

Aylesbury Area TENANTS FIRST!

Declaration

→ **STOP the 'SW Corner Plan'**. **STOP** talk of Demolition! The SW corner plan is supposedly 'shelved'. Lets stop it for good and instead spend the £56 million over the **WHOLE ESTATE** with *Priority to Blocks in most need. Get on with what tenants want!*

→ **All plans must keep OWNERSHIP & CONTROL of the**

WHOLE ESTATE with the Council, in line with the BALLOT

[Other Councils are keeping Council housing so why not Southwark?]

→ **The NDC Management must go and all Aylesbury Housing activity go back to **DIRECT COUNCIL MANAGEMENT**.**

It is improper that the NDC management company and Consultants they bring in are both owned by the big 'Tribal Group' developer.

Top Priorities must be:

1. **Repair improve & replace LIFTS**
2. **Repair improve & replace HEATING.** The structural revelations mean this is must be now **TOP PRIORITY**. Nothing else should be done until this is sorted.
3. **DOUBLE GLAZING** over whole estate.
4. **BASIC REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENT to communal areas** – mend windows – **CLEANING** – **PAINTING** – All chutes must have self closing doors (like the landing doors should have).
5. **USE THE SPACE under the blocks for parking.** Bring **shop and office spaces** on slab block walkways into use.
6. **KEEP ALL GREEN SPACES & Support new playspace areas.**
7. **NO SPECULATIVE DEVELOPMENTS** by **INFILL** of 'spaces' or **LAND GRABBING** Aylesbury Day Centre.
8. **KEEP RAMPS & WALKWAYS.** Remove puddles from walkways.
9. **NO Fencing off of public spaces**
10. **NO grandiose expensive or dangerous alterations to low rise blocks.** *Structural Robustness must be before architects silly dreams.*
11. **Only even think about Concierge Schemes AFTER the works above are done & IF tenants & leaseholders agree to schemes and new service charges through a majority of those who actually have to pay.**

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE!

Together Let's Keep all our Council Housing!

Latest information & to help: 07821974503 / 07958713320

Letter South London Press May 27th 2005

Expecting respect

OUR Aylesbury Estate is not crime-ridden or about to fall down. We don't want to move from our sought-after spacious, solid, secure tenanted flats which are of a higher standard of sound insulation and open space than a lot of other council housing – and generally miles better than recent (higher rented) housing association ventures. The problem is that the Government, Aylesbury NDC (New Deal for Communities) and Southwark council deliberately paint a grim, desperate picture of the Aylesbury, and choose to fail to do basic maintenance of lifts, heating and rubbish chutes. They conjure up grandiose schemes designed to "lever in" privatisation schemes which would increase housing density and reduce council housing and tenants' rights. Indeed they admit the "structural problem revelations" are wholly correctable within existing budgets. Just look at the £248million supposedly "needed". This includes at least £164million money-wasting grandiose nonsense that tenants never agreed to – new roads, work on blocks in the south-west part of the estate which need least work rolled out to the whole estate, land-grabs and handouts to housing associations etc. This is great for consultants, architects (who are still being paid to design things tenants never agreed to) and developers – but bad for tenants. We say to all tenants in Watworth and beyond: watch out, there is a developer about!

There is no point in Tony Blair revisiting us unless he comes with the "respect" he talks about.

Aysen Dennis, Victoria Briden, Martin Parrawally, Norma Hibbert, Fina Esteve – Aylesbury estate;
Piers Corbyn (Alvey Aylesbury area);
on behalf of Aylesbury Tenants First.

359 Wendover,

Letter from Aysen Dennis and others

Dear fellow Tenant / Leaseholder

I am writing on behalf of many in Wendover to ask you to please come to this year's Annual General meeting of Wendover TRA on this **Thurs 16th June 7.30pm** in the Access Centre (the blue prefab) on Thurlow St.

We stand for 100% Respect for the Ballot to stay with Council housing and to get work done on our block – lifts, heating painting, chutes etc.

We want you to **please come to vote for myself and others** to be on the TRA Committee and **represent our block** on the 'NDC' and other bodies. We must replace the supporters of privatisation there who do not represent the interests of you and I. Now is the time to do this – to defend your future, our future and our children's future.

I have lived on the estate 14 years and along with others have consistently fought off the many attempts to privatise our estate.

We are very upset that our so called representatives have been pushing for unwanted privatisation and transfer schemes rather than getting Council spending for this block on what we need.

Other blocks and estates get what they need so why not us? The tide is now turning against the privatisers. The Council now says they intend to bring ALL Southwark's Council housing to the 'Decent Homes standard' **without privatisation / transfer tricks**. Let's get on with it!

The privatisers are fighting a desperate scaremongering attempt to ignore the massive ballot for the estate to stay 100% Council Housing. Please help us stop them.

MPS back tenants

Harriet Harman MP (Lab Peckham) speaking at Aylesbury NDC Board 23 Mar:

"It is beyond belief that we are in this position - of so little being achieved after so long. I am bound by Tony Blair's promise to deliver for Aylesbury tenants. This has not been achieved.. The ballot-vote must be respected with the whole estate staying with the Council - we must find the money for that".

Simon Hughes MP (LibDem Berrymsey) strongly agreed.

Support for Direct Investment in Council Housing (called the '4th option') was also backed by an 80% vote of the Labour Party conference and the LibDems nationally. All our local Councillors: Abdul Mohammed, Paul Bates, & Lorraine Lauder also back this & the ballot result 100%.

WE ARE NOT STUPID! A recent letter from Tony Blair (written before the election) was circulated to frighten us. Who believes the Report to the ANDC from consultants which talks 'silly money' and promotes Aylesbury demolition when we know those consultants (HCAS) and Stratford Development Partnership who manage the ANDC are both owned by the giant Tribal Group of Developers who want big demolition and privatisation for profit?

TRIBAL GROUP – Big Developers

Own

HCAS
Consultants



'Advise'
Stratford Development Partnership =

NDC Management

Own

Hear the Latest NDC Scandal!

This will be exposed by Aysen & others at the Meeting this Thurs 16th 7.30pm
Please BE THERE!

SO, Please come on Thurs 16th, Access Centre, Thurlow St. 7.30pm

It would be a great help if you can let us know if you are coming. ALSO it would be a good idea to bring along your-rent/leasehold agreement to avoid arguments about who is who!

Thank you, Aysen Dennis and others.

PS Drop us a note at 359 Wendover or Phone 07821974503/ 07946418069/ 07958713320