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■ FRANK Dobson with EVTRA members (from left) Susan Cokyll Maeve O'Connor and Helen Fawcett, and councillor Roger Robinson

Bid to scrap flats plan

LABOUR MP Frank Dobson has called for Camden Council to scrap plans for a five-storey housing block.

The MP for Holborn and St Pancras has slammed the proposed 64-flat canalside development in St Pancras Way, Somers Town, which ward councillors and residents claim will "engulf and dwarf" their houses.

Mr Dobson visited the

homes of residents in Rossendale Way who are campaigning against the scheme on the other side of the Regent's Canal.

The MP sat with residents from the Elm Village Tenants' and Residents' Association and ward councillor Roger Robinson (Labour).

Mr Dobson said: "You only have to be here and see where the light comes from now and where it won't come from in the future.

"It seems to me there's growing concern that people's houses and playgrounds are being overpowered by high buildings."

One resident, who did not want to be named, said: "Our beef is that we weren't consulted. The development will dwarf this estate."

Councillor Robinson, who has also been fighting the development, added: "I've done what I can. I think we want some support."