

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
AND ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981**

Revised Inquiry into

**THE LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK
(AYLESBURY ESTATE SITES 1B-1C)**

COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2014

PINS REFERENCE: NPCU/CPO/A5840/74092

Objection by

Richard and Mary Osei-Kumaning

Of

Wolverton, SE17 2AH

30th October 2017

Introduction

1. Our names are **Richard and Mary Osei-Kumaning** and we are writing to object to the above compulsory purchase order. We have live at **Wolverton, SE17 2AH**. Owners of what we deem our home.
2. It is with tremendous distraught that we write you this letter. As you are well aware, there is a pending CPO which if granted, could leave us homeless and out of pocket.
3. The council are forcing us out of our home in return for an offer seriously below market value and which will leave us unable to buy/relocate in London let alone the local area of Walworth.
4. Initially we were offered like for like however this option was revoked and the shared ownership or shared equity are the only option which are now have.
5. We currently have only 3 years left on our mortgage and are stressed fearful of the proposition of having to take out a new mortgage.
6. The fact that we will be on our pension in 3 years also means no bank will offer us a mortgage even if we wanted to go the shared ownership/equity route.
7. Due to this ongoing saga our health has continuously deteriorated. I've been declared disabled a few years and will be needing surgery in the near

future. My husbands health problems have also worsened due to the stress of this case.

8. We both work within the area and our 5 kids who were all raised in this home still live locally. Due to our health, notably my disability and pending operation, I usually need their assistance and help which is why they live nearby.
9. The plan before we bought our home was to make sure we would finish our mortgage by the time we went on our pension. We are of African descent and planned to travel back and forth for extended periods, leaving our home with family. However with the shared equity/ownership scheme this would be illegal and we'd have to give up our home meaning we'd be left homeless.
10. Our home was also a means by which we could help our children get on the ever difficult property ladder as house prices are sky high. However this may not be possible if the CPO is granted.
11. We were told that buying our home would bring us security, but in actual fact it's brought problem after problem, yet we haven't missed a signal payment and have had no issues with the bank. The problems all stem from the council and how they've treated us disrespectfully all for the sake of money.
12. We ask you to please empathise with us. Put yourself in our shoes. We've worked day in day out for the last 20 years for the day we could live rent and mortgage free and this dream is being stolen from us. It's inhumane for the council to expect us to start from scratch again with the burden of monthly payments until we pass away, leaving our children with no inheritance.

13. Please take this letter and the many others you'll read into consideration as you make your final decision in granting or rescinding the CPO.
14. Thank you for the time you've taken out of your busy schedule to even consider this case. This has been a David vs Goliath battle as the leaseholders take on the council and property developers but you've given us a glimmer of hope and we thank you sincerely.
15. The Council's use of compulsory purchase powers without having a package in place to ensure that leaseholders are placed in equivalent position is oppressive and a breach of human rights. I urge the Secretary of State to reject the Council's application for compulsory purchase powers.

Signed:.....

Signed :

Richard and Mary Osei-Kumaning

Date: 30th October 2017