

On behalf of the residents of Kidd House, Maxey Road & Humphries Close.

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14<sup>th</sup> July 2003

Mr Jon Cruddas, I write to you in the hope that you can support us in a request for an application to the council to improve security at the above dwellings.

The enclosed petition, from the residents, is in support of extra security for the above dwellings following incidents of burglary, abuse, threatening behaviour, etc. The Warden does an excellent job and is very helpful, but she can't be everywhere all the time, add to this there is no warden cover after 4.00pm, nor on a Wednesday, and also not at the weekend, and with society where it is today the elderly in particular are easy game for burglar's, commen, muggers and drug addicts out to get quick cash. These people prey on the elderly who in general are trusting and helpful, sometimes to the point of naivety. These people see the elderly as no threat, because in the main they are frail and defenceless up against a younger more powerful human being. We hope that you, on our behalf, can persuade the council to see the need for more protection for these, it's elderly tenants, who are, after all, the most at risk of all it's tenants in the borough. Security in the form of perhaps a gate across the entrance with a key for all the tenants and an intercom system to the warden who would allow the likes of postmen, paperboys, milkmen and the like in to do their rounds. Or maybe an intercom system fitted to each of the tenants doors so they don't have to actually open the door unless they are fully satisfied they are not at risk. Perhaps most important of all would be a CCTV system fitted with video footage to see who enters the area in and around the location. Some or all of these would put the residents more at ease I am sure, and it would not take an immense amount of money to implement. The council are aware of the problems (please find enclosed letter sent to all residents on 26<sup>th</sup> June), it now needs to take action. Maybe you have ideas of your own about improved security at the location other than what we have mentioned, if so we would love to discuss it with you.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Keith Rogers, on behalf of he's father, Thomas R  
rest of the residents at Kidd House and the adjoining  
Humphries Close.

*P.s; As I am writing on behalf of the residents, any correspondence should go to Kidd House, that way the Warden can contact me, but more importantly the council should be first to know what is developing, which is how it should be.*

