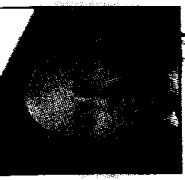


Row erupts over affordable housing

on new Heygate

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MP: 'An insult... back to the drawing board'



Leader: 'People have waited long enough'

By BEN MORGAN

A WAR of words has erupted over a £1.5billion estate regeneration — with a leading MP calling for a complete rethink to include more homes for poorer families.

Plans to rebuild the Heygate Estate in Elephant & Castle were first put forward a decade ago.

Southwark council says it has negotiated with developers Lend Lease to ensure 25 per cent of the homes will be affordable.

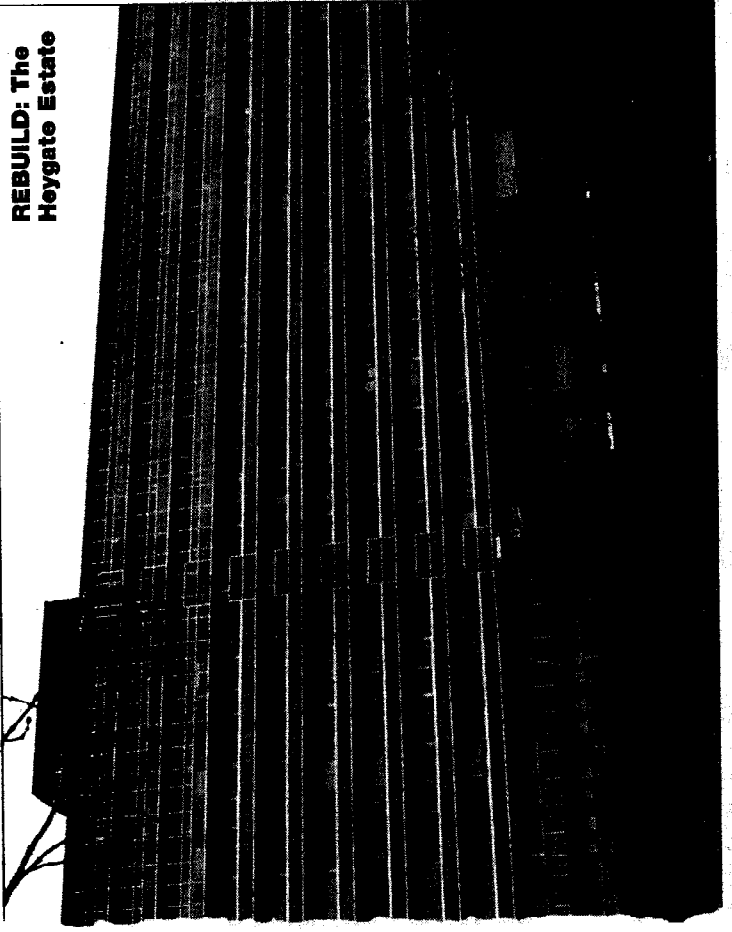
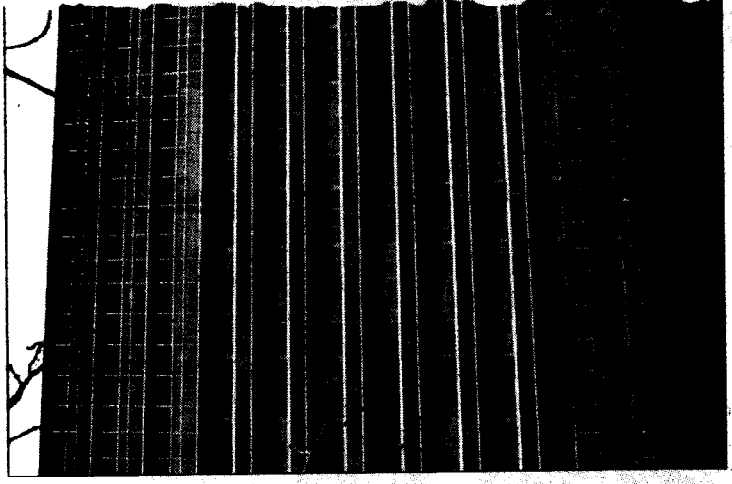
But Bermondsey and Old Southwark MP Simon Hughes claims just eight of the 235 homes in the first phase will be for low-income families.

Lib Dem Mr Hughes has demanded Lend Lease agree to more "affordable homes".

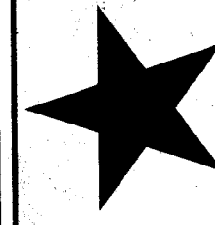
He said: "To come forward with almost no housing at social rent is frankly insulting the people who used to live on the Heygate."

Labour council leader Peter John says tampering with the proposals could set the project back another decade. "It's frankly staggering that Simon Hughes is calling for more delay," he said.

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