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TOLMERS SQUARE — the centre of Camden Council's redevelopment area.

RESIDENTS ANGERED BY **TOLMERS SQUARE PLAN**

'Offices instead of homes' claim

CAMDEN COUNCIL architects this week announced proposals for a multi-million pound development scheme in the borough's Tolmers Square district.

At a public inquiry on Tuesday architect Gerald Levin submitted details of an £8 million redevelopment scheme for the area.

Objections to the re-development are being heard by

By Tony Paterson

an Environment Ministry inspector. His report will be published later.

The new plan incorporates the area between Euston Road, Hampstead Road and Melton Street and will provide accommodation for 1,707 people.

But the council proposals have angered the Tolmers Village Action group who claimed yesterday that over 300,000 square feet of office accommodation was to be provided on the sites.

"This runs contrary to the needs of Camden as a whole given the thousands of people on the housing waiting list. I cannot see how this amount of office space can be justified," said Alan Walter, one of the group's members.

Regarding this week's public inquiry, I talked to local residents and most are completely baffled as to what is going on.

Council builders hit by sickness

A TOTAL of 3,461 working days through October to December last year were lost through sickness within the building department of Camden council.

The figures—in a building department report submitted to the building works and services committee this week—were out of a total of 38,863 man days worked.

A breakdown of the figures showed 185 of the days lost were due to accidents, while 2,756 were for certified sickness.

"The Council have admitted that part of the present site is still owned by Morgan Grenfell Merchant Bank. I suspect that this is the reason for so much office accommodation," said Mr. Walter.

● Council spokesmen were unable to comment on residents' allegations.