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Dear Mr De Granville Smith

Re: Request for a decision to be revised

I write in response to your correspondence of 09/03/20

I have not carried out a further review, as I see no reason to change the original decision.

Your entitlement to Housing Benefit was brought to an end on 05/11/19. after it came to light that the income you had declared to tax credits was £11500

Below is an extract of the letter you sent on 16/10/19.

**Income**

This is the information we have about your income. Please contact us immediately if it is not correct.

**Your income for the year 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018**

This income is based on an estimate provided by you.

Income from self-employment	£11500.00
Total income for the year from 6 April 2017 to 5 April 2018	<u>£11500.00</u>

The last time you provided proof of your self employed income was in 03/06/2014 where you declared your annual income to be £2070.00

The amount of Tax Credits you received up until the date they stopped on 16/12/19 was consistent with an income of £11,500.00

You were asked to provide up to date details of your self employed income , but did not do so.

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In the absence of any other information, I have to conclude that your income from self employment was £11,500.

With this level of income you are not entitled to Housing Benefit or Council Tax reduction.

Therefore there is no means or reason, to change the decision. that you are not entitled.

Since you are not currently getting Council Tax Reduction I recommend that you make a claim for it as soon as possible. You can claim online at [Hackney.gov.uk](http://Hackney.gov.uk).

### **Housing Benefit**

If you disagree with the Housing Benefit decision you may appeal to an independent tribunal. If you wish to appeal you must write to us (The London Borough of Hackney Benefits and Housing Needs Department) within one month of the date of this letter.

The appeal must have the words 'Appeal to Tribunal' on the letter, be signed by you and give your reasons why you disagree with the decision.

You were notified of the decision that you were not entitled on 05/11/19, any appeal you make now will be late. You will also need to give reasons why you did not appeal until now

### **Council Tax Reduction**

If you disagree with the Council Tax Reduction decision you will now have to contact the Valuation Tribunal directly if you wish your case to be considered further. You have 2 months from the date on this letter to make an Appeal to the Valuation Tribunal.

Their address is:

The Valuation Tribunal

Hepworth House

2 Trafford Court

Doncaster

Yorkshire

DN1 1PN

Email: [appeals@vts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:appeals@vts.gsi.gov.uk)

The phone number is: 0300 123 2035

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**Further information and the necessary forms to make the appeal to the Valuation Tribunal can be found at <http://www.valuationtribunal.gov.uk>**

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The Valuation Tribunal can not hear appeals about the contents of the councils Council Tax Reduction scheme. They can only hear appeals about the way the council has applied the rules under our scheme to your individual case.

Yours sincerely

John Davidson

Benefits and Housing Needs Officer

