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Best show in town!



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MANY thousands of revellers turned out for the Lambeth Country Show at the weekend. Large crowds flocked to Brockwell Park in Herne Hill over the two days, to enjoy the very best of the show had to offer including camel rides, jousting, jerk chicken, crafts and animal exhibitions.

The council-run rural extravaganza brought country living to Lambeth once more, with organisers confidentially predicting attendance figures could be as high as last year's 180,000 figure. See Friday's *South London Press* for more pictures from the event.

Claims that leaseholders have been 'short-changed'

'SELL' ORDER ON EMPTIED ESTATE'S LAST HOMES

THE last leaseholders on an estate must leave their homes, the Government has ruled.

Southwark council can now press ahead with the compulsory purchase of the final three leaseholder-owned homes on the Heygate Estate in Elephant & Castle.

It has already spent £44million clearing the estate and relocating residents.

On Thursday, Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles approved the plan following a four-day public inquiry in February.

The inquiry upheld the council's decision to allow the compulsory purchase of the remaining properties.

However, for the homeowners the decision has left a bitter taste.

Leaseholder Mojisola Ojeikere said: "We are being short-changed and priced out of the area."

"I am being offered just £150,000 for my two-bed flat, when the new-build two-bed Heygate flats are currently being marketed overseas for upwards of £455,000."

Transfer of the leases will take up to two months, with the prospect of the council then applying for vacant possession on the three flats. The occupants could go to the

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Lands Tribunal, if the offer of compensation is not acceptable.

If they refuse to leave, county court bailiffs will be brought in to evict them.

Southwark councillor Fiona Colley, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "The need to secure vacant possession of the estate to allow for much-awaited development means that compulsory purchase of the remaining homes is the only way to ensure this happens in a reasonable timescale. We will continue to have regular communication with remaining residents."

In a boost for campaigners calling for greater transparency from the Heygate scheme, the independent Information Commissioner has ordered Southwark council and developers Lend Lease to release the financial viability study.

Both parties initially refused to divulge the information due to commercial sensitivity, but will now have to release the information.

A council spokeswoman added: "The council maintains that the information contained in the viability assessment should not be made public."

"The council is seeking further legal advice to determine its next course of action."

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