

WE'RE TAKING CONTROL

Adam Kline and his two sets of neighbours are so pleased they took the Right To Manage route three years ago that they are now in the process of buying their own freehold.

'We decided to take action about a year after I had moved into the building when our latest service charge came through. The buildings insurance premium was almost five times what similar policies were selling for in the open market,' says Adam, 30, who works as a pharmaceutical researcher.

'The management company didn't want to change provider

and as it did so little maintenance work we decided to take over its role rather than just trying to force the issue.'

The owners of the three flats, in South Norwood, South London, contacted Pro-Leagle, a Croydon-based firm specialising in Right To Manage and freehold purchase.

'Pro-Leagle checked we were eligible to manage and then handled the whole process. Now we run the building ourselves and any repair jobs actually get done,' say Adam. 'Buying the freehold seems the next logical step and we are hoping it will add even more value to our flats.'