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**Uproar at council withdrawal
of its proposals**

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Tolmers Square future under fire

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Speakers will include Cllr. Joe Mills, chairman of Camden's community planning and resources committee, and representatives of the local Labour Party and other interested local groups.

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NO DECISION

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expresses concern at the prospect of a large-scale office development on the site, and wants to take full advantage of the council's decision to submit its proposals for further discussion.

It hopes to see the council's proposals fully discussed together with all comments and alternatives, so that a solution can be reached which safeguards the character of the area while taking account of the wide needs of the borough.

BUS SEAT DAMAGE ALLEGED

MUSICIAN Paul Cook, 21, of Bell Street, Camden Town, and two other men who appeared at West London Court last week accused of stealing 10 bus seats and damage was committed on bail to the Knightsbridge Crown Court.

Cook is charged with John Heath, 24, an engineer of Combe Street, Chiswick; and Stephen Hayes, 22, plumber of Westway, Shepherds Bush, that on October 8 at Glen-thorne Road, Hammersmith, they stole 10 bus seats belonging to London Transport; and damaged a bus on the same occasion; and at Stud-land Street, Hammersmith they damaged a car's rear window.

All were allowed their own bail of £20 each.

Tolmers Square meeting called

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The meeting, on November 24 at 7.30 pm at the Maria Fidelis School in North Gower Street, Euston, will be addressed by Councillor John Mills, chairman of Camden Council's Community Planning and Resources Committee.

A statement issued by the party this week pointed out that discussions about the site had dragged on for nearly 20 years "as local authorities and property developers alternately fought and co-operated to balance the interests of community development on the one hand and profit on the other".

It went on: "In 1975 a decision in principle was taken when Camden withdrew from a joint development with Joe Levy's Stock Conversion and Investment Trust in response to pressure from local groups in-

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