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## PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF MARIA NASH.

We have today, on behalf of our client Maria Nash a resident of the London Borough of Barnet, issued proceedings to judicially review and challenge the decision of the London Borough of Barnet to award the contract for the New Support and Customers Support Organisation 'NSCSO' to Capita PLC and to challenge the intended decision to award a contract for the Development and Regulatory Services contract.

The principal grounds for the challenge are as follows:-

1. The London Borough of Barnet have failed to comply with section 3(2) Local Government Act 1999 and related statutory guidance, which places an obligation on the local authority to fully consult all stakeholders, including residents, voluntary organisations and businesses.
2. Unlawfully denied a legitimate expectation that the London Borough of Barnet would carry out consultations with its stakeholders.
3. Failed to discharge its public sector equality duty.
4. Failed to discharge its fiduciary duty; and
5. Breached its obligations pursuant to regulations 18 and 30 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 to award the NSCSO to the tenderer submitting the most economically advantageous tender.

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