

Angela Rayner Adds to Property Portfolio While Tameside Council face Equality Act Complaint

Housing Secretary's Luxury Acquisition Under Fire As Constituents Endure 'Squalor' Accommodation

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Angela Rayner, the Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Housing, has recently expanded her personal property portfolio with the purchase of an £800,000 seaside flat in Hove. This acquisition comes at a time when her own constituency, Ashton-under-Lyne, is gripped by a deepening housing crisis—one that her government has failed to meaningfully address.

A Crisis on Her Doorstep

In Tameside, families are being offered unsafe, temporary accommodation in B&Bs described by residents as “borderline torture” and “worse than jail”. One mother, placed in the Mount Guest

House in Audenshaw, told the Manchester Evening News:

“It smells like you’re sucking on a toilet.”

This is the same facility where a nine-year-old disabled child

with an EHCP and DLA award, was directed by Tameside Housing Options despite his mother’s attempt to shield him from the conditions by entering alone. The council’s response: “No, you need to take him with you.”

The Stark Contrast

While the boy was being offered a unsafe accommodation, Angela Rayner was finalising the purchase of her luxury flat—reportedly saving £40,000 in stamp duty by declaring it her primary residence. This

maneuver was made possible by removing her name from the deeds of her Ashton-under-Lyne home just weeks earlier.

Rayner’s government continues to rally in court for the housing rights of migrants

and asylum seekers, while disabled children in her own borough are denied safe, suitable housing. The optics are damning: a Housing Secretary acquiring homes while her constituents are offered squalor.

Legal Escalation and Silence

Tameside Council has now been formally served with a statutory complaint under the Equality Act 2010, citing failure

to make reasonable adjustments and breach of safeguarding duties. The complaint, filed by the boys

father and legal advocate, forms part of a wider legal and regulatory escalation.