

Wannabe Reality TV Star Considering Abortion to Land Spot on 'Big Brother'

United Kingdom model Josie Cunningham, a wannabe *Big Brother* contestant, has said she would consider aborting her 18-week-old child as she doesn't want to "ruin" her chance of becoming famous.

The 23-year-old mother of two sparked widespread outrage after saying she would consider an abortion in order to appear on *Big Brother*.

She said: "Channel 5 were keen to shortlist me then they found out I was pregnant.

"Then they suddenly turned cold. That was when I started considering an abortion. After the operation I will be going back to them and asking if they will still consider me."

She told the *Sunday Mirror*: "I'm finally on the verge of becoming famous and I'm not going to ruin it now.

"An abortion will further my career. This time next year I won't have a baby. Instead, I'll be famous, driving a bright pink Range Rover and buying a big house. Nothing will get in my way."

Cunningham claims she got pregnant while working as a prostitute and that the father of the child could be a footballer.

"I want to be famous for being me—Josie Cunningham, a glamour model and celebrity in my own right," she said.

"If I want to do that I need to put my career first.

"I want the attention to be on me, not on who fathered my child."

The reality TV show's producers have reportedly said that Cunningham will not appear on the show, despite her outrageous efforts to be shortlisted.

Scores have taken to Twitter to express their outrage over Cunningham's decision.

The co-founder of Internet music platform GetSung said that "any company that pays Josie Cunningham any sort of money has gotta have some serious words with themselves."

Others have signed a petition calling for broadcasters to "Keep Josie Cunningham off TV."

It is legal to carry out an abortion up to 24 weeks if two registered medical practitioners certify that they are of the opinion, formed in good faith, that at least one of the legal grounds for abortion exists.

Daily Mail columnist Jan Moir questioned whether Cunningham's abortion "would even be legal" under such circumstances.