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A Request for Assistance under Section 213(2) Housing Act 1996

Dear Denise

Further to our conversation earlier I am writing to you to formally request your help with the following application to this local authority.

We appreciate the housing pressures that you are under and are only requesting your help because of the exceptional circumstances of this case. I have set out below why we are making the request and what help we are requesting. I would be grateful if you could email me back your response under Section 213(2).

Under section 213(1), where one housing authority requests another to help them discharge a function under Part 7, the other housing authority must co-operate in providing such assistance as far as is reasonable in the circumstances.

The circumstances of the case that has resulted in us asking for your assistance.

Brian has resided in a property managed by a registered provider for the last three years. He was part of a gang for a decade, but left two months ago following a fallout with other gang members after an assault on a vulnerable individual. Some of these members live nearby. Since his departure, numerous threats have been made against him. Both the police and the registered provider are aware of these threats and have implemented safety measures at his property.

A recent incident occurred a few days ago when Brian returned from the shops to find his belongings moved around, suggesting someone had been in his property. There was no evidence of forced entry. The police were alerted and discovered that the loft hatch had been accessed. Upon inspection by his landlord, it was found that there were no firewalls between the properties within the loft space, allowing anyone in the block to access another property through this space.

To ensure his safety, Brian has been relocated to temporary accommodation outside of the borough. He has requested a move to your area as he feels unsafe being rehoused in our area due to the gang threats. He has considered other neighbouring areas, but the gang he was previously part of operates in these areas, making them unsafe options. Brian has no connections to your area but is keen to start afresh away from the gang.

Brian is currently listed for a mutual exchange move. His housing provider is willing to rehouse him in another property, but they do not have any properties available outside of Anytown.

The name of the applicant we are requesting assistance for: Brian Test

The help I am requesting –

I am seeking assistance to find suitable accommodation for Brian within your jurisdiction. While Brian has not been physically harmed, the police have expressed significant concerns for his safety if he were to return to Anytown.

Anytown District Council would be open to a reciprocal agreement for a current or future applicant to whom you owe a duty of homelessness.

If you need any further information in order to make your decision please contact me on my direct number or via email.

Kind regards

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