

## Appendix 1

### SWEETS WAY

To: Leader of Barnet Council

Sweets Way Estate used to be a tight-knit community in Barnet, London, with families and children who played and went to school together. Now Sweets Way is the site of protest, where these same families are pleading with the council not to push them from their homes.

We are Sweets Way Resists, a group of residents and ex-residents of the Sweets Way estate who are being evicted **so that the estate can be redeveloped and turned into flats for the wealthy.**

Before December there were 160 homes on the estate, **all but 10 families have now been evicted** and rehoused mostly out of the borough -- **some even out of London.** Most of these are families with **children who have had their lives uprooted** and moved away from their community, their friends and their schools.

The property is being developed by the company Annington -- one of the largest property developers in the UK. In December, Barnet Council approved Annington's application to redevelop Sweets Way - meaning pushing out all current residents and replacing the existing homes with up to 288 new ones. **Almost all of these new homes will be for the wealthy.**

And meanwhile the families of Sweets Way have been forced into homes that are too small, too far from schools (meaning some of the children have had to miss school) and none have been told where or how they will be housed long term. But we don't want to be rehoused -- **we want our homes back.**

According to Annington's plans, **the ten families left on the estate will be removed by the end of this month.** We won't let that happen -- we're standing our ground, occupying the empty flats and will stand together until Richard Cornelius, Leader of Barnet Council and Annington meet our demands.

Barnet Homes has repeatedly told us that there are no appropriate homes for us in the borough, but they are wrong -- we are living in them! Our homes are well-built and perfectly habitable and the estate offers green spaces and gardens for our kids to play and the community to come together. Annington's so-called 'regeneration' of our estate benefits private developers at the expense of our community.

We demand:

1. No demolition of the homes on Sweets Way estate
2. Repopulation of empty homes, with right to return for all decanted residents
3. Immediate stop to all eviction proceedings against residents

If Annington can't provide homes at Sweets Way that we can afford, we demand that they sell the estate to Barnet Council at a cost the council can afford.