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Dear Mr Broad,

Thank you for your letter of 15 September: we are little surprised that you do not want to lead a negotiated resolution to the development of the Chepstow site.

On Wednesday 15 September, a meeting took place regarding Telford's future plans for the Chepstow site, which was attended by representatives of Telford Homes Plc, The Counties Residents' Association and the Wanstead Society. This was a very amicable and constructive informal meeting.

The Inspector's recent decision was discussed, with a view to how it might be used as a guide in the creation of a new scheme. We said that we did not want Telford to make a new application until all issues had been addressed and resolved. Although we said that we wanted only one scheme to be submitted, we were dismayed that Telford are intending to submit two planning applications. One set of preliminary drawings which they showed us, was a new scheme [scheme 4] while the other scheme was a variation on the new scheme, in that the traditional flats were replaced by the Art deco flats from scheme 2.



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David Durant and David Wood informed us that after careful consideration, they decided to keep the general layout of previous schemes and we understood their reasoning for this. The sketch plans which David Wood presented to us, showed substantial changes in the form of each building, to resolve all the issues of scale, roof form and awkward appearance – issues raised in the last Inspector's report.

Telford stressed that the elevations and detailing were by no means finalised, saying that they would consider any comments which we wished to make. Following this, they undertook to attend another meeting with both Societies before the planning applications were submitted. This open approach was most welcome.

We are now writing to you to ask if representatives of the two Societies could meet informally with the case officer, in order that we could obtain some clear, without prejudice guidance on the planning merits of the new schemes.

We believe that the work which David Wood has done, may lead to a successful resolution of the issues, while we hope to influence and support an appropriate application. However, we do not want the confusion of two parallel schemes: your informal advice and direction which we need before the two schemes are submitted would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

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