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Tolmers twist

A NEW turn in the complex history of the development of Tolmers Square is likely following talks between Labour members of Camden Council and the Labour Government.

Councillor Frank Dobson, leader of Camden's Labour group, replied only with an abrupt "No" when asked at last week's council meeting if he would comment on discussions between Camden and the Government over the development.

But it is reported that Government members have told Camden that since it has pulled out of a deal to

do a joint commercial-housing development with Mr Joe Levy's Stock Conversion and Investment Trust, the council should now buy the housing land.

Although this land is likely to cost £700,000 an acre, Government members have vetoed suggestions that the council should arrange to subsidise this purchase by joining in development of the office content.

Instead, Camden should await legislation which would nationalise all development land, including commercial sites such as those in Tolmers Square.

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