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Dear resident

**West Ken and Gibbs Green estates could return to council control**

On 10 August 2012, the approved Earls Court scheme was valued at £12.05 billion. That scheme included all the homes on the West Kensington and Gibbs Green estates.

A few months later, at a cabinet meeting on the 3 September 2012, it was agreed that Capco could buy the 21 acres that made up those estates for just £110 million, with a weak and insufficient provision for replacement affordable homes.

This was a poor deal for residents. In fact, the terms of that contract failed to guarantee to provide replacement, like-for-like homes, for all the current estates' residents which meant many residents would not be re-housed.

My colleagues and I have been negotiating hard to either get the estates back or radically improve the deal and secure new, like-for-like homes for all our residents on the two estates.

**A new plan**

Capco's latest proposal is to develop a new masterplan for the Earls Court scheme. If that gets planning permission, we would see the two estates return to council control.

There are many steps before finalising this agreement, but I wanted to let you know what's happening as soon as possible.

**We'll keep you informed and involved**

My colleagues and I will continue to put our residents' needs first. I will write to you again when I have more news.

With best wishes

**Cllr Stephen Cowan**

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