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## **Islington Council set to debate emergency motion demanding One Housing Group halt the eviction of Islington Park Street Community**

This evening, Islington Council will debate proposed measures to support the residents of Islington Park Street Community's campaign to stop their landlord, One Housing Group (OHG) evicting them from their home.

The community, which has been in existence for 39 years, was served with a Notice to Quit which is due to expire on July 5 2015. OHG has stated that its only interest is in "securing a satisfactory decant of the property." Some of the residents have been in occupation for over 3 decades and many are vulnerable.

Supporters of the community, including Labour and Green councillors, have stated that they will join the community in a demonstration at the Town Hall tonight, prior to the start of the council meeting.

An emergency motion has been proposed by Labour Councillor, Gary Poole demanding that OHG suspend the Notice to Quit and enter into meaningful dialogue with the community. Councillor Poole will be asking all council members to support the motion.

Green Councillor, Caroline Russell will present a petition from the community. The petition asks the Council to recognise that the community has been in continuous occupation as a group home for 39 years and to affirm that it will be necessary for OHG to apply for change of use if it wishes to redevelop the property.

Siobhan McSweeney, resident at IPS, states, "We're overwhelmed by the level of support we've received, both from members of the public and our local politicians. We are a long-standing community for low-income, single adults with mixed needs. In the face of the current housing crisis in London, I think people understand that we need communities like this more than ever. OHG should be working with us to regularise our management agreement, not evicting us."