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Anti-Levy campaign gets the support of thousands

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THOUSANDS of signatures of Camden ratepayers have been flooding in to the "Stop the Levy Deal" campaign headquarters this week supporting their bid to reverse the council's decision on the Tolmers Square Redevelopment.

The campaigners who hope to have a total of 50,000 signatures of support by next week's full Camden Council meeting, reported that the response to their appeal had been "tremendous."

"We haven't had time to count all the numbers yet", said Mr Bennie Gray, whose non profit-making Claudius deal for the site was rejected by the council's community planning and resources committee last month.

"But support has come in the shape of thousands of signatures from all sections of the community," added Mr Gray.

The signatures will be submitted to Wednesday's council meeting, and campaigners against the Levy deal, which would mean a £20 million profit for Mr Levy's Stock Conversion and Investment Trust who own a large part of the development site, believe there is a real chance of the committee's decision being reversed.

"It is quite clear to us already," Mr Gray told the Journal, "that the vast majority of our ratepayers don't want to give Mr Levy a £20 million present when it is possible for the money to stay with the people of the borough."

The campaign have asked the council to remove a model of the proposed Levy re-development scheme on display at the Town Hall, Euston Road, because, they say only part of the commercial development is shown on the model, and it is "misleading."