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Subject: FW: Oakshott Court 2014/4729/P and 2014/4730/P - not a comment, additional information for cases.

Attachments: Evening standard re housing.jpg



Karen,

following our conversation I thought I'd attached a recent article from the evening standard about 'unlocking the potential of exiting housing estates'

I thought this was relevant to the application - although not a new dwelling it would enable to occupants continue living there.

Also - as mentioned in the D & A the idea came from seeing Camden's own proposals for similar schemes on the Regent's Park estate. I can't find any info on this (and didn't keep the article from the Camden new Journal). If you could ask around and see if any of your colleagues know about it I would appreciate it as it could help explain what we are trying to do.

I'll see you on Monday at the corner of Polygon Road and Chalton Street.

regards

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There's room for 10,000 new homes on spare land in council estates, say Tories

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THERE is enough "redundant" land on London's council estates to build an extra 10,000 homes, a report concludes today.

It claims that the houses could be built on swaths of derelict land currently being used for old laundries, garages and storage sheds and calls for "urgent" action to push councils to survey the land and start using it.

A spokesman for Mayor Boris Johnson's office said it had seen the report



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will encourage
"sensitive"
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on estates

and was planning to build more so-called "infill homes". The report was released 24 hours after research showed that London's housing crisis was deepening, with tenants spending almost half their income on rent.

Today's report, *Gap In The Market*, identifies 4,552 redundant spaces in 13 boroughs. Tory London Assembly members behind the report extrapolated the figures to estimate that 10,000 homes could be built across the city.

Steve O'Connell, report author and Assembly member, said: "We need an urgent, mass-scale, co-ordinated effort to turn the thousands of redundant spaces in blocks and estates into housing."

It recommends that all boroughs complete a comprehensive survey to identify sites suitable for infill homes.

It also calls on Boris Johnson to amend rules to legally oblige councils to undertake to use such areas.

It concludes with a call for the Mayor to identify sites for a pilot project that would see 100 "self-built" homes constructed as soon as possible.

Mr O'Connell said: "The opportunity to build homes on a shoestring budget will help the likes of young professionals and first-time buyers who may otherwise struggle with hefty deposits. What self-builders need is the land to build on."

Richard Blakeway, deputy mayor for

housing, said: "From larger publicly owned sites, to the small nooks and crannies mentioned in this report, the Mayor is firmly committed to unlocking development."

"In particular, he will be encouraging sensitive development on existing housing estates as part of the next phase of a programme to improve the quality of existing borough owned stock."

Yesterday, the *Homelet Rental Index* showed that London tenants face the most unaffordable rental market in the country, facing average monthly rents of £3,412.

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