

Proposed (Merton Estates) Compulsory Purchase Orders 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 for over 20 years. I was made aware of a document which was sent to me by the London Borough of Merton relating to the forcible sale and purchase of our family home.

Despite having not 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 and 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 maintenance 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 three-bed property to rent alone.

From the understanding given to me, these properties were due to be demolished but the fact that people are being moved in is giving us mixed signals - we are being told one thing but Clarion's actions are indicating other intentions.

There is a clear presence of a Bengali community in [REDACTED] and those people have not found the overall consultation process accessible, especially for those where English is not their first language. I am sure that the Bengali community would have had more input had they been extended the same services, by [REDACTED], which the [REDACTED] families that resided on [REDACTED] received.

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

Yours faithfully,

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