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1/ THREAD: A walk in Camden celebrating (mostly) council housing and municipalism. Firstly, the Regent's Park Estate built by St Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council from 1951. Swallowfield (left), a later phase, was designed by Edward Armstrong and Frederick MacManus.



2/ There is some good quality new build from Camden, mostly social rent though sadly built to replace homes lost to HS2. I've written on the Regent's Park Estate here: <https://t.co/R5jMrmEdiK>



3/ The interwar Cumberland Market Estate, now Peabody, was social housing designed by architect C E Vardell for the Crown Estate built around a former branch of Regent's Canal.



4/ A nice St Pancras Metropolitan Borough lamppost in Park Village West.



5/ The Regent's Canal and the Grade II-listed Primrose Hill Primary School, designed for the School Board of London by ER Robson circa 1885.



6/ Water Meeting Bridge, over the Regent's Canal, rebuilt by St Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council in 1961. Borough Motto: 'With Wisdom and Courage'.



7/ Engels lived here: 122 Regent's Park Road, Primrose Hill



8/ Constable House, a four and five-storeyed neo-Georgian balcony-access tenement block, designed for the London County Council by Louis de Soissons in the early 1950s.



9/ The Etons - not municipal: (lower) middle-class mansion blocks built on land owned by Eton College and designed by Toms & Partners in the late 1930s.



10/ Barn Field and Wood Field built in 1947-9 for Hampstead Metropolitan Borough Council and designed by Donald Hanks McMorran. Grade II-listed for their 'combination of Soanic and Scandinavian devices, producing a lean, spare but exceptionally well-proportioned classicism'.



11/ To the incomparable housing built by the Borough of Camden's Architect's Department in the 1960s and 70s: the Dunboyne Road Estate, designed by Neave Brown in 1967.



12/ The Waxham and Ludham Estate designed by Frederick MacManus & Partners for the Borough and built 1974-79.



13/ The Mansfield Road Estate, 73 flats and maisonettes, designed by George Benson and Alan Forsyth of the Borough Architect's Department and built 1974-1980.



14/ The Highgate Road Estate, originally designed by Robert Bailie for St Pancras Metropolitan Borough Council but built by Camden from 1965. The (sloping) Clanfield House block was added in 1971.



15/ Denyer House, built in 1936; designed by Albert J Thomas for the London County Council.



16/ Little Green Street, dating to the 1780s - one of the few surviving intact Georgian streets in London. It features in this 1966 film by The Kinks: <https://t.co/MetZas3rz7>



17/ At its top end, the Ingestre Road Estate, designed by John Green of the Camden's Architect's Department; built 1967-71.



18/ Finally, Elsfeld, completed in 1972 and designed by Bill Forrest of Camden's Architect's Department: 'an architect who ought to be much better known than he is' in the words of Neave Brown.

