

Annex D – Excerpts from supplementary sheet to *Living at the Limit – Guildford Student Housing Crisis, Guildford, University of Surrey Students Union, May 2017* Comments from students, which accompanied the *Living at the Limit - Guildford Student Housing Crisis* document:

“Guildford is very expensive and the University cannot offer sufficient accommodation for all students. For this reason, landlords are taking advantage of desperate students to increase rent in substandard rooms”

“Before starting my postgraduate course I had to find accommodation at short notice due to the University being unable to accommodate UK postgraduate students for 2016/17 and giving notice of this in July of 2016.”

“Overall I am just very worried about trying to find a property for final year whilst on international placement as I am not guaranteed campus accommodation. It’s going to be near impossible to find a house from another country and I doubt much help will be provided.”

“When I applied for Surrey I was guaranteed campus accommodation when I returned from placement. Where’s my guarantee now Surrey!”

“In my first year I had to rent out privately as the university didn’t have accommodation for me, this was incredibly stressful for me.”

“The University does not have enough accommodation or close ties with letting agents for the intake of students in 2nd or 3rd years, which leads to students that may not be from a wealthy international background and dependent on student loan to finance extortionate bankrupting rental costs, fees and deposits for substandard accommodation that is at the lower-priced end of the available private accommodation.

Surrey has more than enough money to invest in affordable, clean and fair housing. To continue in this way will damage student satisfaction, resulting in the ‘4th in the Guardian’ banners the University so proudly touts removed.”

“Students are being exploited by the lack of university accommodation for second and third years, resulting in rent prices being comparable to London living.”

“Students feel that the standard/quality of accommodation is the sacrifice often made in order to be closer to the university – some respondents state that there are no other options but to move into a sub-standard property.”

“As first year students we definitely panicked and went with one of the first houses we looked at. This was due to it being February and a lot of housing being snapped up already and not wanting to risk waiting for University managed accommodation to come out in March, to be left with a potentially higher rent price or somewhere even further away than the current houses we were viewing.”