this test, the Legal Member considers that this application is frivolous, misconceived and has no prospect of success.
5. On 22 December 2023, the Tribunal issued a letter to the Applicant requesting further information. The Applicant was advised that a response was required by 29 December 2023 and that if the Tribunal did not receive a response, the application may be rejected. No response was received.
6. The Tribunal sent a request for further information to the Applicant by letter of 31

January 2024 and advised that a response was required by 14 February 2024. The Applicant was advised that if the Tribunal did not receive a response, the application may be rejected. No response was received.

7. The Tribunal sent a request for further information to the Applicant by letter of 14 March 2024 and advised that a response was required by 28 March 2024. The Applicant was advised that if the Tribunal did not receive a response, the application may be rejected. No response was received.
8. On 25 March 2024, the Applicant responded by email but did not provide all the information required.
9. The Tribunal sent a request for further information to the Applicant by email of 23 April 2024 and advised that a response was required by 7 May 2024. The Applicant was advised that if the Tribunal did not receive a response, the application may be rejected. No response was received.
10. The Tribunal sent a request for further information to the Applicant by letter of 24 May 2024 and advised that a response was required by 31 May 2024. The Applicant was advised that if the Tribunal did not receive a response, the application may be rejected. No response was received.
11. The Applicant has been given many opportunities to provide further information and has failed to do so. The Legal Member therefore determines that the application is frivolous, misconceived and has no prospect of success. The application is rejected on that basis.

What you should do now

If you accept the Legal Member's decision, there is no need to reply.

If you disagree with this decision –

An applicant aggrieved by the decision of the Chamber President, or any Legal Member acting under delegated powers, may appeal to the Upper Tribunal for Scotland on a point of law only. Before an appeal can be made to the Upper Tribunal, the party must first seek permission to appeal from the First-tier Tribunal. That party must seek permission to appeal within 30 days of the date the decision was sent to them. Information about the appeal procedure can be forwarded to you on request.

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Nicola Irvine
Legal Member
30 June 2024