

**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

63/4 Ocean Drive, Leith, Edinburgh, EH6 6BP ("the Property")

Case Reference: FTS/HPC/CV/25/2275

Ms Monsurat Adetutu (Applicant)

1. The Applicant submitted an application in terms of Rule 111 of the Rules on 24 May 2025.

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 30 June 2025, the Tribunal issued an email to the Applicant in the following terms:-

Your application has been assessed by a Legal Member of the Tribunal with the delegated authority of the Chamber President. The Legal Member has requested the following information or documentation:

1. This application cannot be made against the letting agent. Please provide an amended application form showing the landlord as the Respondent. Please ensure that you have a current residential address for the Respondent.
2. Please amend the application form to include your address.

Please reply to this office with the necessary information by 14 July 2025. If we do

not hear from you within this time, the President may decide to reject the application.

No response was received.

6. On 15 July 2025, the Tribunal issued a further email to the Applicant in the following terms:-

With regard to case reference number FTS/HPC/CV/25/2275, it is noted that you have failed to provide the further information requested by email dated 30 June 2025. Please reply to this request as quickly as possible bearing in mind the strict time limit mentioned above in relation to one of the cases. We now write to advise you that if you fail to provide this information the tribunal may have no option but to reject your application. You should be aware that the Tribunal has the power to reject applications on grounds set out in rule 8 of the First-tier Tribunal for Scotland Housing and Property Chamber (Procedure) Regulations.

No response was received.

7. The Applicant has been given two 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.

Nicola Irvine

Nicola Irvine
Legal Member
31 July 2025