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I lived on The Heygate with my parents from 1974 until 2000.

I am fed up of reading that the estate was a hotbed of crime and deprivation by the media and local politicians. The estate was a great place to grow up on and provided lots of activities for young people on the estate. Something that the regeneration appears not to be doing. I am still in contact with many of my old neighbours and friends from the estate. The majority of us grew up to be responsible adults and hold down good jobs.

My children loved visiting their nan and grandad on the estate up until the time they were forced to move out in 2008. It stood out as a leafy green place in contrast to many of the surrounding estates nearby. I would not have missed the happy times that I spent living there. Now it is destined to become nothing but an investment opportunity for big corporations..