



**DECISION AND STATEMENT OF REASONS OF JAMES BAULD, 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 Procedural Rules")

in connection with

**Case reference FTS/HPC/RP/24/4153**

**Parties**

**Miss Sophie O'Driscoll (Applicant)**

**21/5 Hermand Crescent, Edinburgh, EH11 1RB (House)**

**Background**

1. The application was apparently made under Rule 48 of the Procedural Rules being an application for determination of whether a landlord had failed to comply with the repairing standard in terms of the Housing (Scotland) act 2006. The application was accompanied by supporting documentation.
2. By way of email dated 12 November 2025 a request for further information was sent to the Applicant. No substantive response was received to that request
3. A second request for further information was sent to the applicant by way of letter and email dated 24 December 2025. No response was received to that request.
4. A third request for further information was sent on 14 January 2026. No substantive response was received to that request.

5. A fourth request was sent on 3 March 2026.
6. The terms of that letter included the following...

**“ Your application has been further reviewed by a legal member of the First-tier Tribunal with delegated powers of the Chamber President. It is noted that you have failed to provide the further information requested by emails dated 12 November, 24 December 2025 and 14 January 2026 . We now write to advise you that if you fail to provide this information within the next seven days the tribunal will 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”.**

7. No response has been received to that request.

## **DECISION**

8. The circumstances in which an application is to be rejected are governed by 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."*

9. After consideration of the application, the further information referred to and the correspondence from the Applicant, the Legal Member considers that the application should be rejected on the basis that it would not be appropriate to accept the application within the meaning of Rule 8 (1)(c) of the Procedural Rules.

## **REASONS FOR DECISION**

10. Four requests were made for further information from the Applicant. This additional information requested was necessary to allow the application to proceed. The applicant was informed that the additional information was essential to allow further progress of the application and was warned that failure to respond may lead to the application being rejected.
11. In the absence of any response by the Applicant, it would not be appropriate to accept the application and accordingly it is rejected.

## **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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Mr James Bauld

Legal Member

8 May 2026