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LEASEHOLD VALUATION TRIBUNAL**

**LEASEHOLD REFORM HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ACT 1993
SECTION 33**

Case Reference: LON/OOAP/OCE/2007/0213

Premises 30 Priory Road, London N8 7EX

Applicant Anthony Gold Solicitors

Respondent Lee Bolton and Lee Solicitors

Date of Application 3 October 2007

Date of Hearing 24 January 2008

**Leasehold Valuation Tribunal Mrs B. M. Hindley LL.B
Mr D. L. Edge FRICS**

1. This is an application for a determination of costs under Section 33 of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993.
2. On 18 October 2007 Directions were issued by the Tribunal to the effect that unless the parties objected the question of costs would be dealt with by way of a paper determination on receipt of written representations.
3. On 30 November 2007 the respondent's statement of costs together with the applicant's reply were received.
4. On 24 January 2008 the Tribunal considered the two statements. The Respondents were seeking costs totaling £3,346 + VAT, made up of 9 hours and 40 minutes of partner time @ £220 per hour and 6 hours and 48 minutes of assistant solicitor time @ £175 per hour. The applicants considered £1388. 50p + VAT to be reasonable - made up of 204 minutes of partner time and 210 minutes of assistant solicitor time. They did not contest either hourly rate.
5. The main contention between the parties was the time spent on a lease extension for the non participating tenant who was also the freeholder.
6. The Tribunal was assisted by the fact that the applicants had, helpfully, appended their comments retaining the same numbering as the respondents. The Tribunal, therefore, provide their determination adopting the same format.

Costs in connection with the notice

1. 24 mins allowed
2. Not allowed
3. Not allowed
4. 20 mins allowed
5. 12 mins allowed
6. 18 mins allowed
7. 12 mins allowed
8. Not allowed
9. 24 mins allowed
10. 12mins + 6mins allowed
11. 12 mins allowed
12. 6 mins allowed
13. 18 mins allowed
14. 6 mins allowed
15. 2 hours allowed

Costs in connection with the conveyance

1. 18 mins allowed
2. 30 mins allowed
3. 30 mins allowed
4. Not allowed
5. Not allowed
6. 36 mins allowed
7. 50 mins allowed

8. 50 mins allowed
9. Not allowed.

In connection with all of the above the Tribunal has reduced time that they consider to be excessive and have disallowed items that they consider not to fall within the ambit of costs permitted under Section 33 (1) or (2).

Accordingly, the Tribunal determines the reasonable costs to be payable to be £1653 plus VAT

Chairman

R. D. H. J. J. J. J.

Date.

24/1/08.