

STOP LETTING AGENTS SCAMS!

- **DRIVERS & NORRIS HAVE PROVIDED
NO SERVICE**
- **THEY WANT TO KEEP OUR £300**
- **WE SAY GIVE OUR MONEY BACK!**

We were forced to hand over £300 cash as an upfront payment in order to secure a new flat. We have been offered no house, no flat, no service whatsoever, and yet Drivers & Norris claim our £300 is theirs to keep. This is yet another example of Letting Agents ripping off private tenants for their own gain.

Agency 'fees', reference 'checks', admin 'fees', leaving 'fees' are all costs that have been created over the past few years by and for Letting Agents, like Drivers and Norris, to increase their profits and exploit the basic need of tenants to find a home. We, as private tenants, will not accept this any more. We have a right to really affordable, secure and decent housing just like anyone else.

Our investigations show reference checks can cost agents only £19.00. Even so, prospective tenants should not be footing the cost anyway.

The SCAM is that Letting Agents, like Drivers & Norris, have an incentive to fail applicants for a HIGH profit.

With an over heated housing market and not enough affordable homes, they feel they can get away with these scams.

Through collective action we can change this.

BRING RENTS DOWN!

Private tenants take action!

What can we do?

Housing is a basic necessity, like food and water, yet many landlords and letting agents forget this and act like they're running a business much like any other.

By getting together with other residents facing the same problems we can take action as a group, and support one another, rather than worrying on our own.

Some of our demands to letting agents:

- Bring rents down
- Remove all rip-off fees for prospective tenants
- Longer and secure tenancies
- An end to discrimination against people on benefits or DSS

Haringey Private Tenants Action Group was set up by local residents who want to take action to improve their housing situation. Our next meeting is Saturday 21st July, 2012 11am, Cafe Life, North London Community House, 22 Moorefield Road, London N17 6QN, near Bruce Grove Station. All welcome. Email: haringeyprivatetenants@gmail.com

Housing Action Groups in other London boroughs

Hackney Housing Action Group <http://hackneyhousinggroup.wordpress.com/>

Haringey Housing Action Group <http://haringeyhousingaction.org.uk/>

Brent Private Tenants Rights Group <http://www.bptrg.org/>

Camden Federation of Private Tenants <http://www.cfpt.org.uk/>

Or why not set one up in your area...