

**Streetfighters**  
**Gordon Crook, Goole (East Riding, Yorkshire)**

“So they actually said to these people ‘if you don’t move now...’

“I mean they said to my landlord, and me, ‘...if you don’t lose now you’ll lose everything.’

“And my landlord told them to go to hell. Because you don’t threaten Jack. And she threatened Jack saying you’re going to lose everything.

“Well when you’re a tenant, and you get offered a few thousand pounds to move and you’re on the dole, what are you going to do? A few thousand pounds is a lot of money.

“I believe that if we could renovate them streets up again like they used to be like, I’ll be able to walk past them one day and see people living down the same streets that I lived in. Because they’re nice streets, it’s a nice area.

“The councillors who are condemning these streets have never been down these streets. You know that’s what upsets me. I think local councillors should make the decision and local people who are living in the area.

“I mean...we always discussed this, me and my landlady and my landlord. If I wanted to go they said to me that they’d sell tomorrow. They always said that but they left it to me.

“But at the end of the day my landlady said down the street there were other houses occupied by landlords who didn’t open them up to people. If they did we might still be there now.

“I feel sad because I feel that the council could have done a lot more for the people of Goole.”