

# Delight as Chepstow House is saved

**RESIDENTS** are overjoyed after developers lost an appeal to construct houses and flats on the site of an historic Wanstead building, *writes* **CLAIRE STILL.**

Redbridge Council refused to give planning permission to Telford Homes for the development, which would require the demolition of Chepstow House, which has stood in Leicester Road since the 1930s, at the end of 2007.

The developers appealed but a planning inquiry found in favour of residents, who had opposed the plans, saying the flats were too large and not in keeping with the area.

Leicester Road resident Malcolm Dowers, a member of the Counties Residents' Association (CRA) which campaigned against the develop-

ment, said: "Naturally we're pleased with the outcome.

"This is a suburban street and the plans just would not have been in keeping with the area. The good news for us is that although the planning inspectorate did not have an issue with the houses, the whole application has been turned down so it's back to the drawing board for them."

But the battle is not over as Telford still owns the land and there is nothing to stop it from demolishing Chepstow House.

Mr Dowers added: "Telford say it is not salvageable but building work has been done successfully to houses of the same age in the area.

"We're hoping to get it as a locally listed building to ensure its survival and are lobbying councillors and those sitting on the planning committee.

"It's a unique building with fantastic views down The Avenue and we're really hoping it can be saved."