

Proposed (Merton Estates) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022

RE: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Plot number, [REDACTED]

Good evening,

I am writing to you with comments and objections relating to London Borough of Merton using their power to Compulsory Purchase our property named above for which I am a stakeholder in.

I have resided in this property 19 years (all my life). I was made aware of a document which was sent to me by the London Borough of Merton relating to the forceable sale and purchase of our family home. Despite not having financially invested in the property, the recent letter from the London Borough of Merton still required my input as I have been identified as a person of interest.

The CPO refers to some information such as phases and timelines (see 2.14) which states specific dates for proposed construction that we as residents have not been made privy to.

This raises a concern on our part as despite dates showing proposed construction for the phase 3 that we are in, we have seen evidence to the contrary which suggests that the building which we are living in will be kept maintained and occupied during the time that we will be forcibly kicked out by way of CPO.

As of November 2021, and even before this, there have been a vast number of tradesmen from different businesses accessing properties that have been vacated for months prior to November. These tradesmen have been slowly emptying and renovating flats as well as redecorating communal hallways and stairwells. Most recently, at the beginning of June 2022, structural surveyors attended and surveyed [REDACTED] using drones to establish what external remedial works need to be done, if any, for the general upkeep of the building.

As of two weeks ago, at the beginning of July, new occupants are being moved in which raises the question if Clarion are planning to demolish the building with people inside...

People being moved in are not from the London Borough of Merton waiting list and have been moved in from outside the borough. As properties in Merton are highly sought after, it is very difficult to understand how one man was able to acquire a 3-bed property to rent on his own. As far as we were led to believe, these properties were due to be demolished, something I distinctly remember being told when I was 9 or 10 years old (when the initial regeneration plans were released).

For the people that live in my household, it would have been a much more accessible consultation process if Clarion could have provided translators in our mother tongue in the way they did for the Tamil community that resided on [REDACTED] over the past number of years.

In our household we are also concerned by the delay in communication from Clarion reporting important changes such as timelines. Over the past year, I have failed to understand why Clarion would not communicate changes to their plan regarding the renovation works.

Yours faithfully,

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