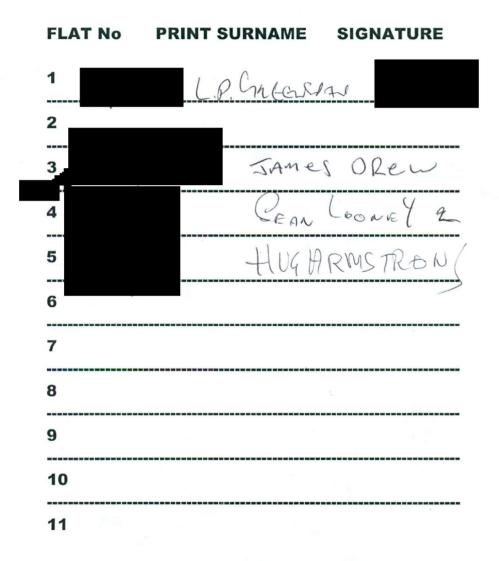
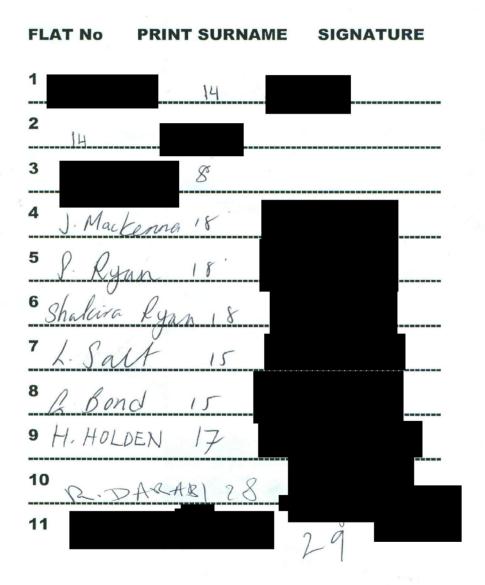
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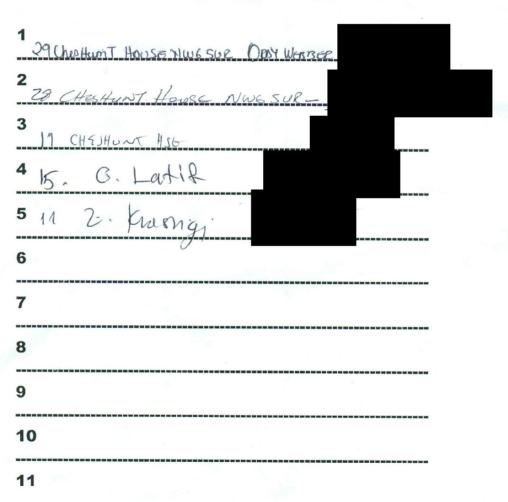
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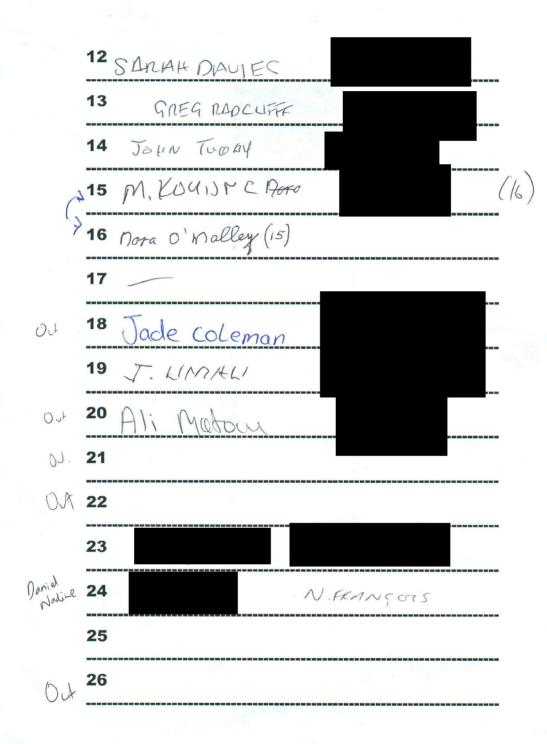
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#### acklash over insulation

TOWN Hall plans to clad historic brick-built estates with new insulation to beat fuel poverty and combat global warming have been slammed by conservationists and ten-

Across the borough, Camden is responsible for a number of mid-20thcentury housing estates, built by London County Council.

Because they have solid brick walls, they are seen as being hard to heat and the Town Hall is proposing to clad exteriors in an extra layer of insulation.

But conservationists, architects and tenants say he council should tackle by DAN CARRIER

the problem by installing new boilers and offer dou-ble-glazed windows or interior insulation, instead of wrecking historic examples from the golden era of British public hous-

ing.
Mid-20th-century
buildings in Kentish Town
due to have the work
installed include Oseney Crescent, Weedington Road and Ashdown crescent. In Camden Town, Plender Court in Plender Street has been earmarked as suitable for cladding, while in Kilburn the Mortimer estate, designed by celebrated designer Sir Robert Matthew, is also due to have cladding installed.

In a planning statement for the work at Mortimer estate, built in 1951, the Town Hall said the Town Hall said the scheme would improve the buildings' thermal efficiency, reduce bills, increase comfort and reduce the risk of poor health, help meet climate change targets and bring in funding from energy companies, freeing up Town Hall cash for other projects.

A spokesman for the 20th Century Society told the New Journal that the plans would wreck the look of some of the borough's classic mid-20th-century estates and there were better ways to cut heat loss.

"They are proposing irrecoverable changes to the townscape using cladding that has not been tested," the spokesman added. "These early mid-20th-century brick-built estates are really attractive. from a period that is often overlooked."

In letter a to the Town Hall, the Society called for the council to abandon plans for the Hillgrove estate in Swiss Cottage.

They said: "These

estate in Swiss Cottage.
They said: "These
blocks were designed by
Peacock, Hodges and
Robertson. This practice
is highly regarded and
was responsible for several high-profile buildings

Wenger wary of cash crazy transfer rush in England. The buildings at the Hillgrove estate are characterised by a simple

palette of materials.

"As is typical of the As is typical of the architectural style from this period, the façades are deliberately carefully crafted and understated. The architects used features such as recessed bal-conies and walkways, as well as protruding balconies and windows to articulate and add interest

to the design.
"We consider that these architectural details conarchitectural details con-tribute strongly to the coherent architectural style of the estate. In our experience, architecture from this period is fre-quently overlooked, and we would like to take this opportunity to highlight the high-quality design of these buildings.

"We urge Camden Council to explore alter-

native options that will help address their energy reduction targets, without sacrificing the character and architectural interest of these historic buildings."

Mortimer estate tenant

Greg Radcliffe, whose family have lived on the estate for 35 years, said the project has not con-vinced those living there that it is the best way to

that it is the best way to help cut fuel costs. He added: "This is a lovely-looking estate and the blocks are classic examples of the period. Thought was put into their design. If the council want to improve it for ten-ants, they should install new, efficient boilers instead."

Housing chief Labour councillor Pat Callaghan said the project would slash heating bills and cut carbon emissions. She said that blocks that had already been cladded had been met with a positive response from tenants. Cllr Callaghan added: "The council is commit-

"The council is commit-ted to improving the ener-gy efficiency of its hous-ing stock, both to reduce its carbon emissions and to help residents manage their heating bills. The heat-efficient cladding will make a significant contribution to achieving these targets."

#### Architect The man who rebuilt post-war London

ARCHITECT Robert Matthew, who built the Mortimer estate, was a key figure in the push to rebuild London after the Second World War and to ensure working people were not condemned to live in the slums that marked the capital's housing in the 1930s. Originally from Edinburgh, where he had worked for the Department of Health, he moved to London in 1946 and took up the vital post as chief architect and planning officer for the London County Council. He worked on the rebuilding of London and was a key figure in the Festival of Britain. Under his guidance, the LCC's work won global recognition. He became the president of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) and was knighted for his work. He was also a talented painter and counted Henry Moore, Pablo Picasso and Le Corbusier among his friends.

