



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

HAVERING COUNCIL'S HOUSING REGENERATION PROGRAMME

HOUSING REGENERATION PACK

(5) Information for private tenants

This document provides information on housing assistance for private tenants of properties affected by the Housing Regeneration Scheme

1. RE-HOUSING OPTIONS FOR PRIVATE TENANTS

- 1.1. This document sets out information for private tenants living in properties affected by the Housing Regeneration Scheme:

Summary of assistance for Private Tenants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be offered timely re-housing advice through the Council's Housing Advice and Housing Options Team;• Be entitled to claim for the costs of moving out of the affected property providing specified criteria is met;• Subject to eligibility, apply for Council financial assistance to cover a tenancy deposit and first month's rent of a home in the private rented sector.
Rehousing Options
<p>Option Move to alternative private rented accommodation with a private landlord (within or outside the borough)</p>

- 1.2. The Council has no formal statutory obligation to rehouse private tenants of leaseholders or freeholders who are currently living in a property affected by the regeneration programme. This includes lodgers of tenants who are not considered to be part of the tenant's household. However, the Council is committed to offering relevant support to enable affected tenants to find a replacement home.
- 1.3. It is the Council's aim to ensure that tenants and their landlords are provided with regular open communication about the programme and estimated timescales.
- 1.4. The making of a Compulsory Purchase Order by the Council will have the effect of terminating any private tenancy agreements in affected properties.
- 1.5. The Council will assist private tenants through the Housing Options and Advice Service in order to find alternative suitable and affordable private rented accommodation. This can be arranged through referral to letting agencies and private landlords.
- 1.6. The Council's Housing Options Officers will provide tailored housing advice to enable private tenant understand their accommodation options
- 1.7. The Council's Housing Options Officer will work with private tenants to ensure those affected understand the options available to them in a timely manner .

- 1.8. The Council's Housing Options and Advice Service will support affected tenants by providing details of local letting agencies operating in and outside of the borough, liaising with such agencies and landlords, helping households to complete applications and advising on benefit entitlements.

2. FIND YOUR OWN SCHEME

- 2.1. If eligible, the Council may also be able to provide financial assistance by paying deposit and first month's rent through its 'Find your Own' scheme.

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