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# Squatters ordered out by court

Attempts by squatters to establish a community centre on empty houses in the Tolmers Square area of Camden, London, collapsed yesterday in the face of High Court orders.

Gleniffer Finance Corporation Ltd, owners of the 27 houses, applied successfully for immediate possession orders. About 60 of the 80 squatters went to the court to contest the applications. Some picketed the front of the Law Courts. Others waited outside the courtroom, where the cases were heard in private.

First to be ordered to leave were two girls squatting in a flat in Hampstead Road. Then an Italian woman living with her husband and four-year-old son in Tolmers Square was told by Mr Justice Croom-Johnson that the landlords were entitled to possession.

Outside the courtroom, the remaining squatters became progressively more despondent as they heard of each new order made against one of their number.

Their efforts to persuade the company to let them stay had failed, one woman said. Gleniffer did not seem to understand how difficult it was to find accommodation in London. The squatters were reluctant to give their names. One — "call me Ruth" — rushed off as soon as an order had been made against her "in case they come to throw me out right away."

They said that in each case the judge was making a £50 costs order against the squatters.

The court has 16 applications by the company.

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# Squatters picket at court

A MOVE by Glenniffer Finance Corporation to take possession of 26 houses in the Tolmers Square area, Euston, from 81 squatters was adjourned for a week in the High Court on Friday.

Many of the squatters mounted a picket outside the court during the hearing.

Mr Justice Croom-Johnson decided on the adjournment after the squatters challenged written evidence from the company's investigator, Mr Ronald Harvey, that he had made extensive efforts to obtain the names of all the squatters.

Councillor John Mills, Camden's Housing Committee chairman, submitted an affidavit to the court, which said the council was "fully committed" to taking over the properties to provide homes for about 1,700 people by redevelopment and rehabilitation.

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### SQUATTERS DASHED

Bid by 60 squatters to establish community in empty houses in Tolmers Square area of Camden, ended with High Court eviction orders.