INFORMATION DOCUMENT TO THE CANNING TOWN AND CUSTOM HOUSE AREA TEAM ON THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY RDEVELOPMENT OF THE TWA SITE.

INTRODUCTION

This paper has been written as an information document in support of a funding application to be made by the TWA Community Group for a grant for a feasibility study to look at the possibility of redeveloping the TWA site in partnership with members of the local community.

BACKGROUND

The site of Ronan Point and the TWA blocks has now been empty for a number of years. Newham council have made a number of attempts to get the site redeveloped but to no avail. They have now decided that due to the cost of demolishing the blocks outwaying the cost of the land they are willing to give the land to the developer who develops in line with the councils plans for the area.

Tenants in the South were worried about this as they felt that they may not br consulted about the proposed developent. The Newham Tenants Federation was approached and it began to look at ways in which the tenants could be in control of the redevelopment.

ARCHITYPE a firm of community architects were contacted and are willing to do a feasibility study which will look at proposals to develop a communtiy village. The cost of the study would be £4000.

REDEVELOPMENT

The idea is to pull together a consortium of agencies who would have an interest in taking part in the development. The feasibility study would include looking at how the scheme would be implemented and by whom.

A number of agencies hae already been contacted and are prepared to look at becoming involved. These so far include:-

Barretts - Developers.
East London Housing Association - Rented Housing.
Planning Aid for London - will send a volunteer.
Architype - feasibility study/self build.
Royal Institute of British Architects - could provide 50% of cash feasibility study (up to £1.000).
Co-operative Development Society.

TENANT INVOLVMENT

The tenants in district two and three have attended a meeting to discuss the issue. At this meeting a number of decisions were made to enable the project to be taken forward.

FUNDING FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

The group agreed to apply for some of the feasibility study money from the area team. It was felt that this was appropiate as the site was covered in the teams brief.

CONCLUSION

To conclude this is a scheme that has great potential for the economic and social development of the area. It would also prove to be a great boost to the community if they were able to take control of the redevelopment of this site. We would therefore ask the area team to give our application a sympathtic hearing.