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your changing borough

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Derelict part of gold-mine

CAMDEN has been described as the gold mine of north-west London by an irate opponent of the plan to use the former Tolmer Cinema site as a temporary car-park.

It appears that our changing gold-mine has claimed another victim as his plea to put the cinema to better use has coincided with its demolition. It all stemmed from a planning application from Parcar Operations Ltd of St James Street, Westminster, to use the site as a temporary car park after demolition.

This prompted "Journal" reader Mr Gerrard Hobbins to urge that the cinema should be used as a club for youths or the disabled.

I put the point to Camden Council's new planning chairman Cllr. John Thane. But unfortunately we were too late — the developers had the cinema demolished about a fortnight ago.

Cllr. Thane admitted that he was not too keen on the car-park idea but added that the only other feasible alternative now the site was derelict was to turn it into a temporary play area.