



The Counties Residents' Association

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PRESS RELEASE

Chepstow – Back to Square One

Four years ago, Telford Homes PLC bought Chepstow, a substantial house and garden on Leicester Road in Wanstead, with the intention of developing the site for houses and flats – in that time three schemes have been presented for planning approval.

The first scheme was dismissed at a Public Inquiry in 2008, whilst the report following a recent second Public Inquiry (issued on 17 August 2010), have added two further refusals. This now means that all three schemes have been rejected by both Redbridge Council and the Government's Planning Inspectorate.

While the CRA are surprised that both schemes were rejected, we remain totally committed to working together with Telford Homes PLC and the Wanstead Society regarding future schemes for this site.

It is clear that an open, constructive dialogue will be needed before a successful scheme can be submitted, especially as the Government Inspectorate has raised the bar for the scale and standard of design required for new development in the Wanstead Grove Conservation Area.

Although this process has taken over three years so far, we remain undeterred in our intention to ensure that our residents receive an appropriate development on the Chepstow site.