

## Guaranteed Rent Management Service



## Hassle Free Guaranteed Investment

- Guaranteed rent even when the property is empty
- Leases of three years
- Free professional management service with no hidden charges
- Members of Clients Money Protect
- Free Gas Safety Certificate
- Free Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)
- Consistent rent payment, regardless of whether tenant pays or not
- Carefully vetted strictly city professionals
- Monthly rent statement
- Furniture can be provided (at our expense)
- 3-6 months rent advance payable upon request

### **GUARANTEED RENT MANAGEMENT**

88 will consider leasing properties in good condition and offer two different schemes -Ready to Let and In Need of Repair.

### **READY TO LET**

If your property is vacant, in good repair, well decorated, clean and tidy, it may be suitable for our Ready to Let scheme on a three year lease.

### **IN NEED OF REPAIR**

If your property needs repairing or modernizing or is suitable for conversion and has been empty for more than 6 months, it may be suitable for our In Need of Repair service on a five year lease. We can offer financial assistance towards the cost of the work with free building surveyor assistance, approved builders and no arrangement fees.

88 Estate Agency will consider properties from all landlords, including private individuals and companies.

Your property will be professionally managed by our trained team of property professionals. Majority of our properties are let to city professionals with outstanding references.

"A survey of our existing landlords in 2013, indicated that 87% of our landlords would be happy to lease their property again to "88 Estate Agency."

#### WHAT 88 ESTATE AGENCY CAN OFFER YOU AS A LANDLORD

- Guaranteed rent during the period of the lease regardless of whether the property is tenanted or vacant.
- A minimum contract of three years.

- Rent paid directly to you each month.
- 3-6 month rent advance payable (upon request)
- No tenancy issues, no involvement with court action and no legal fees.
- A free professional and full management service provided by our specialist and experienced team.
- An internal repairing service.
- Regular property inspections every 6 months.
- We provide a day to day repairs service and we offer our tenants an emergency service for out of hour's maintenance issues.
- Our tenants are responsible for paying utility bills and council tax during the term of the lease.
- 88 Estate Agency will carry out the annual
- Landlord Gas Safety Record (LGSR). We will repair your boiler up to the cost of £300 per year.
- We do not charge you a management fee or commission.
- Full vacant possession at the end of the lease at no cost to you.

### WHAT 88 ESTATE AGENCY NEEDS FROM YOU

- Proof of ownership (we will carry out a land registry search).
- Current building insurance proof.
- Recent mortgage statement.
- Landlord Gas Safety Certificate to be arranged via 88's gas contractor to inspect your boiler (88 Estate Agency will pay for this).
- NICEIC electrical safety certificate
- Energy Performance Certificate (EPC)

#### **PAYING YOUR RENT**

88 Estate Agency will pay your rent monthly in advance by BACs into your chosen bank account.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Q. How long will the whole leasing process take?

A. We can start the lease immediately after initial inspection of the property.

#### Q. Do you want the property furnished?

**A.** No, we will take the property completely unfurnished without appliances if not provided.

## Q. If the tenant is on Housing benefit will the rent be paid directly to the tenant?

A. No, the rent is paid directly to 88 Estate Agency and you will be paid monthly in advance irrespective of whether we collect the rent from our tenant. We offer you guaranteed rent.

#### Q. How much is the rent and is it negotiable

A. The rent is dependent on the number of bedrooms and condition of your property. The rent is negotiable and is fixed for the term of the lease (usually 20% below retail rent value). There is no provision for annual increases.

## Q. Can I leave my integrated appliances-cooker,fridgeetc.?

**A.** Yes, if it's less than 5 years old you can leave your appliances in the property and we will maintain this for the period of our term.

## Q. Can you guarantee the condition of my property?

A. Absolutely, We will replace or fix any tenant damage to the property, except fair wear and tear and we will carry out only works that are our responsibility. We will not redecorate or re-carpet the property before handing back.

## Q. My property is in a high rise block - are you interested?

A. 88 Estate Agency will take on any properties so long as there is a lift which is in good working order.

### Q. Will the lease be renewed at the end of the term?

A. Possibly. The property would normally be handed back to you at the end of the lease. If, we are both happy to consider another term of lease, we will then renew our lease for a further 3 years.

#### Q. I have an expensive house /swimming pool / greenhouse/Jacuzzi bath/hand-built kitchen, will I receive more rent?

A. No - we will not accept swimming pools,

ponds and greenhouses, for health and safety reasons. We will not be responsible for items such as Jacuzzi baths, hand built kitchens, summer houses.

## Q. I am moving abroad to live and work, am I still able to the lease the property to 88?

A. Yes, as long as you provide proof of ownership we can lease your property from you.

#### Q. The property is registered in my maiden name and I have since married what Do I need to do?

A. We will need a certified copy of your marriage certificate.

#### Q. I wish to terminate the Lease before the end of the Lease date, how much notice do I need to give?

A. You need to give two months notice as set out in the Lease but the initial 18 months of the Lease must have lapsed. If 18 months have not passed you will not be able to have your property back. There will be a penalty for breaking the lease early equal to two month's rent.

#### Q. Who will you house in my property?

A. 88 Estate Agency will be your tenant and will sub let the property to most likely city professionals. They will sign a periodic Assured Short-hold Tenancy agreement for a minimum of six months.

## Q. Who pays the Council Tax, water rates, gas and electricity bills?

A. 88 Estate Agency tenants are normally responsible for paying household bills, unless the Landlord is responsible for communal charges or district heating via a service charge.

#### Q. What am i responsible for?

**A.** All external repairs (e.g the roof, gutters, drains), installations into the property (gas, electricity and water), buildings insurance, service charges and communal charges.

## Q. What type of properties are 88 Estate Agency looking for?

A. We are looking for any size of flats and houses in all areas of London in fairly good condition conveniently located for schools, transport links and local amenities. The rents may vary for flats and houses and we can possibly distinguish between style, age and location.

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## Frequently Asked Questions Hand-back of Property

At the end of the lease, a representative of 88 Estate Agency will arrange to 'hand back' your property to you. The following are frequently asked questions on the hand back process. All hand back of properties are completed in person. Utility readings will be taken on the day of hand back and all sets of keys will be handed back to you.

### Q. When do I know that my property is ready to be handed back?

A. Our representative responsible for your property will notify you in writing and by calling you when your lease has 2months remaining to expire.

## Q. How long is the notice period before property is ready to hand back?

A. The notice period is 2 months and you will be notified by a call and in writing when the property is ready to hand back. We will expect you to acknowledge this so that a date of hand back can be agreed. The notice period of 2 month may be given when the resident is in occupation. There will be no more notice period given once the property is empty. If we are unable to contact you to arrange hand back of your property, the keys will be sent in the post and rent payments will cease from date of posting.

## Q. Can you guarantee the condition of my property?

A. We will complete repairs in accordance with the Lease but ask that you recognize that a property will have fair wear and tear after being rented out for 3 years, which is perfectly understandable. We will not redecorate or re-carpet before handing back the property.

## Q. When will I start being liable for the utility council tax bills of the property?

A. The date your property is handed back to you. On the day of the hand back we will take meter readings and remind you to advise utility suppliers and Council Tax. You will be responsible for ordering new gas cards and electric keys from utility companies where necessary.

#### Q. What do I do with post for previous occupant/s?

**A.** 88 Estate Agency advises that all post should be returned to sender and not to our office.

### Q. Can you provide the recent gas, EPC and electric certificates at the hand back?

A. Yes, provided the request is made to our team before the hand back appointment so that the certificates can be brought along to the hand back meeting. If the request is made on the day of the hand-back the certificates can be sent out to you via email or post.

#### Q. I wish to terminate the Lease before the end of the Lease date, how much notice do I need to give?

A. You need to give 2 months notice as set out in the Lease but the final 18 months must have lapsed. If 18 months have not passed, you will not be able to have your property back. After the final 18 months have passed, you can have your property back, but there will be a penalty for breaking the lease early equal to two month's rent.

#### Q. Can I renew my lease for another fix ed term?

A. Yes, it is possible to renew your lease, please contact 88 Estate Agency within the last three months of the lease expiring with your request to renew the lease.

### Q. What if I am abroad when the lease is due to expire?

A. You may send a representative on your behalf. Alternatively if 88 Estate Agency cannot reach you by letter or telephone, we will send the keys back to you by recorded delivery to your last known address. Rent will stop immediately or at the end of the notice period.

If you would like to take advantage of these schemes and your property is in London then we have a dedicated team to help you through the process and get your rent paid as quickly and as painlessly as possible.

Contact us for more information or to arrange a free, no obligation inspection on 0207 281 9888 or email: info@88estateagency.com

88 Estate Agency is an established Estate Agency and provides rented homes for all types of tenants from city professionals to people benefit depending on on the property we take on. For example if we have a 10th floor ex-council property it will be difficult to rent to professionals hence housing benefit tenants will be more suitable. We have more than 15 years experience leasing and managing of properties from private owners.





## Guaranteed Rent Insurance VS 88 Estate Agency Guaranteed Rent Management

For landlords looking for a fixed but reliable rental income from their property, the options and differences between the services on offer can be overwhelming. This simple Guaranteed Rent insurance vs our Guaranteed Rent management is designed to help landlords better guide understand the range of different services which are available when a landlord is looking for an assured rental income. The TWO we have focused on are; Guaranteed Rent Insurance VS 88 Estate Agency Guaranteed Rent MANAGEMENT.

# Guaranteed Rent Insurance

Guaranteed Rent Insurance, as its name suggests, is an insurance product protecting the landlord from tenant arrears. The landlord pays a premium and like any insurance product there is a range of terms, conditions and exclusions that apply. With over a 100 different Guaranteed Rent insurance products on the market, it is vital that a landlord is absolutely clear on what is or isn't covered with any given product.

## Key Facts:

- Costs vary significantly dependent on the level of cover provided. Some are a fixed fee, but a premium of 6 - 12% of monthly rent is not unusual <sup>ii.</sup>
- The landlord is typically covered for the length of an individual tenancy.
- The insurer will pay the outstanding rent but often an excess applies.
- Coverage does not include when the property is vacant.
- Processing a claim can take anything from 0 to 90 days ....
- Prospective tenants must pass insurer-approved credit and reference checks. No benefits tenants are accepted.
- Normal letting agent management fees still apply.

## Guaranteed Rent Management (88 Estate Agency)

88 Estate Agent's Guaranteed Rent Management provides continuous rent payments to the landlord if the tenant stops paying and if the property becomes empty - giving the landlord guaranteed rental income every month. 88 Estate Agency effectively become the tenant, taking away the normal hassles and risks associated with letting a property. A fundamental difference between 88 Estate Agency offering and other Guaranteed Rent providers is that the property is never structurally modified to accommodate more tenants and that only the correct, legally- compliant tenancy agreement is used.

## Key Facts:

- A start date for rental payments is assured.
- All tenants must pass full credit and referencing checks before moving into the property.
- There is no landlord set up, administration or renewal fees.
- If there is a need for court action, to evict a tenant or recover unpaid rent, 88 Estate Agency will meet all the legal costs and manage the process.
- Any repairs for tenant-caused damage are covered by us.
- 3-6 month rent advance payable
- Our Guaranteed Rent Management is offered on a minimum 3 years contract with optional multi-year contracts.

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