



# *The Counties Residents' Association*

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Dear Allan,

I have not been able to reach you on the telephone recently, so I thought I would drop you a note.

Firstly, the great news - we now have over 100 households as members. Apart from the increased disgust which the Higgins development is causing, Chepstow has aroused a lot of concern among our residents. We have had some offers from people wishing to join the Committee, so we shall be seeing them soon.

## The Higgins Development

Have you found out where the authorisation to build the balconies came from yet? A number of people keep asking us about this. Once we know, then we can contact Harry Cohen and Bristol about an inspection of the premises.

## Chepstow

The poor administration of the planning application has also created criticism among our members. To begin with the plans were not available when we were told they would be and when they did arrive a week late, there was only one plan with little detail on it – nothing like the four huge plans and two reports about the trees which I viewed at the One Stop Shop. Tom Forkan has agreed to obtain better documentation and have it sent to Wanstead Library by this Tuesday.

In view of the proposed size of the development, are we able to ask for an inquiry? Please advise us on this.

## Conservation

Both the CRA and the Wanstead Society are preparing to speak at the next Area One Committee under public participation and the CRA is preparing a report on the Counties Estate. We shall muster as much support as we can for people to attend the meeting and are collecting signatures on a petition.

## 14 Nutter Lane

As you will have seen from Malcolm's letter of 20 March, we were dismayed at the casual approach to the passing of the planning application. Although they had no record of how many rooms the property contained, when calculating amenity space, they "assumed" the number of rooms. The proposed one



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storey extension is open plan so that it does not add to the number of habitable rooms but if they were to apply for a two storey extension, then they would have insufficient amenity space.

## 22a Gloucester Road

In order that we can speak on the recent West Regional Planning Committee approval of the planning application, we have obtained petition signatures from many of the residents in the area around this property. We wish to ask the reasons for the granting of the application, as we are puzzled to know why the grounds on which the Committee has previously denied permission have now been reversed.

Also, at least one window has been put into the garage there and some residents believe that it is being prepared as a room for human occupation.

## Tree Preservation

We have been liaising with Peter Studholme about TPOs for the large beech tree at 17 Leicester Road and for the oak at 2 Hereford Road.

Please contact us soon – particularly on the Higgins balconies.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair