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CAR PARK ON TOLMER CINEMA SITE IS 'UNLIKELY'

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THE outlook for Tolmers Square residents has improved, with the arrival of a letter from Chairman of the Camden Borough Housing Committee, Cllr. John Mills.

Cllr. Ivor Walker, Chairman of Camden Council's Planning Applications sub-committee, received a petition at the Town Hall, Holborn last week and a copy was also given to Cllr. Mills at his home.

AREQUEST

Mr. Frank Goodingham, Chairman of the Tolmers Village Association Ad-hoc Committee, had asked permission for a Tolmers Square representative to be present at the hearing of the planning application, to put the residents' points.

The petition said: "We the residents of the Tolmers Square Development Area are concerned about the future of our area: 2. Attempts to obtain information from the Borough have been unsuccessful; 3. Our immediate concern is the use proposed for the Tolmer Cinema site. The rumour is that it is to be used as a car park. If this is true we object.

PLAY SPACE ?

4. This space should be used

for children's play and open space: 5. In the absence of assurances from the Borough we intend to occupy and convert the site for the community's use."

But since the petition was printed, the residents have in fact had a letter from Cllr. Mills indicating that Camden Council is not in favour of the car park and would prefer the site to be used for a play area.

The letter also says that Mr. Joseph Levy, who now owns the site is to have discussions with Camden and that if these are successful Camden may be prepared to put some money towards preparing the square site for use as a playground.

"HARSH"

Mr. Goodingham admitted that in the light of Cllr. Mills's letter the wording of the petition was a bit harsh; but that at the time when the petition was written there was very little concrete response from the Borough.

He said that the residents had not made any further plans to occupy the site in view of the new developments.