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# Tolmers group exhibit opinions

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THE PEOPLE of Camden's Tolmers Square, Hampstead Road, are tired of being in the middle of the recent property tug-of-war. So they are putting forward personal views of what should happen to their homes in an exhibition entitled "What do we want to do with our area?"

The exhibition has been put together by the Tolmers Village Association and runs from Monday, February 18, until February 23, from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm at 142 Drummond Street.

It is a first step in producing a community based redevelopment scheme. The exhibition shows by use of photographs and explanations what the area is like. It tells of who lives there; why; for how long; what sort of community exists; and comments on what people need and want.

Proposals for action will be put forward. These include council's compulsory purchase orders; a locally controlled housing association, renovation, new housing and facilities, and street closures.

Discussions have been arranged to stimulate reactions from people living and working in and around the area. Visitors are invited to add their own ideas.

The next step will be the preparation of Community proposals for redevelopment incorporating feed-back from the exhibition.

A statement from the Tolmers Village Association says that the exhibition shows "how the buildings

are falling down, and/or are empty. It shows how the area has been allowed to decay for ten years and why . . . What happens at Tolmers Square is of national significance. For the first time a redevelopment scheme has been completely halted and the deal between a council and a developer has ended. But unless something can be put in its place it will have been a shallow victory and the community will continue to fall apart. The Tolmers Village Association want to show that it is possible for the area to be redeveloped without the wholesale destruction of the existing community."