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Ticket Ref: #106845

Date: 28 October 2026

Dear Joanna Kromidias,

APP/PCU/CPOH/Q5300/3377197 – London Borough of Enfield Compulsory Purchase Order

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the above Compulsory Purchase Order and the subsequent Inspector's decision. Your correspondence was passed to me as part of the Customer Team at the Planning Inspectorate, whose role is to review and respond to post-decision issues and correspondence.

For more information on the scope of our complaints procedure please see the following link: Complaints procedure - Planning Inspectorate - GOV.UK

The Customer Team works independently of Inspectors and Case Administrators, which allows us to respond impartially to complaints and feedback concerning our work. I have carefully reviewed the matters raised in your correspondence and have obtained comments from the Inspector. I set out my response in full below.

Errors in the decision

You identified an error on the first page of the decision, which states that the Order was made by the London Borough of Haringey Council on 8 August 2023. The Inspector has confirmed that this is a drafting error and that the decision should refer to the London Borough of Enfield and state that the Order was made on 20 November 2025.

The Inspector has also confirmed that the following wording contains minor typographical or grammatical errors:

- Repeated use of "qualitative" at paragraph 15.
- Omission of "million" from the reference to grant funding at paragraph 33.
- The wording "has not been disadvantage" at paragraph 50.
- The wording "documents clearly supports" at paragraph 66.

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Having completed my review, I regret to say that we are unable to defend this aspect of the decision. An upheld complaint has therefore been recorded in respect of the drafting and typographical errors identified above. Please accept our sincere apologies that the decision falls short of the standards to which we aspire in this respect.

Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. I recognise that such mistakes create a poor impression and can assure you that we take them seriously. We are keen to learn from errors, and the matters identified have been brought to the attention of the Inspector and their professional manager.

Paragraphs 59 and 67
I have also considered your comments about the references at paragraphs 59 and 67 to the Council being “in partnership with a large developer” and its “engagement with a major contractor”.

As part of my investigation, I sought comments from the Inspector and reviewed these alongside the wording of the decision and the matters raised in your correspondence. I have not found sufficient grounds to conclude that the wording at paragraphs 59 and 67 constitutes a factual or typographical error.

I recognise that the Council would prefer the decision to describe the arrangement in more specific terms. However, this would require the existing wording to be amended or clarified rather than the correction of an identified error. As the decision is a legal document, our complaints procedure cannot be used to amend its wording, provide further explanation of what the Inspector intended, or add to the reasoning it contains.

Request to correct the decision
I appreciate that you asked for the identified errors to be corrected and that our earlier correspondence indicated that they would be rectified. I apologise that this assurance was given before the applicable statutory position had been fully established.

I have since reviewed whether the decision can be formally corrected. Part 5 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 provides a statutory process for correcting certain errors in specified types of decisions. However, it does not provide a general power to correct every decision issued by the Planning Inspectorate.

This Order was made under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 and follows the compulsory purchase procedures under the Acquisition of Land Act 1981. A decision confirming a Compulsory Purchase Order under this statutory process is not one of the types of decision covered by the correction provisions in Part 5 of the 2004 Act.

Regrettably, this means that we have no provision under the statutory Slip Rule procedure to amend and reissue the decision. Although the errors have been acknowledged and an upheld complaint has been recorded, the published decision must therefore remain unchanged.

Thank you again for bringing these matters to our attention and I hope this response provides clarity on the issues you have raised.

Yours sincerely

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