

# "Hypocrisy on Housing": Rayner's 'Stability' Claim Challenged by Tameside Family

Family Files Equality Act Complaint Against Tameside Council,  
Accusing Deputy Labour Leader of Ignoring Vulnerable Children's  
Plight While Seeking Her Own "Stability."

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A Tameside family has launched a scathing attack on Deputy Labour Leader Angela Rayner, accusing her of "profound hypocrisy" after she cited "stability" for her disabled son in defence of her personal housing choices, while allegedly ignoring their own months-long struggle to secure suitable accommodation for their disabled child in her constituency.

HYDE, TAMESIDE – In a direct and stinging rebuke to Angela Rayner's recent statement to Sky News, where she claimed her housing decisions were about "finding stability" for her disabled son, a family embroiled in an Equality Act complaint against Tameside

Council has accused her of profound hypocrisy. The family, who filed a formal complaint over what they described as the council's "unfit and unsafe" housing offers for their disabled 9-year-old child, argues Rayner has been "silent for months"

on their own quest for stability. The child was offered accommodation in a Bed and Breakfast (B&B) that the family refused under the Vulnerable Families Law and the Children Act, deeming it wholly unsuitable for a child with lifelong disabilities.

## A Crisis of Care and Alleged Neglect

This legal action and public appeal follow months of failed attempts to engage with authorities, including a series of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests that were allegedly dodged by Rayner's department regarding asylum contracts and housing targets. A spokesperson for the family stated, "Angela Rayner's words this morning are an insult to every vulnerable family in Tameside. She speaks of her

own right to 'stability,' but where was that same concern when her department offered unfit accommodation to a disabled child? For months, she has ignored our pleas, dodged our questions, and left a family in distress."

They continued, "This is not a political operator defending her finances; this is a Housing Minister who has failed to provide a basic duty of care to children in her own

constituency." The formal complaint, alleges a breach of the Equality Act 2010. The legal action asserts that the council's actions and systemic failures constitute discrimination against a person with a protected characteristic—disability. It underscores a pattern of neglect, with "no safeguarding, no SEND provision, no accountability" from the council.

## Rayner's Silence Versus Public Stance

The family's spokesperson directly contrasted Rayner's recent public statements with her alleged inaction on local issues. "She sings to the media when the pressure mounts on her personal life. But when disabled children in her own borough are failed, she's silent.

This isn't representation—it's deflection." The press release, issued on September 2, 2025, serves as a powerful call to action, urging the media and the public to look beyond the personal scandal and focus on the systemic failures of governance.

"Angela Rayner does not represent Tameside. She's not from Tameside. And her department's record shows it. We have the evidence; we have the voice. Today, her statement has made it clear that we must continue to fight for the children she claims to protect."