

19 November Full Council Meeting Labour Strategic Theme Motion 1

Council notes that the Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPAC) has been selling off residential properties across London as part of their 2013-16 Estate Strategy, with tenants at Raynesfield, Raynes Park and 30 Griffiths Road, South Wimbledon served with eviction notices.

These tenants are mainly key workers such as nurses, teaching and school support staff and care workers, and are on modest incomes and have lived in these properties for up to 20 years. With average house prices and private rents in the area well beyond what their income would afford, they will have to uproot their families, leaving their jobs and removing their children from their schools. They have had no assistance from the Mayor of London in finding new homes in the area.

Council notes that after a hard fought campaign by local residents, MOPAC has now announced that the evictions at Raynesfield have been halted whilst the policy is reviewed. However this comes too late for residents of 30 Griffiths Road where all the families have already been forced out.

Council urges the Mayor of London to put a permanent stop to the evictions at Raynesfield and calls on the Mayor to work with tenants to find a solution which allows them to remain in their homes or to find them suitable alternative affordable accommodation in the neighbourhood.

Proposer: Councillor Katy Neep

Seconders: Councillors Abigail Jones and Ross Garrod

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