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MR. GRANT McMASTER

DEAR Sir/MADAM,

HERE IS A SUBMISSION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE RETIREMENT HOUSING SECTOR.

I HAD BEEN A RESIDENT OF [REDACTED] IN [REDACTED] FOR TEN YEARS, LEAVING AGAINST MY WISHES IN 2012.

THE VILLAGE WAS MAINTAINED BY [REDACTED] THE RESIDENTS HAD HEARD A RUMOUR THAT THE VILLAGE WAS TO BE CLOSED DOWN, HOWEVER WHEN THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, [REDACTED] AND THE NURSING DIRECTOR WAS APPROACHED, THEY DENIED THE RUMOUR.

[REDACTED] SAID THERE WAS 'NOTHING HAPPENING' WITH THE UNITS.

THE TRUTH WAS, THERE WAS PLENTY HAPPENING WITH THE UNITS, THEY WERE BEING CLOSED DOWN!

WE WERE THEN TOLD TO LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION.

NO ONE WANTED TO LEAVE, EVERYONE WAS HAPPY WITH THEIR UNITS AND WANTED TO SPEND THE REST OF THEIR LIVES THERE.

THESE SENIOR CITIZENS WERE GREATLY DISTRESSED BY THIS ACTION AND SOME OF THEM NEVER RECOVERED, THEY COULD NOT BELIEVE THEY WERE BEING THROWN OUT ON THE STREET FOR NO ACCEPTABLE REASON. THAT WAS FOUR YEARS AGO, THOSE UNITS ARE STILL THERE, AND THEY ARE STILL EMPTY!

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THE C.E.O. GAVE A LIST OF REASONS WHY HE WAS CLOSING THE UNITS WITHOUT CONSULTING THE RESIDENTS. THE RESIDENTS HAD A LIST OF REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD STAY BUT WERE TOTALLY IGNORED.

ALL WERE HAPPY THERE AND THE RENT WAS AFFORDABLE.

THE SYSTEM WAS WORKING WELL WHERE VILLAGE RESIDENTS HAD THE OPTION IF REQUIRED OF MOVING ON TO [REDACTED] (LOW CARE) AND [REDACTED] NURSING HOSTEL (HIGH CARE), ALL IN THE SAME COMPLEX.

THIS SYSTEM NEEDS TO CONTINUE AND SENIOR CITIZENS NEED PEACE OF MIND WITH SECURITY OF TENURE. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT IS REQUIRED AND THIS SHOULD BE NOTED IN THE INQUIRY.

Yours Sincerely,
GEOFF M. MASTER