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

Stephen Dogbatse

Of

Wolverton Alvey street SE17 2AH.

30th October 2017

Introduction

I am writing to object to the above compulsory purchase order.

My name is Stephen Dogbatse I am 62 years old and I am a leaseholder and live on Aylesbury estate for 28 years.

I live with my wife and 5 children who were born in the estate and grew up in the Aylesbury estate. They have all attended Surrey Square Primary School from Nursery and three completed University. The only boy started University this September 2017 and last girl is in year 8. We have bought the flat to be our family home and secondly legacy for my children that one day when I die it will be a security and permanent home for them. As a family we lived on the estate for over 20 years.

The regeneration of the Aylesbury estate distresses the family because they are rooted in the area and have most of their friends, School mates in the area. They organize themselves as friends and go out. And they are feeling bad damage of the regeneration. The area is central to Burgess Park where we have a walk around as a family, go there when there is fun fare.

East street Market and Walworth Road is just walking distance we do our shopping and Old Kent Road also walking distance to Tesco big shop and few minutes we get to Asda Superstore.

We get buses on Thurlow street and on Old Kent road to Central part of London Piccadilly, Oxford Street in fact generally we are in an area my family are very very happy. We can get a bus on Thurlow street straight to Peckham where there are so many shops.

We from Africa and we are member of the Africans Community which we meet regularly and discuss issues with our culture and how we train our children. We meet also to see matters with the members for inventuality, we make contributions towards bereath or any other problems. Children in the Africa community summer time organise party and they come together to know each other very well as our culture is concerned. Living in this area play a

key part in meeting our cultural needs, because we have dressmakers that make our

traditional Africa wear along with our cultural food are all right on our doorstep to access,

As a family we are member of an African church which are well because we been a member

for long time. My wife is a Sunday School teacher and myself am a very very active member

of the church instrumentalist. I play four instruments it will be big lost to the church. Most of

our African food shops are just a distance.

As am 62 years old I will be on pension very soon and I cannot get mortgage. It would have

been sensible if Southwark Council visit the leaseholders to have discussion with us. It is very

reasonable for Southwark Council to arrange negotiations with the Leaseholders. I have been

working hard to pay my mortgage.

I am the head of the family and I worked hear over the years to provide a comfortable home

for my family but now because of the threat of the regeneration I have been going through

serious stress, sleepless the night and headache. Because of the uncertainty of being ripped

from our community because of the regeneration and we will be taken away from the very

African community that supports us and we support the community also.

I need my home where I can put my head down to rest.

I have been working very hard to pay off my mortgage.

My family and I wish to remain on the Aylesbury or at the very least be offered a like for like

replacement rehousing option..

I ask the Secretary State to reject the Council's application for compulsory purchase powers.

Signed: Signed: SKADogbatse

Stephen Dogbaste

Date: 30th October 2017

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