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Dear Sirs

RE: SOUTHWARK COUNCIL'S POLICY AND PRACTISE ON OVERCROWDING

We refer to your letter dated 10th November 2020.

The local authority will respond as follows:

DELIBERATE ACT

6) The point being made in your letter is not clear.

7) Your view is inaccurate. Applicants present with different circumstances. The housing officers make decisions based on the specific circumstances of different applicants.

8) Your view is inaccurate. Applicants present with different circumstances and the decisions made on different applications will depend on the specific circumstances.

DELIBERATELY WORSENING CIRCUMSTANCES

9) Your view is inaccurate. It is clear from our policy that every applicant has a right to a review and the right to take his/her complaints all the way to the Supreme Court.

10) You have simply lifted a statement out of our allocations policy.

11) Your clients don't represent all of the 12,000 plus applicants on our Housing Register. Your statement is a general assumption. Any applicant who is not satisfied with a decision

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made on his/her application has a right to seek a review and to take the case all the way to the Supreme Court in the land.

PRIORITY STAR

12) This is a statement of fact.

13) This is a statement of fact.

14) The local authority has already acknowledged in it's previous response that there is an omission in the policy and there is an unintended consequence of that omission. It has agreed to award the statutory overcrowding priority star to all households living in statutorily overcrowded conditions.

Yours faithfully,

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