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Residents Fight to Save Square

MILITANT residents of Tolmers-square, N.W.1, have won **Round One** in their fight to prevent the conversion of the square into a shop and office area.

A Pair Of Rotted Flagpoles

There was a sequel this week to a statement made at a Press conference last week by the Mayor of St. Pancras (Cllr. Mrs. Louise Arabin, J.P.) about the condition of the two 30ft. flagpoles on the roof of St. Pancras Town Hall in Euston-road, N.W.1.

At the conference, Cllr. Mrs. Arabin told reporters that when officials climbed to the roof to examine the poles they found them completely rotted; she was anxious to draw the attention of the Press to the matter because she wished to dispel any talk of disloyalty to the Royal Family on the part of the people of St. Pancras.

This week, however, Cllr. Charles Ratchford, Leader of the Labour minority group on the

They protested strongly recently when St. Pancras Borough Council approved in principle a big development scheme to convert 234-280, Euston-road; 8-60, Hampstead-road; 139-163, Drummond-street and 163-193, Gower-street, and most of Tolmers-square into shops, offices and residential accommodation.

In their petition the residents claimed that there was no justification for the erection of any further office blocks in St. Pancras, and they cited various instances of office blocks in Hampstead-road and Tottenham Court-road which had been empty for many months.

London County Council have turned down the scheme on the grounds that it does not conform with the zoning scheduled for the area (Commercial) under the County of London Development plan and road improvement lines envisaged; that it would cause congestion and that there was a lack of provision for the replacement of residential accommodation.