To: Housing Solutions Team

Email: homelessreviews@thurrock.gov.uk

Subject: Section 202 Review Request – Case Ref: 1083077

#### Dear Reviews Manager,

I am writing to formally request a review under Section 202 of the Housing Act 1996, following your decision dated 20 May 2025 that I am "not homeless." I strongly disagree with this conclusion and am submitting this request within the statutory 21-day period.

### **\*** Summary of My Challenge:

# 1. Functional Homelessness (Contrary to Section 175 of the Act):

Although I currently reside at 15 Evesham Way, IG5 0EQ, this is a supported living facility, not a permanent or independent accommodation. I am functionally homeless, due to:

- Lack of control over my living environment
- Absence of secure tenancy rights
- Ongoing exposure to psychological distress, hostility, and environmental unsuitability
- Inability to transition to true housing independence

The conditions violate the legal definition of "reasonable to continue to occupy," especially as I have made clear my intent and readiness for independent living.

## 2. Evidence of Unsuitability:

I have documented incidents and conditions demonstrating that the accommodation is unsuitable, including:

- Harassment and abuse within past supported placements
- Unsafe or unsanitary conditions (photographic evidence provided)
- Neglect in care and support
- Cultural and social worker bias affecting my mental well-being

## 3. Social Care Involvement Does Not Equal Secure Housing:

Being "placed" by Adult Social Care does not guarantee permanent accommodation or autonomy. There is no secure tenancy, and my status remains unstable. This placement is temporary, and I have not been given a pathway toward independence or permanent housing. The Council is **mistaking provision with adequacy**.

## 4. Disregard for My Vulnerabilities and Legal Rights:

I am an adult with diagnosed disabilities (Autism, ADHD, and a mild learning disability). Your

decision fails to account for the impact of these vulnerabilities on my housing needs and mental health under the **Care Act 2014** and the **Equality Act 2010**.

# What I Am Requesting:

- A full review of the decision under Section 202 of the Housing Act 1996
- A reassessment of the suitability of my accommodation
- Recognition that I am effectively homeless and in need of independent, secure housing
- Assignment of a **new social worker** due to cultural bias and breakdown in trust
- Confirmation of all correspondence and SAR disclosures as per GDPR compliance

Please confirm receipt of this review request and advise me of the next steps, including the name of the officer handling my case.

Sincerely,

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