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Fears of 15-year postponement of project

TOLMERS SQUARE DEVELOPMENT

WESLEYAN PLACE FLATS PLAN

A four-storey block of flats is planned to replace the disused Gordon House Works in Gordon House Road, White Hill.

Chalk Farm firm of Phillips Motors (Properties) Ltd. have applied to Camden Council for permission to build six flats and six garages on the site of the factory and two cottages in Wesleyan Place.

One of the cottages is still occupied. The works, although in a residential area, could still be used for industrial purposes, but it is proposed to turn the site to residential use.

Scott Ford & Co., the agents for Phillips Motors, say that demolition can start as soon as planning permission is granted. Construction work would take about nine months.

Marxmanship

Twice in the past fortnight bombs have struck at the grave of Karl Marx in Highgate Cemetery. On Sunday the memorial stone was daubed with thick mud in the shape of a swastika. Earlier that week a French slogan in black paint was daubed on the lower part of the memorial.

Council's late protest over rail closure

CAMDEN COUNCIL have changed their mind on the proposed closure of the Luton-Horrogate railway line. Having decided to take no action when the news first broke in July, they have now made a formal protest to British Railways.

An objection has been lodged claiming that "undesirable congestion" will be caused at King's Cross Station if the line is closed.

'Give us the facts' demand by angry tenants

RESIDENTS of Tolmers Square, St. Pancras, still in the dark about the future of the area, are getting angry. There are rumours among tenants that the mooted comprehensive development has now been postponed for another 15 years.

Recently the Greater London Council handed over control of the area to Camden Borough Council. Any development will be basically residential with some ancillary shops.

Asked for their plans for the district, Camden Council said this week that it was too early to say anything. "The matter is being investigated," said a spokesman, "and will be the subject of a full report to the planning committee in September."

Mrs. Rose Gavin, secretary of the Tolmers Square Tenants Association, said this week: "The rumour is that the square is going to stand for another 15 years, and that the plan for comprehensive redevelopment has been altered."

Mrs. Gavin has been on to

the council recently, but cannot get any news. "They treat us as though we were ignorant and stupid," she said. "They leave the road wide open for rumours by not explaining to people."

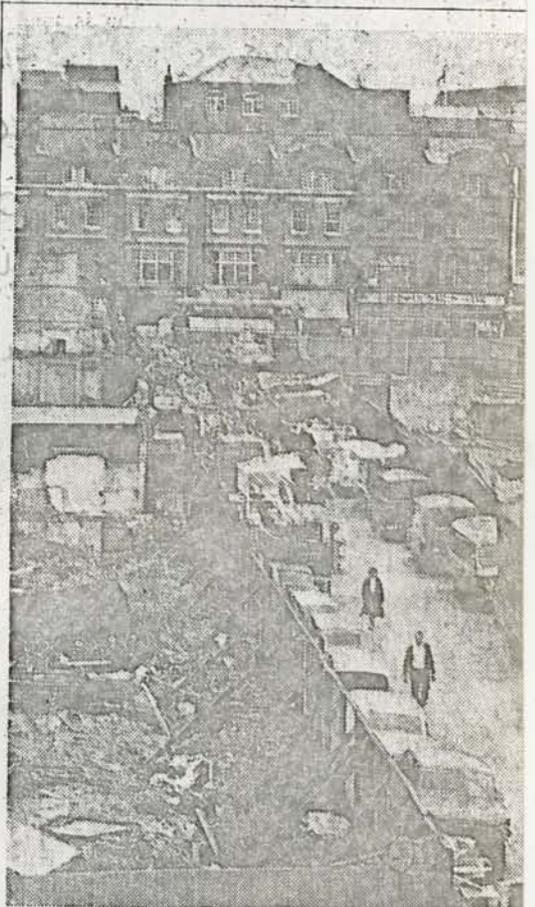
Comments Mrs. Peggy Duff, chairman of the planning and development committee: "There was no LCC plan for the area and we are preparing our own plan for comprehensive redevelopment of the area."

The plan will probably involve the whole of the island site bounded by Hampstead Road, Euston Road and Gower Street. A large portion of the site is already owned by the Greater London Council.

Tenants' fears of delays have recently been increased by the repainting of some of the houses outside, although no interior maintenance has been made.

In addition it is said that long leases have recently been negotiated for shops fronting on to Hampstead Road. "If this is so we would buy them out," said Mrs. Duff.

"As yet we have no idea when we will start," she said.



SEATON PLACE market traders may have won a small battle in their losing campaign against the developers of the Euston Centre, the giant redevelopment that will wipe the old market off the map.

The 12-month reprieve secured last January by St. Pancras Borough Council has given the 35 united traders their one weapon—time.

The longer they hold out, the more nuisance they are to the developers, and it now seems that the stallholders will get the compensation—the value of a year's trading plus a disturbance allowance—that they want.

Even so, this is little relief to them, as no suitable alternative site has been found. When the market—there since the 19th century—disappears, the traders may have to split up.

Many of them have been there all their lives. Now they are being forced to move

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" - but we want to do it as quickly as we can."

The Tolmers Square area has been the subject of speculation for a long time. Three schemes for office redevelopment were turned down by London County Council during 1959 and 1960.

In two cases the prospective developers did not intend to provide any homes to replace those demolished.