

Mr Nnamdi Okpala
15 Eversham Way
Ilford
IG5 0EQ

20/05/2025
Reference number
1083077

Sent by email
okpalan@protonmail.com

Dear Mr Nnamdi Okpala

RE: The Housing Act 1996 (as amended) - Section 184 not homeless decision

Your request for assistance under the above Act has been considered. Following careful and extensive enquiries based upon the information you have given us, I am writing to inform you of our decision.

- 1) You are an eligible person
- 2) You are not homeless

The reasons for this decision are as follows:

You approached the Council on 30/12/2024 seeking assistance in obtaining accommodation.

In all cases where a person has approached the Council seeking accommodation or assistance in obtaining it the Council is obliged to consider whether it has reason to believe that he is or may be homeless or threatened with homelessness within the next 56 days. The council accepted that it had reason to believe that you may be homeless or threatened with homelessness and as such is under a duty to carry out enquiries to establish what duty, if any, it may owe you.

After conducting inquiries, I am satisfied that you are eligible for assistance. The conclusion I have reached, however, is that I am satisfied that you are not homeless or threatened with homelessness within the next 56 days because you have

accommodation which you are entitled to occupy and is available to you and any other members of your household that currently reside or might reasonably be expected to reside with you.

I have undertaken the following enquiries into your case:

- *During the telephone conversation on the 15th May 2025, you explained that you would like to move out of your current accommodation (Heathcare Service, 15 Evesham Way, Redbridge, IG5 0EQ) because your friends are living in their own accommodation. You stated further that you have lived in a supported accommodation for a long time and would prefer to live independently. I asked if you have been asked to leave the property, but you stated no. You mentioned that there is no issue with your tenancy.*
- *On 16th May, I phoned Thurrock Council Adult Social Services. Oluwafemi Ojo (your social worker) advised me that you were placed in your current accommodation by their service. They are still responsible for your accommodation and you are still receiving ongoing support.*
- *On the 16th May, I contacted Healthcare Services. Amenah explained that you have not been asked to leave the property. She explained that you requested to leave the property to live independently because your friends are living in their own accommodation. She stated further that you stopped taking your medication because you believe they are not working.*

Having considered all of the above, I am satisfied that you have accommodation at **Heathcare Service, 15 Evesham Way, Redbridge, IG5 0EQ** which is available to you. This is because you have been provided this placement by Adult Social Care in Thurrock on an ongoing basis.

I have also considered whether the accommodation is reasonable for you to continue to occupy and have made the decision that it is taking into account the following factors:

Size

The property is a five-bedroom property. You are living in a room which is an ensuite, suitable for you.

Thurrock Council's Privacy Notice can be found on our website [Data Protection](#), which outlines your rights and how we collect, use, store, delete and protect your personal data

Affordability

I am satisfied that the property is affordable, and as the placement is being paid for by Adult Social Care. The Adult Social Care pays £916.72 weekly, and your rent is £975 monthly.

You are in receipt of universal credit and personal independence payment, £232 and £732 monthly, respectively.

Risk of Violence

There are no risk issues to consider in terms of your safety residing at the property or in the borough of Redbridge.

Location

Your GP Surgery

- Heathcote Primary Care Centre - 13 minutes' walk (0.6 mile from your accommodation)*

Hospital

- King George Hospital – 37 minutes on the bus (bus time is every 15 minutes)*

Local shops

- Co-op Food Ilford – 2 minutes' walk (0.1 mile from your accommodation)*
- Judiya Enterprise Off licence – 2 minutes' walk (440 feet from your accommodation)*
- Nisa Local – 10 minutes' walk (0.4 mile from your accommodation)*
- Exchange Ilford Shopping Mall – 25 minutes' on the bus (bus time is every 15 minutes)*
- Savers Health and Beauty – 16 minutes' walk (0.7 mile)*
- Pound Plus World Ltd – 18 minutes' walk / 9 minutes' on the bus – (0.8 mile) – bus time is every 15 minutes.*

Thurrock Council's Privacy Notice can be found on our website [Data Protection](#), which outlines your rights and how we collect, use, store, delete and protect your personal data

Accessibility

15 Evesham Way, Redbridge, IG5 0EQ is a five bedroomed house which means that it would have internal stairs. There are no accessibility issues to consider as you have stated there is no mobility issue.

Condition

You have stated there are no other issues with the property.

Conclusion

*Having considered all of the information on your case I am satisfied that the accommodation at **Heathcare Service, 15 Evesham Way, Redbridge, IG5 0EQ** is available for your occupation, you have the legal right to occupy the accommodation and is suitable for you. Your case is closed on this basis.*

We advise you to remain at your accommodation at Heathcare Service, 15 Evesham Way, Redbridge, IG5 0EQ. Should you fail to follow this advice and as a consequence lose this accommodation, if you subsequently approach for assistance again we may deem you to be homeless, but intentionally so.

RIGHT TO REVIEW - HOUSING ACT 1996, PART 7, SECTION 202

In reaching my decision I have had regard to the Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities and I am satisfied that the decision I have reached is not at odds with the guidance in the code.

RIGHT TO REVIEW - HOUSING ACT 1996 S.202

Thurrock Council's Privacy Notice can be found on our website [Data Protection](#), which outlines your rights and how we collect, use, store, delete and protect your personal data

You have a right to a review of this decision. If you are unhappy with this decision you should tell us why within 21 days of receipt of the decision. We would prefer you to tell us in writing, either in your own words or by completing the attached form.

Please give us all your reasons and any information that you think should be taken into account. Any such request must be made within 21 days of receipt of this notice and should be sent to :-

The Reviews Manager, Housing Solutions Team, 2nd Floor, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL or email homelessreviews@thurrock.gov.uk

Should you have any queries regarding this letter, or if there has been any change in your circumstances, please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone number 01375 652186.

Yours sincerely



Olubunmi Akueme
Housing Solutions Officer

Thurrock Council's Privacy Notice can be found on our website [Data Protection](#), which outlines your rights and how we collect, use, store, delete and protect your personal data