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The London Borough of Barnet (Brent Cross Cricklewood) Compulsory Purchase Order (No.2) 2015

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RECORDED DELIVERY

I am writing this letter because of a grievance of the housing issue I am suffering from. My flat is under a plan for regeneration and the council has requested a compulsory purchase order. I have many concerns in regards to the proposed plan, all the questions that I am concerned with and needs addressing as the developers cannot answer any of my questions stating not everything is set in stone but has apparently submitted a plan already which is approved already.

* The developers cannot tell me whether the size of the proposed accommodation would be 'like for like' in terms of size of each rooms such as bathrooms and bedrooms and so on. The developers are also not accounting the external storage facility we have behind our property into the new accommodation.

* The regeneration plan is also going to affect the amount of green area we currently enjoy, such as the playing field and our own front yard, a commodity that would not exist in the proposed accommodation.

* The regeneration will also affect the traffic and public transport of the area for at least a decade which would be a fairly long term inconvenience, the bus stop would also situate further and the distance travelling to it will take longer time, Meiling Lin is moderately disabled and incapable of walking a great distance which the new place would force me to do which would need addressing as it would again make the new accommodation less desirable than what Meiling Lin has right now.

* The tenancy agreement would also change as a result of this and Meiling Lin would no longer remain a secured tenant as Meiling Lin do now, in other words the tenancy agreement is no longer inheritable and therefore means my child cannot take over my tenancy agreement after Meiling Lin die. This is very important to me as Meiling Lin is already suffering from extreme depression and anxiety and this change is proposed onto my life.

* The massive rent increase is also an issue, this extra charge would not occur if the regeneration does not go ahead, rendering this regeneration to be worse than staying where we are. Completely feel like opposite of regeneration but developers and the local council scheming together to make a quick buck.

* If I do need to move, I request the tenancy agreement to have a clause which allows the right to succeed. Due to my disability I would also request to have the accommodation on the ground floor and has a garden, this would allow me to go outside as due to my severe anxiety I cannot go to public places.

* I do not feel it is satisfactory to have all the negative points raised above and absolutely no positive point about the regeneration, all for just to build a 'living bridge', destroying the homes of around 3,000 people located in the tall build and houses in the surrounding area just for a bridge where they put flowers and trees on them. The green area they plan to destroy is a lot more than they proposed to build, this should be more appropriately known as the degeneration scheme. I strongly oppose the plan to demolish this area, this area is not like many areas such as Stonebridge regeneration where it was a shady area before the regeneration, my area is above standard and is proposed to be situated in Brent Terrace, a tiny road that a fire truck cannot even enter due to how narrow the road is. I did not ask to be put on Brent Terrace and neither does the people of Brent Terrace, it is over capacitating that area and the road is not designed for that many users as it is a road stretching about 1.5 m wide only big enough for one car going through either direction, adding more people in the area would make the road a disaster ready to happen.

PS: If the above condition cannot be met, I would like to move early because the current accommodation is situated on the second floor and is inconvenient for Meiling Lin to go out anyway. Therefore I would like to request to move to a more suitable accommodation for me now than letting me or my family suffers from mental distress of the proposed new accommodation the developers want us to go. Also please give us enough time to move should an alternative accommodation could be provided, somewhere around the 2 months timeframe would be adequate. Thank you.

Joe Chi-Chao Lin