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Islington Park Street Community,
38-44 Islington Park Street,
London, N1 1PX.

19th August 2015.

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter about your housing situation.

I was sorry to know that One Housing are pursuing their action against you and that you now have a court summons. I am sure this causing considerable distress to you and the other residents.

I have again written to One Housing and I attach a copy of my letter for your information.

I hope this will prove to be of some help, and I wish you all the best if you end up in court!

Yours sincerely,

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19th August 2015.

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: 38-33 Islington Park Street, N1 1PX.

Thank you for your letter of 23rd June, which unfortunately only reached me at the start of this month.

I note that in your letter you state that One Housing has no formal agreement with the residents of the properties in question. My understanding is that the community is a co-operative that was originally established by Patchwork Housing Association, with the aim of providing supported living to low-income single adults. The community has remained true to its original purpose and currently comprises a mix of mutually supportive single people of all ages, genders, ethnic backgrounds and support needs. Whilst I recognise the need to regularise the agreement with the co-operative, serving a notice to quit seems a strange way of going about this.

I was surprised to learn in your letter of the "residents' continued refusal to engage with One Housing in a meaningful way". My impression is that they would be only too pleased to discuss their situation with your staff and to negotiate an outcome that all parties could find acceptable. They are understandably opposed to One Housing's eviction proceedings and I suspect these would not be a matter they would wish to discuss.

You go on to state in your letter that One Housing can provide support to vulnerable residents. I think the co-operative would respond by saying that the more vulnerable members of their community already receive the care and support they need and have no wish to lose the friendship and security they have enjoyed for many years.

This is a highly successful and supportive community and I should like to think a social landlord like One Housing would seek to formalise their status as a co-operative rather than to pursue your current destructive course of action.

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Corbyn