Homelessness Section

Dear Sir or Madam,

Please treat this letter as an application for assistance under section 183, Housing Act 1996.

**Homelessness or threatened with homelessness (section 175 Housing Act 1996)**

 I believe that I should be treated as homeless or threatened with homelessness. This is because it is no longer reasonable for me to return to my previous accommodation due to ……………………… (**Detail why)**

6.16 Section 177 (1) provides that it is not reasonable for a person, the applicant, to continue to occupy accommodation if it is probable that this will lead to domestic violence or other violence against:

i) the applicant

ii) a person who normally resides as the applicants family, or

iii) any person who might be reasonable to expect to reside with the accommodation

**(Housing Act 1996 and Homelessness Act 2002: the Code of Guidance)**

 **Eligible for assistance (section 185 Housing Act 1996)**

I believe that I am eligible for assistance because I am not subject to immigration control and habitually resident in the UK.

**Priority need (section 189 Housing Act 1996)**

I am also vulnerable and in priority need because of the domestic abuse that I have experienced

**(Add any further information to support the application)**

**Duty to make inquiries (section 184 Housing Act 1996)**

I hope thaton the basis of the above, the council has reason to believe that I may be homeless due to domestic abuse and therefore has a duty to make reasonable inquiries into *my* circumstances and to provide a written decision on my application.

**Interim accommodation duty (section 188 Housing Act 1996)**

I believe that on the basis of the above that the council has reason to believe that I may be homeless, eligible, and in priority need. Therefore the council has a duty to provide suitable accommodation pending completion of your inquiries.

**Further information**

Please see supporting evidence. (**Include GP, social care, police reports etc)**

I would like you to consider my application for housing for the reasons detailed at the beginning of this letter.

I hope that you are able to assist me as a matter of urgency.

Yours