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Shock for Tolmers Square tenants in L.C.C plan

'MAPLES-STYLE' REHOUSING

IF the northern part of Tolmers Square, St. Pancras, is redeveloped, the tenants may be dealt with on the same basis as those in William Road and Stanhope Street, who were displaced by the Maples extension. This statement by the L.C.C. planning department has caused consternation among local tenants.

The feeling of the tenants was summed up by Mrs. R. Gavin, secretary of the Tolmers Square Tenants' Association, who said: "If the L.C.C. help us in the same way they helped the tenants of William Road and Stanhope Street we shall really be in a bad way."

She said the L.C.C. had behaved disgracefully in giving approval for the redevelopment of the William Road-Stanhope Street area for commercial premises before the tenants had been rehoused.

"The L.C.C. have done nothing for these people. Many of them have taken accommodation offered to them and are now regretting it. A few are still holding on, determined not to go until decent accommodation is offered them."

The statement reads: "Moorfields Eye Hospital is considering building here and, if this is possible, it may involve a greater area of land up to the Hampstead Road-Gower Street intersection. We are pressing the hospital to decide on designation of the land required for hospital purposes, which would involve them in responsibility for rehousing displaced persons."

No concrete plans

A spokesman for the hospital governors said there were no concrete plans for building anywhere.

The L.C.C. statement goes on to say that should the hospital proposal not materialise, it would still be desirable to secure redevelopment of the area, and in that case the development would probably be residential.

"This would not seriously affect rehousing of the present residents by reason of the necessity for the development to return economic results. This may be a case in which the housing committee could be asked to help on the basis adopted in the William Road-Stanhope Street instance."

M.P. agrees

Mrs. Gavin said the association were continuing to fight the proposal to build blocks of offices on the south side of the square. They had written to the Minister of Housing and Local Government asking him to stop the redevelopment and had sent a copy of the letter to Mr. Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, M.P. for Holborn and St. Pancras South.

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St. Albans

handing the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Hammond, at Euston Road, N.W.1, on October 1.

Mr. Basil Wigoder, prosecuting, said Mr. Grundle, who lived at St. Albans, went to a club in Robert Street, N.W.1, on October 5. The two women spoke to him and one asked him to buy her a drink. He pulled out a small roll of notes and that may have given the women the impression that he was a likely victim.

At 6 p.m. Mr. Grundle left the club, and as he did so the four defendants closed on him. O'Connor struck him with his fist and when he fell to the floor kicked him in the face. Mr. Grundle's pockets were then rifled.

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TENANTS**

London, and that I am very
conscious of the need to use
sites for residential purposes."

It is probable that the
application for planning per-
mission to develop this area
will go before the planning
committee on Wednesday next
week. The association are try-
ing to persuade the committee
to meet a deputation from the
tenants before then so that
they can hear the case
against the proposals.

Mr. Johnson - Smith has
written to the association, say-
ing: "I should like you to
know that I, too, have been
concerned for some time about
the growing concentration of
new office building in Central

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