

STATEMENT

First Statement of Mr D.S.Bailey
Written by Mr D.S.Bailey
Dated 25th October 2017
Phase: Two, Wolverton

1. I Mr D.S.Bailey aged 31 is writing this statement in regards to the regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate. I write this statement on behalf of the Bailey Family in Phase Two, Wolverton of the Aylesbury Estate where I have lived for 31 years.

2. Our History in Southwark.

2.1 My parents have a close bond with living in Southwark, My Father Mr D.J.Bailey moved to Southwark in 1955 as a child, my mother Mrs S.A.Bailey moved to Southwark in 1968 with my father when they got married in a local Southwark Church St Pauls. A local church I always pass and cannot help but look at it, thinking how much my family has history there, and that I was christened there as well as my two sisters. I love being close to this part of my family history. My parents moved in to their Aylesbury property in 1972. Being verbally told that they have a home for life. They have spent all their lives together in Southwark and paying off a mortgage as a happily married couple, But now they have paid of that mortgage and finally own their family home, Southwark council want to take it from them.

2.2 I have lived in Southwark all my life from birth, I could never imagine living anywhere else. I used to love playing out on the walk ways of the blocks with friends growing up, Me and both my sister, my nephews, my niece and now my son have all learned to ride their bikes safely on the walk ways of the blocks growing up. Its apart of family history I feel will be lost if the blocks are demolished.

2.3 Christmas 1997, sadly my grandad died in our garden as he went to get fresh air, but we still feel so close to him being here, he enjoyed his last day with us, and it's a memory I would hate to lose. It's not just about a home, it's about memories, history and the feelings that are around us.

3. Medial.

3.1 We can reach all 3 main hospitals by 1 bus, Guys Hospital, St Thomas Hospital and King College Hospital, The longest hospital trip by car is only 15min.

3.2 My parents are always attending hospital appointments due to Diabetes or their Disabilities, also due to other general problems. In 2018 my parents will both turn 70 years of age, and will be in more higher demand to be closer to these main hospitals, My parents have been using these hospitals since childhood. Due to a lack of money offered from Southwark Council, this would mean my parents would have no choice but to move well out of London, as they would be unable to afford to buy a property in Southwark or any other descent property in London, this would result to my parents having to change their Hospitals and Doctors Surgery, this gives the whole family a

high concern and distress just thinking about it, Obviously the hospitals and Doctor Surgery are highly needed, and know our family well. We have friends of family that live in Kent, but yet always have to travel back to London to visit Kings College Hospital, as their local hospitals do not have the facilities they need. This is another concern for me and makes me feel anxious.

3.3 Kings College Hospital even saved my life due to them being close, I had a rumbling appendix that was leaking, and I was told if I had left it about an hour later, I could have been dead. If we moved out of London I feel the time I would have gotten to a hospital, and seen to, I may not be here today.

4 Human rights.

4.1 My parents and I feel that Southwark Council are not respecting our Human rights, as it states in:

4.2 - 'Protocol 1 Art.1 of the European Convention on Human Rights provides:' states (1). Every natural or legal person is entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of his possessions. No one shall be deprived of his possessions except in the public interest and subject to the conditions provided for by law and by the general principles of international law.

4.3 - Human right act, Article 8: Right to a private and Family Life.

4.4 We feel these are being neglected as we feel we are being forced out of our loving home, if we are forced to move this will mean we are being forced to move all our home furniture and other possessions to another house, but we are happy and content with where they are and how our home is set out, disrupting this will break our peaceful enjoyment of our possessions.

4.5 Also we feel these are being neglected as if we are being forced to move against our will, due to not being able to get a mortgage and lack of money offered by Southwark Council, as already stated we will no longer be able to afford to buy a house in Southwark, meaning we will have to move far away out of London, what interferes with our family life, and our private life's. We are very family orientated and surrounded by Family, my sister Mrs D.Murry and aunt Miss E.Vass visits every Wednesday, and sometimes brings friends of the family. If we are forced to move out of Southwark this is not something that they can do anymore as
One: The travel will cost too much for them to regularly visit and;
Two: My sister Mrs D.Murry needs to get back on time to pick up her daughter from school, Also every Saturday my sister Mrs D.Corrigan meets with me and our parents to go shopping together, My Sister Mrs D.Corrigan does not drive, Being forced to move means she will never be able to travel to us, and we know she has not got a lot of money to keep visiting. By us moving will really separate this close loving family, and makes me very upset just thinking about it, causing the whole family emotional distress.

4.6 My parents are both disabled, my mother is diabetic and both aged 70 in 2018. They both need their family around them close. Southwark Council have not even put this in to consideration.

4.7 I have currently been to three (3) family court cases to gain better access to my son aged 5 in 2018, I get my son every fort night Friday 4:00pm – Sunday 11:00am, and it is in the family court order that we will increase this to a 3rd night stay, meaning my son can stay a night in the week, this will allow me to collect and drop him off from school and have dinners with us. Moving will have a massive impact and effect on my current court order, access and my son's relationship with me, and it will be more difficult to achieve a weeknight stay, and due to my baby mother being very complicated, will then result to me needing to go back to court for future issues. My baby mother does not drive, meaning I will have to drive to London every time for my access, what I estimate would take around an hour plus (meaning I will also lose an hour access with my son every Sunday to get him back in time), but I would not be able to afford this if we are forced to move, nor can I really afford another court case at the moment.

4.8 Currently I am an 8min drive to where my son lives, or a 15minute walk. I am also only a 12min drive to his local Hospital encase of an emergency, what I feel is highly important.

5 Equality Act 2010.

5.1 Southwark Council have not taken in to consideration that my parents are Pensioners and are unable to get a mortgage. They was only offered £230,000. It is near to impossible to find a decent property for this price now in Southwark, especially with a garden and garage parking. Meaning they will not be able to afford to live in London anymore, taking them away from family, hospitals, doctors and other local facilities that Southwark offers.

5.2 Due to my parents working all their life's to pay off a mortgage, (what is now paid of) they refuse to take up any offer on a shared ownership or to become a council tenant, as this makes them feel like they have gone back to the start of the property ladder, and their whole life's target together of paying of the mortgage on a home would have been wasted.

5.3 Southwark Council have also not taken in to consideration that my parents are disabled, needing hospitals and family close. At times my mother requires a wheel chair, living here is perfect as they have lift access on Wendover or a Ramp leading to our landing of our block.

6 Location.

6.1 We feel Southwark Council has not even took in to consideration to our location. We are located to everything we need and love.

6.2 We are one bus away to 3 major hospitals, or 15min (furthest drive) what is important for my parents, due to their age, disabilities and diabetes.

6.3 We are a 3minute walk to Burgess Park that has been refurbished and looks amazing, with a great big pond and a bridge going over the pond. We love to take the dogs over there, I also take my son to First Place, Stay and Play Group some Saturdays located at Burgess Park, also he loves to go to the big part there and see the ducks and fish.

- 6.4 One bus away or 8min drive to Elephant and Castle shopping centre that also has bingo, bowling, banks, market, and shops. Multiple bus stops, Tube station and a Railway service. Elephant and Castle is also home to the world famous nightclub Ministry of Sound that I enjoy to visit.
- 6.5 We are a 15min drive to Millwall Football Stadium. That I like to visit on occasions.
- 6.6 A 15min drive to Surry Quays Shopping Centre and Tube Station, Surry Quay's also has a cinema, bingo, bowling and two restaurants. We use all these facilities and love to do so!
- 6.7 13min drive to Oval cricket ground and Kennington Park. 11min to Southwark Park, 13min to Ruskin Park, 15min to Peckham Rye Park. I love taking my son to all these parks.
- 6.8 We are also local to the Imperial War Museum that is 9min drive. 23min drive to the Horniman Museum.
- 6.9 15min drive to London Eye, where I love to take my son on special occasions as they also have Shrek world, sea life, Namco plus loads more.

7 Our Home.

- 7.1 On top of our prime location, our memories and living close to family and friends, we also love our home for many other reasons, we own a garden, we have large rooms, that are double the size of the new builds being built in replace of Aylesbury Estate. We have Garage parking for great security, that the new builds also do not have, we also have amazing big windows that cover the whole wall, what is beautiful and spacious and looks out to our big garden, yet looking at the new builds they have little box windows, nicknamed prison windows.
- 7.2 We also love the fact that we have a friendly shop right outside of our front door, what is not even a 1min walk.
- 7.3 What we also love about living in our home is the central heating and hot water, as hot water and heat is always constant. My parents are in high worrying and in panic as they feel if they are forced out of their home, they may not find or afford another property with this great heating system. We have seen first-hand on the effects of not having a heating system such as this. My aunt is retired, she spends her weeks debating if she should put money on her gas to keep warm, and have no money to eat, or to buy food and freeze. I really do not want this for my parents, and it worries me as I know the cold will make them very ill. This is not just an issue in London but all of UK, this is why central heating is great as it takes these worries away.

8 Refurbish don't demolish.

- 8.1 Before the regeneration started, a survey was done to refurbish or to demolish. Approximately 70% of the Aylesbury Estate residents, stated they did not want to move, and wanted the Aylesbury Estate refurbished.

8.2 It's an amazing place to live, with a great multicultural community, Aylesbury Estate could look beautiful once again as exemplified in a mock photo in Exhibit DB01.

8.3 Everyone we speak to love the properties on Aylesbury Estate and do not want to move out. This even includes temporary accommodations that Southwark Council have put in to Aylesbury Estate.

9 Effects.

9.1 Seeing the blocks around me being knocked down is like looking at grave stones, it is highly upsetting seeing where my friends once lived, gone. Where I once played, gone. But more highly concerning, I am feeling down due to the worry of my parents, I even had to have counselling due to thinking about what may happen to my parents.

9.2 My mother is so depressed due to what Southwark Council are trying to do. She cries over thinking how she may lose her home and feels distressed thinking she has to move all her possessions, change her hospitals and doctors, what would be highly inconvenient to both my parents, but most upsetting, she knows she will have to move away from family, what causes her anxiety stress levels high. I highly worry about my mother as I cannot even get her to seek counselling as she doesn't want to speak about it. It feels like if she doesn't speak about it, it will go away. As already stated my mother is 70 in 2018 and should be enjoying these years of retirement, not crying in the threat of losing her home.

Statements of Truth: I Believe that the fact stated in this statement are true.

Signed
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EXHIBIT SHEET

Exhibit of the First Statement of Mr D.S.Bailey
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