

LETTER TO PRESS

Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you that there is no such “truce” between local residents and the developers of the Chelsea barracks steel and glass tower blocks as reported on 24 Feb. The most active objectors, the Chelsea Barracks Action Group supporters are still horrified at the thought of having the high density group of towers some of which are up to 130 feet high and are gravely concerned about their loss of light privacy and amenity. Supporters from outside the area who register their comments on www.chelseabarracks.org.uk are disgusted at the design by Rogers Stirk and Harbour which is more suited to canary wharf than to this iconic part of London, alongside the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

You mention 6.2 acres of open space which incorrectly implies an enormous park when actually a good portion of it will be the grassy canyons running in between the 17 tower blocks.

We will scrutinise the plans lodged by the developers and continue our battle to lower the overall heights to match what was there before and to push for a new design that has less glass and is more sustainable. A similar development in Edinburgh of steel and glass has had terrible repercussions whereby Foster’s Quartermile tower block development threatened Edinburgh’s UNESCO World Heritage status. The Chelsea Barracks Action Group will put up a strong fight to stop another powerful developer ruin our lives and walk away with the estimated £800 million profit as reported in Breakingviews.com 15 February 2008

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