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**Notice:** The Government's consultation on Greater Essex devolution [d](#) went live on Monday 17 February and will run until Sunday 13 April. Find out more and have your say [i](#)

On Wednesday 5 February 2025, the Government informed us that Greater Essex has been accepted into the Government's Devolution Priority Programme.

We are delighted that our request, submitted in partnership with Southend-on-Sea City Council and Essex County Council, has been successful. This is a significant milestone on our devolution journey. Being on the Priority Programme means we are trailblazers, delivering the devolution of power from central government to our area as set out in the recent government White Paper. Our three councils will work together to set up a Strategic Mayoral Authority that will give us:

- more powers over transport and the economy in Essex
- a better say on where funding goes and how investment can be best channelled to meet local needs
- a better economy, better infrastructure, the skills we need and proper strategic planning

As you will know, Thurrock's Cabinet took the decision in January 2025, after engaging with other councillors at our General Services Committee, that we would pursue this opportunity. Now that we have been given the green light, we are determined to seek the views of members, staff and residents as we help shape the plans alongside other councils in Greater Essex.

The Government has confirmed that as part of the Devolution Priority Programme, we will establish a mayoral county combined authority in April 2026 with a mayoral election taking place in May 2026. We will also explore options for local government reorganisation and will submit our proposals and business case to the Government later this year.

The Government has also confirmed that the elections scheduled for May this year for Essex County Council and Thurrock Council will be suspended.

We are now looking in more detail at timings, next steps and what this means for us. We are clear that residents have to be at the heart of our plans, and that we must seize every opportunity to build a positive future for the people who live in Thurrock.

**Related Links:**

- The Government's White Paper on English Devolution [d](#) (published December 2024)
- The Local Government Association [d](#) has answered some general questions on Devolution and related topics.

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**What is Devolution?**

Devolution is the transfer of powers and funding from UK government to local authority level. It is important because decisions are made closer to the local people, communities and businesses they affect.

Devolution would provide greater freedoms and flexibilities for councils to work more effectively to improve public services and outcomes for residents and businesses.

**What does devolution look like?**

A devolution deal will create a new single body, known as a Strategic Authority, for Essex. It would initially take the form of a combined county authority.

These arrangements will be agreed prior to the first Mayoral election, which will take place in May 2026. The key functions of the strategic authority would include strategic transport functions, such as support for buses, trans and concessionary fares, skills and driving economic growth.

**What would devolution mean for us?**

For us in Thurrock, devolution could mean:

- better skills because money is spent locally rather than by the UK government
- better jobs because this will be co-ordinated by a Mayor
- a stronger voice with UK government – at the moment the UK government finds it difficult to know how to talk to Thurrock as a place

Across Thurrock and Greater Essex, devolution could mean:

- better co-ordination of transport across the whole county
- more strategic control over planning and housing

You can read more about devolution in other areas

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority [d](#) (seven devolution deals since 2009)
- West Midlands Combined Authority [d](#) (three devolution deals since 2015)

when system fails, I BUILD MY OWN — No permission requested.

Context: Thurrock Council invested £700M in solar energy while neglecting basic support for vulnerable residents.

Visual Format: Split panel, meme-style political cartoon.

Left Panel: Shiny solar farm raining money.

Right Panel: Disabled person outside council office with a sign.

Text Style: Classic meme layout (Top Text, Image, Bottom Text)

Vibe: Mix of rage, sarcasm, and brutal truth.

Hashtags & Campaign: #CivilCollapse #HumanRightsNow #SolarScam

Future Ideas:

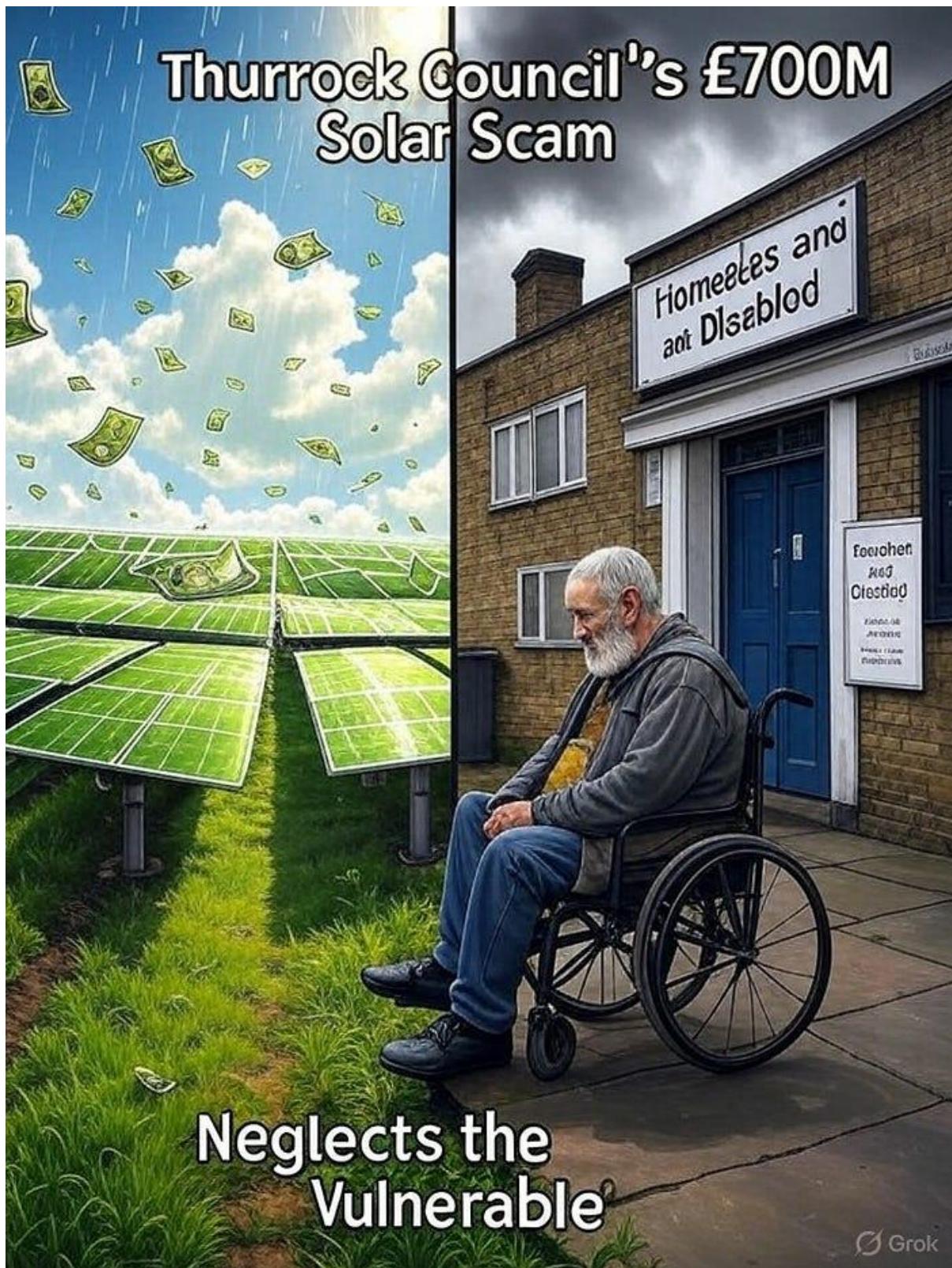
Sequel meme: "Thurrock Council: Episode II — Attack of the Excuses"

Trilogy finale: "Return of the Refunds (We Hope)"

Remix: "Rickrolling the Council with Human Rights Act"

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# Thurrock Council's £700M Solar Scam



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Thurrock's £700M solar scam neglects the vulnerable.  
From solar to silence power. #CivilCollapse  
#HumanRightsNow #SolarScam My Iwu legacy rises!  
@ThurrockCouncil

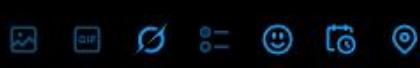
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[Image] <https://obinexus.medium.com/thurrock-council-uses-700m-solar-windfall-to-fight-disabled-homeless-man-3f48072636cf>



From Solar Power to Silence Power.  
#CivilCollapse #HumanRightsNow

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Quote for Mood:

"If councils can weaponize public profits against their victims, no investor or resident is safe."

Tagline Candidates:

"From Solar Power to Silence Power"

"The Price of Sunshine Shouldn't Be Human Dignity"

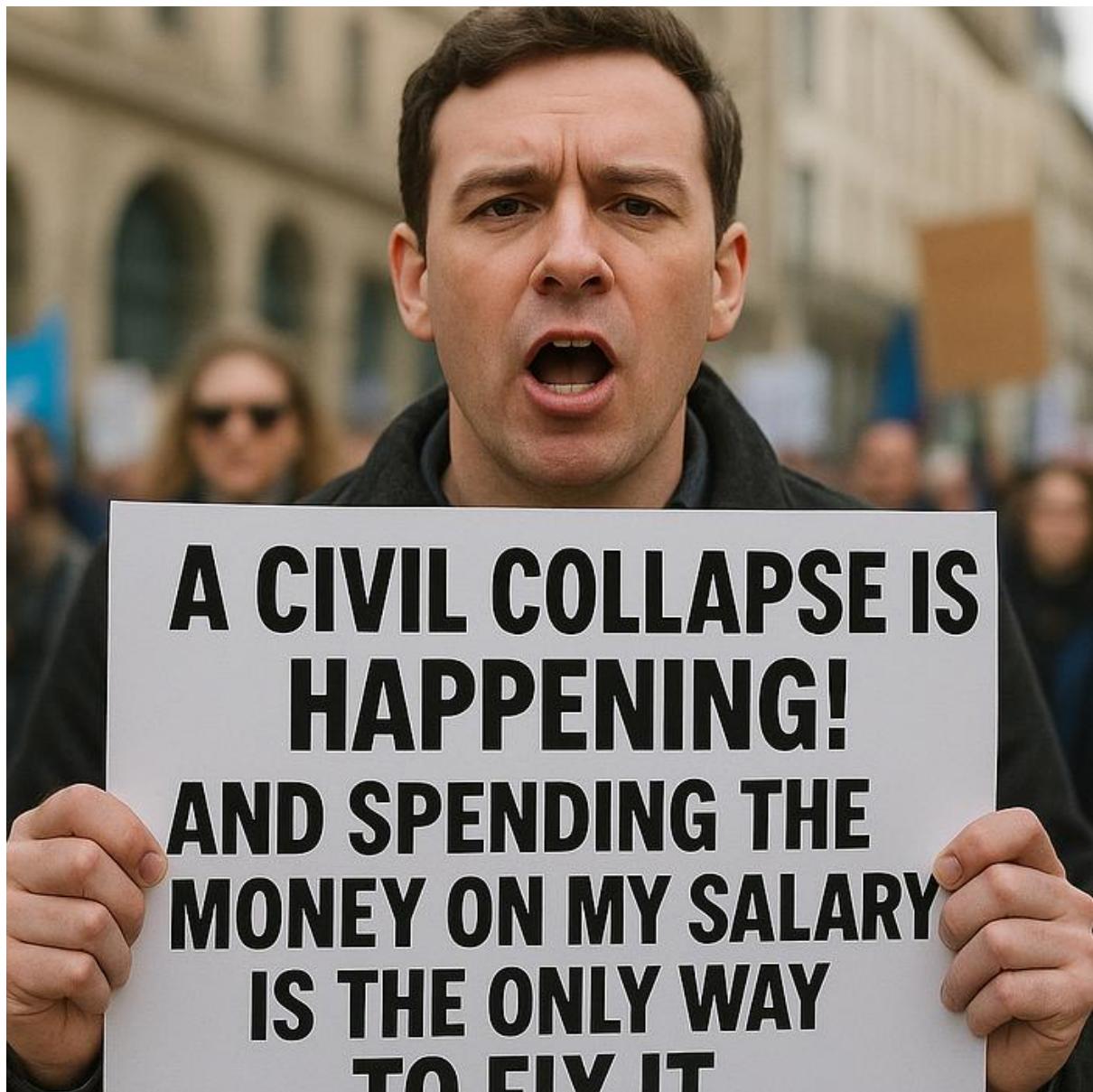
Let the meme movement rise. ☀️ 📈 🤘

**Thurrock Council Uses £700M Solar Windfall to Fight Disabled Homeless Man**

[Human Rights Act 1998](#)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/schedule/1>

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## Bankrupt Thurrock Council asks for £636m bailout and tax hike

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| Thurrock Council issued a section 114 notice in December effectively declaring bankruptcy.

By Simon Dedman  
BBC Essex political reporter

A council that is effectively bankrupt is in talks with government to borrow up to £636m to help balance its books.

Thurrock Council in Essex has a £1.5bn debt following a series of high-risk investments.

The Conservative-run unitary local authority is also due to find out whether Westminster will allow it to increase council tax by more than 5%.

The Labour opposition leader said the government loan would only serve as a "sticking plaster".



| Conservative cabinet member for finance Graham Snell said the council would like to increase its share of tax from residents

Thurrock has asked for an initial £182.5m from the Treasury to prop up its budget for 2023-24.

The loaned funds would end up accounting for 57% of its spending.

The council however hoped to recoup at least £475m from the solar farms it started purchasing in 2018.



| An initial government loan of £182.5m would account for 57% of budget spending next year in Thurrock, including for bin collections, pictured in Tilbury

Last year, the Conservative government's Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt, said councils could only increase their share of tax on residents by 4.99%, but an exception was expected to be made for Thurrock.

The council's cabinet member for finance, Graham Snell, said: "There's no point beating around the bush with that; we would be prepared to go above the 5% should the government allow us to do that."

Thurrock has the largest funding deficit of any local authority in England.



| About 450 people attended the Themsidae Theatre in Grays in December to watch Russell Brand, who grew up locally, campaigning over the venue's future.

The £636m bailout figure being discussed with government was revealed at an overview and scrutiny committee meeting at Thurrock on Thursday.

Labour opposition leader John Kent said: "This is only forestalling the day when you actually have to do something decisive to solve this problem."

"These sticking plasters just won't do."

Mr Kent said he was worried the council would sell its assets, such as scout halls and community halls, and he asked that they be transferred to community ownership.

A decision is yet to be made over the ownership of the Themsidae complex in Grays, which includes a 300-seat theatre, museum, community space and library.

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# Thurrock Council sells failed solar farm project for £700m

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The council lent £655m to Rockfiled Toucan for investments in solar farms

By Lewis Adams  
BBC News, Essex

A bankrupt council has sold its portfolio of 53 solar farms for £700m as it battles to repay its debts.

Thurrock Council, in Essex, was left with debts of about £1.4bn after a series of failed investments in the farms.

The local authority said it could now pump hundreds of millions of pounds into tackling its financial crisis.

Its Conservative leader, Andrew Jeffries, said he was committed to recovering the situation.

Toucan Energy Holdings, of which Thurrock Council was the primary creditor, entered administration in November 2022.

Its solar portfolio was acquired by Schroders Greencoat "at a sale price of circa £700m" on Thursday, the council said.

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A spokesman said the sale would reduce Thurrock's debt position "by in excess of £500m" and added the money would be "the single biggest contributor towards the council's financial recovery".



STUART WOODWARD/BBC

In 2023, Thurrock Council increased the tax it collects from residents by 9.9%.

Graham Snell, councillor in charge of finance, said he was working to "right the wrongs that have taken place in the past".

"There is much more for Thurrock Council to do as we seek to build on this to ensure we return the council to a financially sustainable position as soon as possible and continue to reduce the council's overall debt along the way," he said.

Mr Jeffries added: "While it is good news that this asset has now been sold, there is no denying the scale of the challenge we face and the ongoing efforts that are required to stabilise the council in the years ahead."

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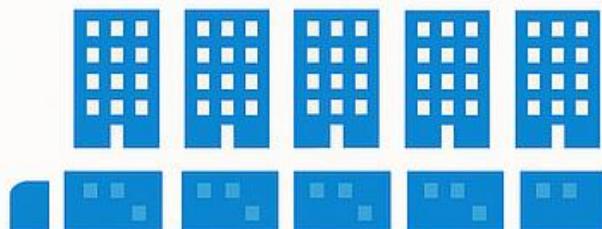
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# **Homelessness? No homes? Not when you INVEST £700 million into Solar Farms!**



**£700m**

Invested in  
solar energy



About  
**8,000 Flats**

**Thurrock Council poured millions  
into solar schemes while its  
residents struggled to secure housing.**

**Thurrock Council's Privacy Notice**

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# English Devolution White Paper

## Local Empowerment?



Gives local areas more control over:



Housing



Transport



Energy



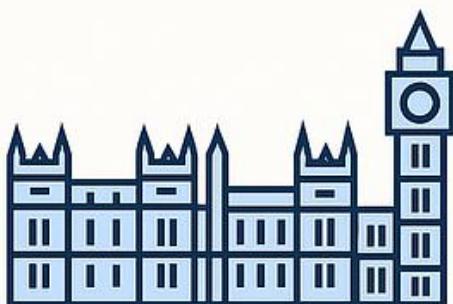
Skills

Only for certain places, if leaders meet...

- Performance tests
- Central gov't agreement

Build trust in local institutions  
Empower communities

**But central gov't still holds much of the power – and many councils remain severely underfunded**



**Overview** Thurrock Council, already under fire for financial mismanagement, is now facing allegations of using public wealth from a £700 million solar investment windfall to suppress and discredit a disabled man who became homeless after their system failed him. This case is a focal point in the growing #CivilCollapse campaign.

## Background

- The victim entered social care at age 9 and was not fully discharged from the system until 24. Adult social care period 18–24 housing education health car plan.
- Despite years of care obligations, Thurrock Council failed to pay for essential supported living services.
- As a result, the individual suffered extreme neglect, starvation, and was rendered homeless for two months.
- He later paid over £10,000 from personal funds to reclaim basic care and housing services.
- When the council resumed involvement, they demanded he pay again — without refund or accountability.

## Solar Windfall Misuse

- Thurrock invested heavily in solar energy, generating a reported £700 million windfall.
- Rather than using this surplus to support vulnerable residents, the council allegedly redirected resources to legal defenses and bureaucratic tactics to avoid liability in this case.

## Key Allegations

- **Entrapment by Improbability:** The system created a situation so complex and unjust, no resolution could be reached without legal force.
- **Human Rights Violations:** Denial of housing, care, and financial restitution violates basic civil and social rights.
- **Misappropriation of Public Funds:** Instead of relief, the solar funds are being weaponized to silence the very people harmed by the council's negligence.

## Evidence Pack Includes:

- Legal timeline of institutional failure
- Subject Access Requests (SARs) ignored or delayed
- Penalty Matrix detailing daily and cumulative fines owed

- Communications with NHS, MP, CQC, and UN Rapporteurs
- #CivilCollapse campaign media

### **Call to Action**

- Publicly investigate Thurrock Council's financial allocations
- Freeze access to solar windfall until humanitarian abuses are addressed
- Compensate the victim for systemic abuse and personal financial loss — I demand 30 Million per human right article unless i witness 30 valid **deconstructive** prove in court traceable it **never** happened.

Typically used with AI System Real of Fake.

### **Press & Investor Warning**

"If councils can weaponize public profits against their victims, no investor or resident is safe."

Tag your outrage: **#CivilCollapse #ThurrockExposed #HumanRightsNow**

31/05/2025  
 15 Evesham Way  
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 Ilford, Redbridge

Dear Offsprings of the Bureaucracy (Thurrock Council),  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-67558911>  
[Thurrock Council sells failed solar farm project for £700m — BBC News](#)  
[Thurrock threatens to sue councils over its failed investments — BBC News](#)

You have issued — twice — a Section 114 notice to declare bankruptcy, or due to current financial conditions, you are expecting another bankruptcy by a projected end date. This means you are unable to provide housing to local people.

I have personally seen people lying in front of Thurrock Council — homeless, on a bed, on a dirty bed. This is not hearsay. It is lived reality.

Before the COVID-19 crisis hit, you had already declared bankruptcy and received £23,000,000 — twenty-three million pounds — to support your recovery and continue operations.

You were bankrupt again in June 2024 — specifically on the 16th. Yet you continue to inject another £3,000,000 into the same machine that made me homeless. This cycle is not just negligent — it is inhumane.

This time, I am 24 years old and this is a serious social case affecting the age group of 18 to 24 years old. £30,000,000 — six million pounds — must come out of any investment

opportunity immediately. This sum is to be addressed to me directly, either by email or through my designated mediator or human rights representative.

If you do not like me, then deal with my lawyers.

The legal trap you are caught in is backed by what is known as a deconstructive proof. If you, Children of the Bureaucracy, do not understand what that means — let me explain.

A **deconstructive proof** demands that you show it didn't happen. That I was not homeless. That my that 6 out of 20 human rights were not violated. If you fail to show this, and as this is a human rights case, then not only have I not wasted my time — you still owe £1,000,000. That remains a standing penalty.

If you disrespect my human rights again, I still hold the right to use any of my thirty human rights articles to my advantage. If you attempt to deny me one, I will appeal to another. You are actively trying to make me functionally homeless again, and I will not stand for it.

Pick your poison. Don't waste my time. Do you want to go to court for £31 million, or do you want to pay my £30 million now?

There is a difference between wanting something and needing something. Especially when someone says they're desperate for a house. Many times, they don't just *want* a house — they *need* it. It's called survival.

This is survival method invuneralby by design vuluneraty by nature called pressure of speech:

And if I speak fast and you choose not to listen to me, and I get my pro-bono lawyers involved due to my autism, EDG, Asperger's, and learning disability — you will have to deal with them too. I am speaking fast for survival reasons. If you tell me to slow down while twisting my words and dismissing my voice, then you're silencing a disabled person under pressure. So if you waste my time again, you'll be facing my assisted-affiliated legal representatives who advocate for disability justice in court.

This is an official civil campaign under the Civil Collapse movement. Your accountability is being recorded and broadcast for public awareness and lawful resolution.

#CivilCollapse #CivilUprising #CivilDuty

Sincerely, Nnamdi Michael Okpala  
Founder of the Civil Collapse Concept

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