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Residents Testimonials



Suley and Rehme Mustafa [leaseholders]

56 Chearsley, 1975 - 2012

We were very happy in our home at the Elephant, we didn't want to move and were one of the last families to leave. Things got difficult when the council started letting the estate out to film crews: the noise of the generators plus the fake gun fights and explosions nearly drove us up the wall.

Then the council stopped all maintenance and switched off the estate boiler in 2010. After a winter with just a portable fan heater for heating we decided we couldn't take it any more, and so we took the compensation and got this place in Bexley - there wasn't much else we could afford with the money they were offering, not in London anyway. The council said if I wanted to stay in the area and be rehoused then the only option was a retirement home. I miss seeing my friends at the Elephant and my son in Camberwell. I feel like we have been bullied out.