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### SUPER SEWER KICKS UP BIG STINK

TESTING work for Thames Water's controversial tidal tunnel – dubbed the 'super-sewer' – could mean sleepless nights for thousands of riverside residents.

Floating drilling platforms will probe under the riverbed, with some work potentially taking place 24 hours a day for a week.

The firm's bosses are also being urged to come clean on possible construction sites that could threaten housing areas.

**SUPER-SEWER SPECIAL**

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## New jobs and housing high on the agenda

► West Kensington regeneration part of council's 20-year vision to revitalise five neighbourhoods  
► Residents urged to have their say

**SIMON JONES**

ONE of the biggest regeneration projects in London could bring thousands of extra new homes and jobs for borough residents.

H&F Council bosses are considering teaming up with landowners in West Kensington for the project.

It would be part of a 20-year vision set by the council to encourage multi-billion-pound improvements in five areas: Hammersmith town centre, the White City Opportunity Area, West Kensington/Earls Court/North Fulham, South Fulham riverside and Old Oak Common in the north of the borough.

At the same time cast-iron guarantees have been given to council tenants on housing estates in all five areas that everyone will be offered a home in the area as part of any redevelopment and there will be no reduction in the amount of socially rented housing.

The council is also promising that leaseholders will receive the full compensation they are entitled to.

At a Cabinet meeting on Monday councillors agreed to investigate the possibility of entering a partnership with existing landowners in West Kensington: Transport for London, the freehold owners of Earls Court and the Lillie Bridge Depot Road and Capital & Counties, the leaseholders of the Earls Court complexes. Cabinet also agreed to fund £200,000 for a transport study.

Capital & Counties has signalled that it is likely to redevelop the exhibition centres after the Olympics in 2012.

The council wants to use

this significant new investment to bring major improvements to the neighbourhood including up to 2,000 homes and 5,500 new jobs in the area.

This could involve the rebuilding of West Kensington and Gibbs Green estates in a phased development over the next 10-15 years.

The council also supports the development of an international conference centre within Earls Court and Olympia complexes as a way of securing the extra jobs.

Council leader Stephen Greenhalgh said: "We want to ensure all our residents are living in neighbourhoods where people have access to local jobs, good quality schools with more housing choice and good quality parks and open spaces."

"At the moment too many low and middle-income earning families have to move away to step on the property ladder. In many of our neighbourhoods we lack good family-sized

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● ISABELLA O'Donovan was one of the youngsters having a whistle while they worked on their musical skills at the Irish Centre in Hammersmith – which will be holding summer camps. PICTURE BY LEIGH QUINNELL SEE PAGE 21 FOR FULL STORY>>

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