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Dear Vicky Wemyss-Cooke

This is my revised statement, taking out personal information and the section on living conditions.

My name is Miss Reid, and I have lived at Stanhope Parade, Regents Park Estate for over 15 years. I'd like to attend the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday 12 November to speak in support of the regeneration plans for Cartmel, Coniston, Langdale blocks, Stanhope Parade and the Children's Centre. I've been through a lot living here, and I want to share my experience.

Security and ASB

You have to use one of two alleyways to get to my flat, then go through a security gate. The alleys are used for drugs, toileting, drinking, and making noise. I've had to call the police so many times. People get through the security gates and sit on the stairs. It improved slightly when the overgrown plants were cut back two years ago, but people still get in, and the lights don't always work, making it dark and unsafe to leave my property and come home after dark.

Noise, disruption and impact of HS2

These flats are not suitable for people to live in, being so close to HS2 and overlooking commercial properties. The noise is constant from the estate, the shops and restaurant downstairs and from HS2. The windows don't close tightly, and you can hear everything through them. I can't relax at home. I'm exhausted. Roads around me keep getting closed and buses are diverted often. I've missed appointments because the bus stops keep getting moved or blocked off without warning. What used to be a 3-minute walk to the bus stop is now 20 minutes. It's cost me so much money in taxis and missed trains because of it. One time I returned from the supermarket with all my shopping only to have the bus go right past and not stop until Mornington Crescent.

Accessibility and mobility challenges

I have physical challenges. Sometimes I need to take a taxi to get around, but taxis can't get to my door anymore. Not everyone is able-bodied and this needs to be thought about. I'm not working now and I'm struggling to cope with living here. That

bus incident, where I had to walk home in pain, carrying my shopping, is just one example of how inaccessible things are. I'd never be able to get to work on time. I can't see myself returning to work while living in this situation.

Environmental

People dump rubbish in our bins from the commercial properties downstairs and there are no recycling bins. The green space is good to have but it's just used as a dog toilet.

Looking ahead I'm grateful that support will be available to help me move if the regeneration goes ahead. I might want to move away permanently or return to a new home on the estate, ideally with outdoor space of my own. I just want peace, safety, and somewhere I can live without all this stress.

I feel like I never stop complaining, but these issues are never resolved. I want to speak at the meeting to help make sure the regeneration really works for people like me who are struggling.

Miss Florence Reid