

HORROR ESTATES GET AXE

100 face Cam bulldozer

EXCLUSIVE by DAVID WOODING, Sunday Political Editor

BRITAIN'S worst housing estates will be flattened and turned into vibrant new communities under plans unveiled by David Cameron this week.

The PM will send in bulldozers and replace 100 of the worst areas with "safe, attractive and affordable" homes for existing residents. He will stump up £140million to kick-start projects in sink estates plagued by crime, gangs, drugs and unemployment.

It is part of a huge package of measures aimed at ending poverty and boosting the lives of poor families.

Areas that could be knocked down completely include the Winstanley Estate in Wandsworth, South

West London. Others up for improvement include the crumbling Manor Estate in Sheffield.

Michael Heseltine, who helped transform Toxteth, Liverpool, after the 1981 riots, will chair a new estate regeneration panel.

Mr Cameron said: "Decades of neglect have led to gangs and anti-social behaviour. And poverty has become entrenched, because those who could afford to move have done so."

Estates will be radically transformed or knocked down and rebuilt, he said.

The project is modelled on schemes that have revived two London estates – Woodberry Down in Hackney and Packington in Islington.

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Plans... Manor Estate

Pup's on the up



Yappy ending... Chris with William. Inset, how he was

A PUPPY weighing just 7lb when found on a road has made a striking recovery. William the lurcher was four months old but could barely stand when he was dumped in Coventry in September. But he was nurtured by the RSPCA, has put on 24lb and has a new home. Rachel Butler and her partner Chris Mallett took him in.

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No dice, Premier

TWO Eurosceptics have devised a board game about David Cameron's bid to strike a better deal for Britain in Europe — after critics dismissed his antics as "just a game".

Lee Rotherham and Tim Philpott have named their free, downloadable game EU Renegotiation, in which players pick up cards and gain points for concessions they achieve.

Winning back control of UK borders is worth a whopping 30 points, but a promise to cut red tape earns only one.

Former Tory adviser Lee said: "It's meant to be informative but it has a dig at negotiators who grab any old deal."

Perfume for tigers

A BIG cat sanctuary is asking people to donate perfume and aftershave — as the animals love it.

Keepers spray it on toys, bushes and even posts in their enclosure for the lions and tigers to stimulate their senses.

Tanith Brown, of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation, in Ashford, Kent, said: "They rub, scent, roll and brush against it as they would with natural smells in the wild."

And she revealed that Nias the Sumatran tiger's favourite spray is Ralph Lauren's Safari.

The sanctuary, which holds experience days, is also home to leopards, jaguars... and lynx.

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