



The Counties Residents' Association

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CONSERVATION AND CHEPSTOW

The CRA is concerned that the historic Grove Estate in Wanstead [ie the Counties Estate, Grove Park, The Avenue and Grosvenor Road] will not be granted conservation status early enough to help in the battle to obtain a suitable development on the “Chepstow” site on Leicester Road, Wanstead.

The Wanstead and Snaresbrook Councillors, who sit on Redbridge’s Area One Committee, agreed to fund consultants to undertake an appraisal of the area in order that it could be considered for conservation status. However, although this was agreed on 12 November 2007, while the final report will not come before the Committee until 2 February 2009.

This prolonged procedure has meant that since losing the public inquiry in March 2008, Telford, the developer which owns the Chepstow site, has had the opportunity to submit a second planning application which is as bad, if not worse than the first application. **Feelings are running high**, as residents fear that any further damage to their area which this proposed development would cause, will ruin one of the most charming areas of Wanstead.

Peter Goody, the Cabinet Member for Planning and a Snaresbrook Councillor has told the CRA that he and his planning officers have been working to identify additional resources for conservation, from the £1.1 million award which the Government has recently given to Redbridge. Conservation is one of the Borough’s stated and delivery priorities for 2008-9.

We need a decision now and we need it to be the right one.

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