## Landlord & Tenant Act 1985 - Section 20ZA)

## PREMISES: Various Across the Jigsaw Portfolio, WN7 4LJ

## STATEMENT OF CASE ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT

- 1. The Applicant is Jigsaw Homes Group whose registered address is Cavendish House, 249 Cavendish Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. OL6 7AT.
- 2. Respondents should serve any documents to The Leasehold and Service Charge Team, Jigsaw Homes Group, Turner House, 56 King Street, Leigh, Lancs. WN7 4AN.
- 3. The Applicant is a Registered Housing Provider and freehold owner of various properties situated in locations across the North West of England and Nottinghamshire.
- 4. Jigsaw Homes Group was formed in April 2018 following the transfer of engagements of New Charter Housing Group to Adactus Housing Group.
- 5. Following the creation of Jigsaw Homes Group the Applicant is seeking to review its current utility arrangements, the intention is to amalgamate these for New Charter Housing Group and Adactus Housing Group.
- 6. The Applicant proposes to tender its utilities contracts for gas & electricity via the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). The Applicant is of the opinion that procuring in this way will provide a costs saving for the leasehold properties within the Jigsaw Homes given the volatility of the energy markets. Entering into a fixed term contract will provide our customers with some stability in prices over the contract term.
- 7. The Applicant sought dispensation from the Section 20 consultation process in order to swiftly administer the procurement of the energy contracts for the Jigsaw Homes Group and considers the OJEU tender method to be the most cost effective option for our leaseholders.