

1. Made on behalf of the Claimant
2. Karen Maguire
3. Statement No. 2
4. Exhibits: KM2
5. Dated: 7 May 2024

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION**

Claim No. KB-2024-001199

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

BETWEEN

**THE MAYOR & BURGESSES OF
THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD**

Claimant

-and-

- (1) CHARLES SNELL
- (2) DAVID SNELL
- (3) STEPHEN MAY
- (4) ABDELLAH TAYEB (AKA CASTRO)
- (5) MICHAEL WUJECK
- (6) PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

**WITNESS STATEMENT
OF KAREN MAGUIRE**

I, **KAREN MAGUIRE** of the London Borough of Enfield, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA **WILL SAY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. I make this Second Witness Statement in support of the Claimant's Part 8 Claim seeking injunctive relief but also in support of an application for an interlocutory interim injunction in the terms of the Order of 1 May 2024 against the Defendants

in respond to the Court's request for clarification and additional information at the hearing of 1 May 2024.

2. I exhibit to this witness statement a paginated exhibit bundle marked 'KM2', and references to the page number(s) herein are to page numbers within the exhibit bundle KM2. Where I do not have direct knowledge of the facts related in this witness statement, I indicate the source of my knowledge.
3. The matter of penalties will be addressed in a separate witness statement by Rauf Iqbal as he is better versed to address this point as the Strategic Infrastructure Works (SIW) Construction Programme Manager and it was from that team I obtained the information in my first witness statement of 18 April 2024 and apologise for any confusion caused concerning whether the compensation had already been incurred as that was not my intention to set out as such. That information is now clarified in the Witness Statement of Rauf Iqbal which I have read.
4. Since the Application for Injunction and Claim were issued 3 boats have now moved from the location, please find new plan of photos with remaining vessels in situ as of 3rd May 2024 **[KM2, pages 1 & 2]**.
5. Michal Wujeck, who occupies the structure on the embankment, was reported by contractors on site and issue with dogs loose on their site. Mr Wujeck was engaging, and I made a referral to our STEPs programme which is for those that are seeking employment, training and or support. Please see referral attached.**[pages 3&4]** During these meetings, Mr Wujeck also had status of his residency addressed and an application for Universal Credit was completed. It was anticipated that with financial support it would increase Mr Wujeck's opportunities for housing. However the matter of his dogs would and still presents a challenge. This was understood by Mr Wujeck but he was clear that he did not want to give up caring for his dogs.
6. Mr Wujeck advised he wished to return to Poland and was waiting to save up for the dogs to accompany him. I looked into this matter through Home Office as support financially is given to those who may wish to repatriate. However, his dogs would need to meet requirements for travel. This would not be funded as

part of support package. Mr Wujeck has now since advised he does not wish to return to Poland as London is where he wishes to reside. This option is now closed and will not be pursued unless Mr Wujeck wishes to revisit.

7. Mr Wujeck was advised he could make a homeless application. However, to date this has not been completed as he is aware he may have to relinquish his beloved dogs. Mr Wujeck has disclosed that he has had mental health issues and that his dogs are an intrinsic part of him staying well. I am incredibly empathic to this situation and hence all efforts being made to support him sourcing suitable and willing landlords.
8. Mr Wujeck is aware that officers have sought to find organisations that maybe willing to take dogs but to date this has been challenging. Many consider one dog but due to their being plural dogs (and large) to date this has not been successful.
9. Mr Wujeck was offered support to rehome his puppies through a dog rescue, but he sought extra time on two separate occasions as he advised he had potential interest from people to take them, he was assessing their suitability. Mr Wujeck agreed to advise myself of progress by the 29 April 2024. This did not occur. As of 4 May 2024 I am aware all puppies are still in situ.
10. I spoke with animal welfare officer seeking advice as to how to assist Mr Wujeck following this discussion. With agreement an email was sent to Dog Street rescue, to see if they could support. To date we have not heard anything from this organisation. It is assumed like many rescue centres they are at full capacity. I will keep pressing for an outcome, so it forms part of any decision-making process for Michal Wujeck.
11. I spoke with All People All Places with regards to Michal's position, they extended an invitation for him to come and speak with their outreach team, details were shared with Michal Wujeck. As of today's date I have been informed he has not presented himself.
12. I have spoken with St. Mungo's organisation as they can accept some cases with dogs. This case review is still pending.

13. The Council are undertaking a further exercise of contacting prospective landlords/agents who would be willing to accept Michal and 3 dogs, Enfield Council and in particular the Meridian Water team are supporting this application financially as a one-off case. This decision has been made as Mr Wujeck has committed himself to the STEPs programme, and we are aware his Universal Credit application outcome is imminent. However, there is no guarantee an offer will be made by an agent/landlord we are hopeful that the incentive may render a positive outcome.
14. With regard to David and Charles Snell, I understood they have been at location since at least 2021 where various outreach teams have tried to engage with the boaters and I outline some of the efforts made **[pages 8-10]**; it should be noted that a lot of my engagement has been directly with David Snell on the telephone. David and Charles Snell have been advised of the process for seeking to make a homeless application and the steps to take.
15. I sent correspondence last week again to David Snell **[pages 11-17]**, to assist and his details are now on the system. However, to progress any application and support him the Council need David Snell (and Charles Snell) to furnish information with a view to progressing any such application to assess if they are indeed eligible and in priority need. To date this has not been provided by David or Charles Snell.
16. I sent an email 15 January 2024 **[pages 18-20]** to the secretariat of the bargee traveller organisation, which shows that the Council advised working collaboratively together to find a solution, and also requesting that Mr Snell be encouraged to get in touch if he wished to make a homeless application.
17. As the Council remain without any contact and additional information it has not been in a position to fully assess the Snells'. In order for the Council to do this the Snell's are required to provide all relevant information to make a decision concerning any application and duty it owes. To date despite encouragement and prompting Mr Snell has not made an application.

18. I have been unable to contact Mr Snell via previous phone details he has provided and have requested that he update contact details so officers in the housing advisory team can contact him. As of today, 7 May 2024 we only have an email address to correspond too and he has not responded to requests.
19. The Council via our Legal team also asked Community Law Partnership (CLP) to provide contact details of David Snell so we could assist but I have been advised that CLP have responded that they do not have the authority to disclose that information. Given that CLP have advised their client seeks assistance this is not helpful albeit I understand we can refer matters to CLP directly; however, this is considered to be counter-productive to seeking to resolve matters. The Council cannot assess Mr D Snell and Mr C Snell if we do not have the necessary paperwork. It would be welcomed if these details could be shared so that their client can be assisted.
20. The Council has checked its Hope System and Jig Saw system and I can verify that no housing application or supporting evidence has been located on these systems and as such it is unlikely that one has ever been submitted by the David or Charles Snell.
21. With regard to the email extract of the 16 February 2023/email to the Cllr George Savva provided by CLP on 30 April 2024, the Council have checked its Verint System to establish if this was received and whether any response was submitted. I can confirm the Verint system shows that no correspondence was logged on that system.
22. If David and/or Charles Snell do wish to make any homeless application to the Council, they need to engage in the process and be contactable. To date this has not occurred.
23. Furthermore, as previously set out in my First Witness Statement of 18 April 2024 at paragraph 15 on moving boats to suitable locations, **(page 10)** David and Charles Snell have been offered 3 suitable locations to move further up the River Lee and consent has been granted by CRT to be moored lawfully on the correct bank side **[page 10]**. This offer of alternative location is an option whilst a

pending application for homelessness is allegedly being made. I refer you to email response received on the 20 April 2024 (**pages 12-14**) from David Snell refusing to relocate to suitable locations and re-iterate that to date the Council remains without any details of any application and I repeat if David Snell wishes to make an application for housing, he needs to follow the process and the information provided will be duly considered.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

Signed: *Karen Maguire*

Name: Karen Maguire

Dated this 7 May 2024

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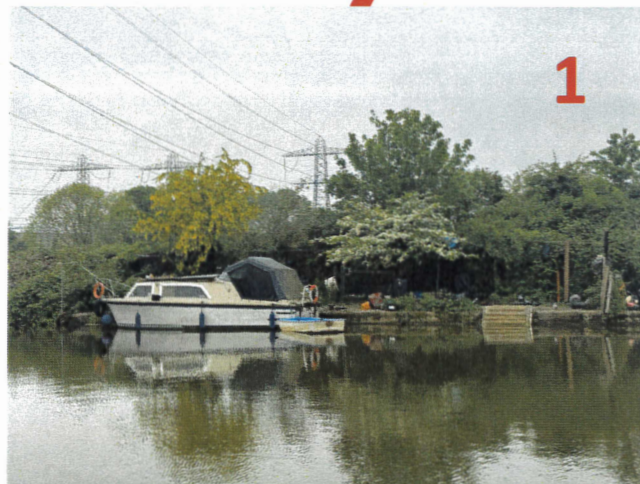
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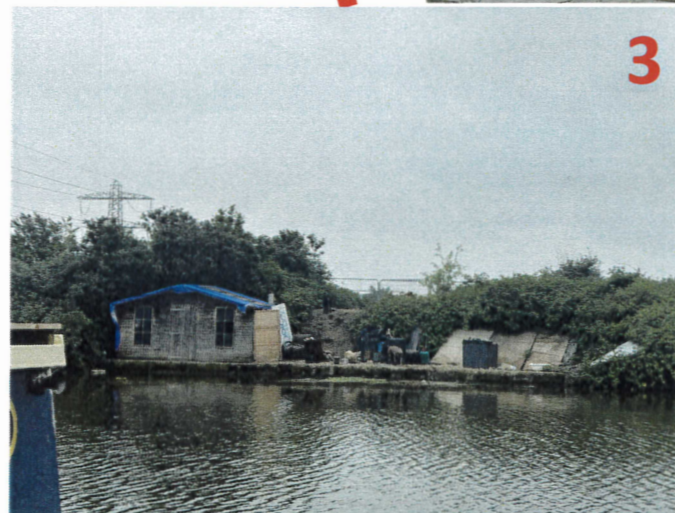
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Meridian Water – River Lee Navigation

Boat status as of 0830 on Friday 03/05/2024



For reference –
See photo on next
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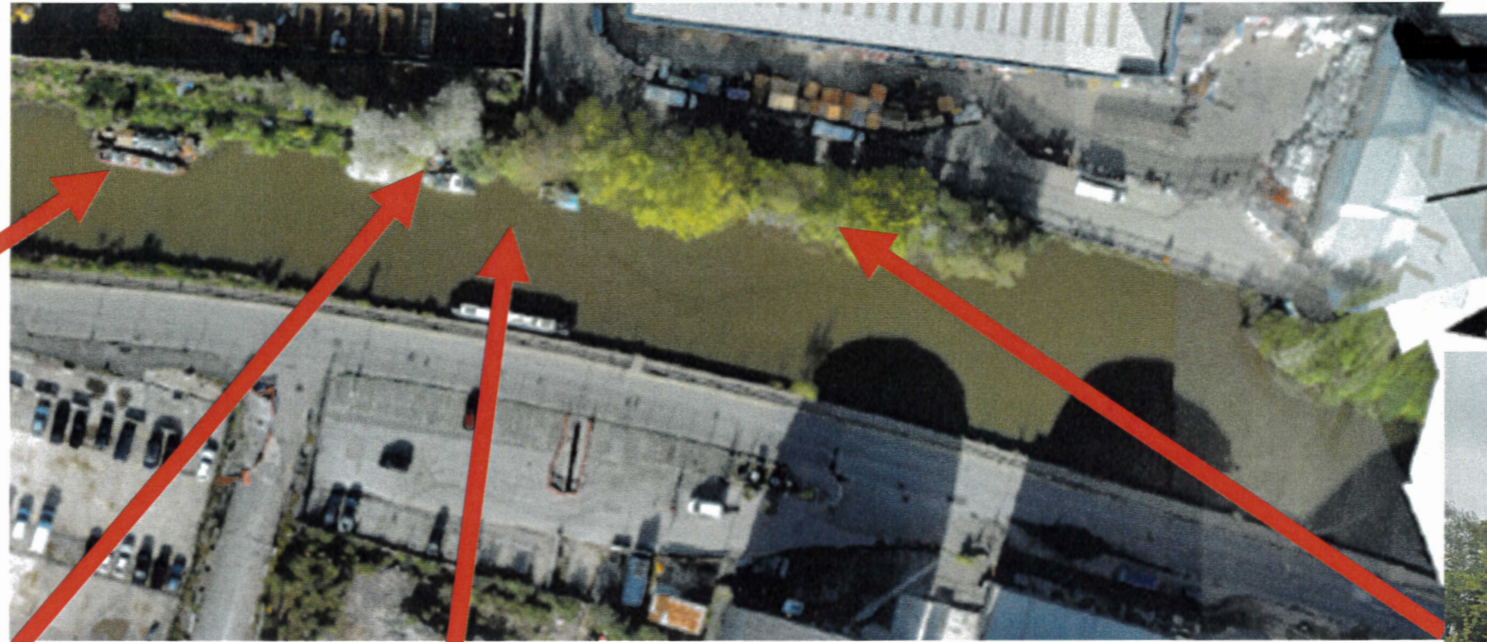


Location:

1. One male with one dog , one GRP boat
2. One male with three dogs, two GRP boats
3. One male with three dogs and four puppies, one shed
4. One male with one dog, one GRP boat

Meridian Water – River Lee Navigation

Boat status as of 0830 on Friday 03/05/2024



Location:

5. Not thought to be occupied, one steel widebeam barge
6. Waste left behind following boat move 01/05/2024, no boat
7. Sunken GRP boat
8. Two males, one steel narrow boat

From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:48 PM
To: hello@dogsonthestreets.org
Cc: Michal Wujek <michalbwujek@gmail.com>
Subject: Micheal Wujeck- Request for support for Dogs

Hi Michelle

I hope this email finds you well, I hope you can help me I have been working with Michal whom has been living at Meridian Water, he is homeless and has 3 dogs and 4 puppies under his care

There is high court case on the 1st may where we are seeking to get the land back on 3 mile stretch where Michal and others are situated.

I have tried in vain to get accommodation that would accept dogs but absolutely no joy what so ever.

Jodie at the Hub in Enfield and Leon from Islington suggested I speak to you

Michal does not want to relinquish ownership of the 3 older dogs as they are an intrinsic part of his life however the situation is pressing as court case is looming.

Michal still wants to be actively involved in his dogs care daily and now accepts that he may need to find suitable place for them whilst we get temp accommodation

His aspiration is to sort his paperwork and go home to Poland, but financially he is not ready yet and it may take him a couple of weeks, I am looking into whether we can help with this.

Can I please ask that you consider this case, I know you are bursting at the seams and as a dog owner of rescue doggies myself I know only too well how stressful it can be for anyone not to be with their fur babies when they genuinely care and the pressures you are experiencing.

It would be great if accommodation could be sourced for prospective tenants with dogs however, we are, in need of your help

There are other dogs on site also, the RSPCA have been down to location and did not report any concerns with regards to welfare, but this does not help Michal I am very keen to support him in anyway I can

Michal direct number is 07960049454, and you can call me also on 07756546123

Kind regards

Karen Maguire CIHCM
GRTBS Lead /Senior Surveyor
Email – karen.maguire@enfield.gov.uk or grt@enfield.gov.uk
DD 02081320958

Classification: OFFICIAL

Dear team,

Please see a referral form to be booked in for the start of Feb.

Best,

Nat

From: Karen Maguire <Karen.Maguire@enfield.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 January 2024 13:14

To: Nat Buckeridge <Nat.Buckeridge@enfield.gov.uk>

Cc: michalbwujek@gmail.com

Subject: RE: Referral Form - STEPS [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi Nat

Please find Michal's referral attached , he is very keen for employment and looks forward to meeting the employment advisor, he has agreed to come to Edmonton Library once an appointment has been arranged, he will bring his National insurance Number, Driving Licence and other documents required on day of appointment. Can we please engage as soon as possible a few weeks will be too late owing to circumstances.

We are also looking into Housing situation for Michal.

Michal has informed that he has worked as driver for removals firm, Ryan Move International (first employment) he has also done accounts as office manager and has been in UK since 2000 he has also done sales.

I have talked to him about getting financial support in the interim perhaps that can be explained in more detail at his appointment.

Please keep me informed of outcome and appointment date please.

He has studied Marketing and Management so a good candidate to find work for all going well.

Kind regards

Karen Maguire CIHCM

GRT Lead /Senior Surveyor

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STEP (Skills, Employment, Training, Pillar) short form referral

Purpose of the referral form:

This form will be used for referrals into the STEP team. STEP is a service designed to shift long-term unemployed or economically inactive Enfield residents closer to the labour market. Please send the completed form to STEP@enfield.gov.uk

Accompanying documents: Accompanying documents must be filed

1. Officer completing the referral form

Please enter your name and contact details:	
Referrers name	Karen Maguire
Role/job title	GRTBS Lead
Contact number	07756546123
Contact email	Karen.maguire@enfield.gov.uk

2. Client information

Contact information	
First name	Michael
Last name	Wujek
DOB	2.3.79
NINO	Will be provided for his appointment
Employment Status	Unemployed 0 – 6 months <input type="checkbox"/> x Unemployed 7+ months
Address	
Current address	Currently no fixed abode boat dweller and living in bash
Post Code	
Proof of address provided	Utility Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Council Tax Bill <input type="checkbox"/> Bank Statement <input type="checkbox"/> x Tenancy Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Pension Advice Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Driving Licence <input type="checkbox"/> x JCP Letter <input type="checkbox"/>
Contact info	
Phone	07960 049446.

Email	michalbwujek@gmail.com
Does the client have Recourse to Public Funds?	Yes (EEA National) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Yes (Non-EEA National) <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <i>EU Treaty Rights are rights afforded to the citizens of the European Union and family members under Directive 2004/38/EC. Treaty rights are also granted to members of the European Economic Area (EEA) as well as Switzerland. EU treaty rights allow for free movement within the Member States of the EU. This right to free movement is typically derived from an EU citizen's involvement in the economic activity of the host member state.</i>
Evidence of work/live status provided	Full passport (EU Member State or leave to remain status) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Identity card issued by Home Office <input type="checkbox"/> Letter from UK Immigration confirming leave to remain status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x Birth/Adoption certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate (if partner has leave to remain status) <input type="checkbox"/> Residency Permit <input type="checkbox"/>

GDPR Privacy Notice

How we will store and process your data

In order to support you we will need to record details about you. These details may include personal and sensitive data.

To comply with the data protection regulations, we must inform you of how we intend to store and process your personal and special category data for the purpose of providing you with support and temporary accommodation.

Personal data is data which can be used to identify you. This may include your name, date of birth, address, telephone number.

Special category personal data is information related to any of the following: racial or ethnic origin, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, generic data, biometric data used to identify you, health, sex life or sexual orientation. Offences and/or convictions are also special category data, although subject to different rules to the above.

Where will you store my data?

Enfield Council will ensure that data is stored safely and securely. All data will be stored within the UK.

How long will you store my data for?

All electronic data stored by Enfield Council will be kept for six years and then destroyed. It will be non-recoverable after that. Enfield Council will ensure partner organisation’s with whom we share your data follow this same policy.

You have the “right to be forgotten”, meaning that you can ask Enfield Council to delete your data by withdrawing your consent, at any time. Enfield Council can refuse the “right to be forgotten” if the data is needed to comply with a legal obligation or is in the public interest.

Can I access your service if I do not provide data?

No, Enfield Council requires this essential information in order to provide the service. However, please see the section above which states that the client has the “right to be forgotten” once the client is no longer accessing the service. Enfield Council also needs to share it with the partners providing services on our behalf.

Information Sharing:

I understand that Enfield Council will share my personal and special category data and information relating to my support with Enfield Council and its partner agencies.

I give consent for Enfield Council to store and process my data:

Signed: Michal Wujek Print:

Date: verbally on call with Karen Maguire 12.1.24 -13.04

Statement Given	Officers Name	Date Statement Accepted
Via telephone call		
Via text		
Via email		

From: Sean Williams <Sean.Williams@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:57 PM
To: Sarah Lee <Sarah.Lee@canalrivertrust.org.uk>; grt <grt@enfield.gov.uk>; Henry Wadey <Henry.Wadey@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT David and Charles Snell, Charlie Boy Index No 119313, moored at Ravenside Close N18 3HA

Good Afternoon,

No im afraid I haven't been able to speak to David, he doesn't always respond to me and often will say he has permission to be there from Enfield Council.

Just as a side note I have been off work a little bit recently so haven't had the time to keep chasing whilst catching up, but will keep trying although I have some planned leave coming up and may not get a chance to speak to David beforehand.

Karen, has anyone from Enfield council been out to see David directly, as that may be another other option.

Kind Regards

Sean Williams
Welfare Officer

M 07881002748
E sean.williams@canalrivertrust.org.uk



We understand customers can sometimes become frustrated and we do our best to listen, understand and help, however from time to time our people experience behaviour which is unacceptable, and we encourage everyone to speak up when this happens. Threatening or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated. This includes threats and abuse received directly or indirectly verbally, in writing, text messages or appearing on social media channels, chat rooms or other electronic media. The Trust will maintain records of all threatening or abusive behaviour and where it is appropriate to do so will take immediate action to protect our people to address threats and abuse from individuals or groups.

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From: Sarah Lee <Sarah.Lee@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:18 PM
To: grt <grt@enfield.gov.uk>; Henry Wadey <Henry.Wadey@canalrivertrust.org.uk>; Sean Williams <Sean.Williams@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT David and Charles Snell, Charlie Boy Index No 119313, moored at Ravenside Close N18 3HA

Hi Karen,

Thanks for the update.

[@Sean Williams](#) Are you able to update on any further contact you may have had with the customers please?

Kind regards

Sarah Lee (she/her)

Boating & Customer Service Manager

T 0303 040 4040

E sarah.lee@canalrivertrust.org.uk

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From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 3:50 PM
To: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Cc: Sarah Lee <Sarah.Lee@canalrivertrust.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Option to tow your vessel to new Location- Please respond

Hi David

I hope you and your son are keeping well.

I write to advise you that I now have agreement with CRT that a new location further down stream is going to be made available to you and your son. The Council have agreed to pay for towing your vessel to this location.

I need by return of email your agreement to this as the Council are proceeding to High Court to get vacant possession of the land and embankment you are moored too as it is impeding works required to progress Meridian development and this is costing considerable sums daily for the delays.

I believe this is a good outcome for you, there will be ease of access for emergency vehicles at which ever location you chose.

Please indicate below your preferred option and we will arrange to tow you shortly at nil cost

1. Alfies Lock at Edmonton, there is close road access to from the lock bungalow side over the bridge. There is an incline up to the bridge if you moor below the lock but it's mostly flat for bridge access out if he's on the upstream side.
2. Downstream, the next place with road access is Stonebridge
3. Further down near Tottenham, south of the lock, where there are several road access points including from Ferry Road itself - and there's several places with close road access just a little south of that.

I look forward to hearing from you. We intend to arrange to tow your vessel within the next 14 days. Please indicate which location is preferred out of options 1-3 above so that we can arrange for the contractor to attend and assist.

Kind regards

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From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:21 PM
To: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Cc: Eva Florent <Eva.Florent@enfield.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Homeless Application Enfield

Hi David

My colleague Eva wishes to discuss your homeless application can you please by rerun of email provide a mobile number she can contact you on, as the one on file is not connecting to yourself.

Please prioritise this as we continue to assist you and your son

Kind regards

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From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 1:13 PM
To: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Homeless Application Enfield

FYI

Kind regards

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From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:52 PM
To: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Homeless Application Enfield

https://www.enfield.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0024/48516/Housing-placement-policy-Housing.pdf

here is a link that you may find useful from the Councils website.

Kind regards

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From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 4:51 PM
To: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Homeless Application Enfield

Dear David

I hope this email finds you well. I note you attended court this week, and you are interested in making a homeless application to Enfield.

You can get help with your housing issue using the details below or alternatively you can drop into the Community Hub at Edmonton Library. I have started the process for you so that you are on the system, you will need to provide paperwork to support application. I am more than happy to help with this if you have the information to hand.

If I could ask you to confirm your mobile number so that officers can contact you that would be welcomed by return of email, as the current number on file does not seem to be accurate. It is important that officers can reach you to move this matter forward.

If you would prefer to make an appointment, you can contact the Housing Advisory Service on 0203 821 1769 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

In relation to mooring on the River Lea, Canal River Trust are happy to support you at a different location and regularise mooring, to date you have not accepted this assistance. You cannot remain on the offside as it does not have the correct infrastructure or safe access for you as a boater, with your prevailing health issues, it is also impeding development works required on Council land.

I look forward to hearing from you soon my mobile is 07756546123

Kind regards

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From: David Snell <snelldavid33@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 9:49 PM
To: Karen Maguire <Karen.Maguire@enfield.gov.uk>
Subject:

Dear Ms Maguire,

I am writing in reply to your email headed "Option to tow your vessel to new Location- Please respond".

The three locations that you have been offered to tow our home to are not suitable for my son and me given our disabilities.

All three locations are on the towpath side or easily accessible from

the towpath. My son is too scared to moor on the towpath anywhere because he was violently attacked on the towpath. He is unable to go out for fear of being attacked and this means he needs my help with every day living.

I can only walk for a maximum of five minutes due to my disabilities/ health conditions; I need a stick to help me walk; my mobility is deteriorating; my pain from arthritis is getting worse, and I have new pain which I have an appointment with my GP next week about.

The issue is not just that I need to be in a location where an ambulance can reach me in an emergency. If my home was moved to any of the locations you have offered me, I would have no means of getting food. Essential food shops are not accessible to me from any of the three locations due to the distance to bus stops and/or shops being too far for me to walk. These locations are also too far from my GP, chemist and hospital. They are too far from the friend who supports me.

Picketts (Alfie's) Lock, Stonebridge Lock and Tottenham Lock and the area south of it are all dangerous because boats get broken into and robbed regularly in all three locations.

Picketts (Alfie's) Lock is also where my son was violently attacked and our boat was attacked. It is not safe and my son is afraid of going back there.

It is too far for me to walk to the bus stop from Picketts (Alfie's) Lock. There are no bus stops that are accessible to me. I don't have a car and I need to moor my home within 5 minutes walk of a bus stop. I need to get on the bus to go and get food, also to go to appointments with my GP; to the chemist to collect prescribed medication; and to appointments and treatment at the hospital. The road access has locked gates so that my friend cannot park nearby in order to help me with shopping and lifts to GP and hospital appointments.

Stonebridge Lock has no bus stops that are accessible to me. It is too far for me to walk to the bus stop from Stonebridge Lock. The road access has locked gates so that my friend cannot park nearby in order to help me with shopping and lifts to GP and hospital appointments.

Tottenham Lock and the area south of it also have no bus stops that are accessible to me. It is too far for me to walk to any of the bus stops from the areas of river bank south of Tottenham Lock. The road access on Ferry Lane has double red/yellow lines which means that my friend cannot park nearby in order to help me with shopping and lifts to GP and hospital appointments.

I need to stay in Edmonton. My GP has informed me that I need to stay registered with him in order to get the treatment that I need promptly, and that this means I have to stay in Edmonton. I cannot risk any delays to my treatment that would be caused by having to move to a new GP, a

new chemist and potentially a different hospital; this would compromise my already fragile health.

I am 64 years of age and have had two heart attacks resulting in three stents and heart disease, COPD and arthritis; my son Charles aged 29 lives with me; he suffers from severe depression and anxiety; his mental health condition is made worse by the cold, damp and mouldy conditions we live in. Our GP can support an application

As I have informed Enfield Council before, my son and I are willing to move into housing. Please see my email to Cllr George Savva on 16th February 2023. However we are not willing to live in a hostel, or to live in a private rented tenancy. We need to live close to friends in Edmonton who help us and near to the hospital and GP.

The reasonable adjustments we require under the Equality Act 2010 are either permanent social housing in Edmonton with Enfield Council; or a referral to a housing association in Edmonton, or a temporary or permanent mooring in the close vicinity of our current location at Ravenside Close which is within 5 minutes walk of a bus stop and which has road access for an ambulance should this be needed and also road access for my friends who help us.

Thank you. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

David Snell
and on behalf of Charles Snell

From: Karen Maguire
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:13 PM
To: HousingAdviceService <HousingAdviceService@enfield.gov.uk>
Cc: Matthew Waldron <Matthew.Waldron@enfield.gov.uk>
Subject: Homeless Application- David Snell & Charles Snell.- Boat Dwellers Meridian Water - Urgent

Dear team

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Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 5:36 PM
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Cc: Matthew Waldron <Matthew.Waldron@enfield.gov.uk>
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Hi Karen

Can you kindly provide Mr David Snell and Mr Charles Snell's contact details to book a telephone appointment to discuss their housing options in seeking long term accommodation.

Kind regards

Eva Florent

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Full email correspondence to National Bargee Travellers Association 15.2.24

From: Karen Maguire **On Behalf Of** grt
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 3:23 PM
To: secretariat@bargee-traveller.org.uk; Karen Maguire <Karen.Maguire@enfield.gov.uk>
Cc: grt <grt@enfield.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT David and Charles Snell, Charlie Boy Index No 119313, moored at Ravenside Close N18 3HA

Dear Pamela

Thank you for your email. I am looking into the notices served by CRT, my understanding is such that the boat of which they are dwelling on is not on the correct embankment and works are required and in some parts underway at this location and for safety reasons we are keen to ensure all have options to move forward

I have a couple of questions; we have tried to engage with Mr Snell re: accommodation but he has resisted offers of help

It would be useful to know where the occupants would like to make a homeless application too. It would be useful to know that if an alternative location was agreed with CRT what is their willingness to move (not withstanding regularising the mooring) with also ensuring they have appropriate support.

Happy to discuss as I understand there are health issues that need to be factored in, current status is not conducive to positive health outcomes for David or his son and we need to address together to find a positive way forward.

Also happy to make an appointment for David to speak to a Housing officer at Enfield should he wish to make a homeless application, please let me know.

Kind regards

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From: secretariat@bargee-traveller.org.uk <secretariat@bargee-traveller.org.uk>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:54 PM
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Cc: grt <grt@enfield.gov.uk>
Subject: URGENT David and Charles Snell, Charlie Boy Index No 119313, moored at Ravenside Close N18 3HA
Importance: High

Karen Maguire,
Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Lead Officer,
Enfield Council,

Civic Centre,
Silver Street,
Enfield,
EN1 3XA.

Sent by email only to karen.maguire@enfield.gov.uk

Dear Ms Maguire,

David and Charles Snell, Charlie Boy Index No 119313, moored at Ravenside Close N18 3HA

I am emailing you as I have not been able to reach you by telephone; I have left you a voicemail.

I am writing to you on behalf of David Snell, who lives with his son Charles on the above boat. The boat is their only home. Please see the attached GDPR consent from David Snell.

I write regarding the attached mooring suspension notice delivered to Mr Snell's boat during the week beginning 29th January 2024. His boat is moored on the offside at Wickes, Ravenside Close, Edmonton, N18 3HA, against land owned by Enfield Council. You are aware, from a previous telephone conversation between us, that David and Charles Snell are both vulnerable adults.

Mr Snell is unable to move his home from its current location due to the reasons set out below, which are also set out in the attached Canal & River Trust Equality Adjustment Review Questionnaire dated 25th June 2023. Mr Snell is disabled as defined by the Equality Act 2010. He suffers from multiple health conditions:

- He had two heart attacks in 2020 and three stents fitted.
- He has had Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder (COPD) since 2022.
- He suffers from Angina attacks; the most recent attack was in late January 2024.
- He has dizzy spells.
- He has memory problems which are getting worse.
- He suffers from arthritis.
- He suffers from depression and anxiety, which interacts with the Angina: the anxiety causes him to have Angina attacks.
- He has difficulty understanding and dealing with written information, which is due to suspected dyslexia.

Mr Snell is unable to cruise at all without assistance. He was advised by his GP after one of the heart attacks to avoid stress and to avoid exerting himself. He does not have the strength or lung capacity to work locks, and suffers from dizzy spells making it dangerous for him to climb up and down lock ladders. Any significant physical exertion can bring on an angina attack. He cannot rely on his son to help due to his own health condition. He also relies on friends who live in Edmonton for help with shopping and other everyday tasks.

Mr Snell needs to be moored in a location where an ambulance can easily reach him if he has a heart attack or a severe angina attack. The location where he is at present, Ravenside Close N18 3HA, is easily accessible by an ambulance.

In addition, Mr Snell's GP, pharmacy and one of the hospitals where he requires regular treatment and tests are in Edmonton, N18.

Charles Snell, who also has a disability as defined by the Equality Act 2010, has indicated that his mental health condition would deteriorate rapidly if his father was forced to moor their home on the towpath again; this is because Charles Snell has been attacked on the towpath in recent years.

Mr Snell would like to move into a flat in Edmonton but he has been informed by Enfield Council that there is a waiting list of at least 5 years. He has also been informed that the Wickes building, which his boat is immediately adjacent to, is not scheduled to be demolished until 2029.

Mr Snell requires Reasonable Adjustments to the Mooring Suspension Notice as follows:

- To remain moored at Wickes, Ravenside Close, Edmonton, N18 3HA until the end of the Mooring Suspension on 15th January 2025, or until such time as he can obtain suitable social housing; or
- alternatively, for Enfield Council to find or create for him an emergency permanent mooring in Edmonton, on the offside, on the grounds of his and his son's disabilities.

Thank you. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Pamela Smith
Chair and Caseworker
National Bargee Travellers Association

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