

WE ARE HAPPY AT THE 'CO-OP'

THERE are points in the article about Wellington Mills that should be put in the right context.

It is true that tenants in Meads-row have had some building faults, and also had to suffer a lot of inconvenience while repairs were being carried out. However, these repairs are now nearly completed with a negotiated agreement between the tenants, GLC and the building contractor.

I am sure the people quoted in the article were not speaking on behalf of the tenants. In fact, there never was a mandate from the tenants or the Steering Committee for the article at all. If a census was taken, one would find that most people are happy and content.

The Steering Committee was formed from the first 50 tenants, and their task was seeking an agreement to operate a co-operative between the tenants and the GLC.

This brings me to the point of disagreement in the article. After eight months, there is no sign of any agreement being reached. In fact, there is not even a sign of any sort of constitution at all. There is no sign of procedure at all at the tenants' meetings. These are allowed to get out of hand through the lack of knowledge on procedure.

One lady in the article quoted was referring to words like resolutions, motions, and out of order, or even asking for a point of order. Surely this is the only democratic way to conduct a meeting built into some sort of standing orders.

Another quote "There are an awful lot of union people here." Rest assured, being a union member is not a disease. I disagree that the GLC think that these people are better in running the steering committee. The tenants elected the committee, and it is the tenants who say "yes" or "no" when an agreement is finalised.

Definition of a union: body of people set up among themselves to create the best harmony possible. When we reach this agreement, we hope that people will take a different view.

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