



**STOP NOW:** Helen Zammett with members of the Counties Residents Association and the Wanstead Society outside Chepstow.

Picture by Martin Dalton

# BATTLE TO SAVE HOUSE

by Peter Henn

A COMMUNITY group is fighting against what it calls the needless redevelopment of a historic house.

Counties Residents Association feel plans to have Chepstow in Leicester Road, Wanstead, demolished and rebuilt as modern buildings would be a blow to the appearance of the area.

Members looked to have scored a victory when Redbridge Council threw out plans submitted by

developers Telford Homes earlier in the month.

However, the firm has now appealed to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol.

CRA chairman Helen Zammett believes the scheme should not be allowed to go ahead under any circumstances.

She said: "It's a lovely building and it fits in well with the area, while the new plans definitely would not.

"We can understand if there is a need for affordable housing, but they could either build

something more sympathetic to the area or, better yet, redo the house so there are flats in there."

Mrs Zammett, of Gloucester Road, said the group is determined to fight against any appeal made by the developers.

"I think we're all prepared for it and I think we'll have a good chance if the inspectors did let the firm have another go," she added.

Telford Homes confirmed it had written to the Planning Inspectorate and were awaiting a reply.