

**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**

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**Witness Statement  
Rita Enuechie  
Of  
Chartridge,  
Portland Street, London SE17**

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF RITA ENUECHIE**

**Introduction**

My name **is Rita Enuechie** and I am a leaseholder on the First Development Site (FDS) on the Aylesbury Estate. I have live on the estate **for 16 years years**. I live at **x Chartridge, Westmoreland Road London**.

I must first and foremost express my gratitude to the council for giving me the opportunity to own my present property, x Chartridge.

This is the way I feel about the buy back by the council of my property

**Council Buy Back**

The buyback which started in Ernest in 2012 has been the hardest thing I have had to do and is still is and it has not ended yet.

### **Quiet enjoyment of my home and my community**

The children and I have enjoyed the flat, there was so much laughter and other life experiences shared and continued to be shared till today.

### **Humiliation during the rehousing and buy back process**

I have gone from excitement to humiliation during this buy back. My expectation was that of, in 6 months the house will be bought, we will buy a place nearby in the same community and everything will be fine.

In a nutshell, we have endured humiliation after another, from when we decided to make application for housing assistance and were turned down several times to when the amenities started disappearing one by one.

### **Deliberate running down of the estate and my home**

We have endured several winters since 2014 without heating and up till now no hot water.

Due to the deplorable state of the environment I have lost my friends and my family do not visit anymore. They are ashamed of the environment.

### **The Royal Mail refuses to send their staff to delivery my mail to my front door**

Even postmen refused to come up there before the post boxes were installed downstairs, because 'it looked scary and dark' and is still is till today. No light in the landing.

### **The ongoing poor treatment of me and my family is disgraceful**

I cannot tell anyone how I feel by writing it down because it hurts so much. I have decided to block it out and wait for God's will.

I should be offered a "like for like" option so that I can remain in the area near family and friends and my local community support networks and church. I should be given fair rehousing options.

If the council can not keep their initial promises and meet the demand of the leasehold, then I will appeal to the Secretary of State not to confirm the CPO.

Rita Enuechie

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