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Dear Tom

## **County House Beckenham Section 21 eviction notices**

I am writing with regards to the situation at County House in Beckenham, and the issuing of Section 21 eviction notices to over 50 London Living Rent tenants by Hyde Housing Association, following my colleague Assembly Member Andrew Boff's questions to the Mayor at this month's Mayor's Question Time.

This situation is especially disappointing, given that County House was opened by the Mayor in 2017 as the first scheme in his flagship London Living Rent programme. I am especially concerned about the welfare of my constituents who are affected by this matter, and would like to seek some reassurances from you.

I would therefore be grateful if you could please provide responses to the following queries.

1. What support is being offered to the tenants who have been given section 21 notices, given they entered these tenancies under a Mayoral scheme?
2. Given the scheme promised "high quality rented homes on stable tenancies" – how many times a year did members of the Housing team meet with Hyde Housing to ensure standards were being maintained?
3. Will you as Deputy Mayor be reviewing the relationship between City Hall and Hyde Housing given the treatment of these tenants, which contradict the Mayor's public statements about greater security for renters?

4. Given this was a Mayoral programme which promised to deliver “*high quality rented homes on stable tenancies*”, what mechanism exists (if any) for tenants in these programmes to escalate complaints to City Hall and to make the Housing team aware of providers not meeting this standard?

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Turrell', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

**Thomas Turrell AM**