

BROCKLEY



SOCIETY

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Buildings Currently Threatened

61 BREAKSPEARS ROAD — under threat of demolition. Proposed in its place: a three-storey block of 9 flats with basement garages. The existing house is basically sound and suitable for conversion with the possible addition of side and rear extensions. The visual effect of the building is important as it faces down Cranfield Road.

A recommendation for conversion was put forward by the Borough Conservation Advisory Committee.

56 - 58 WICKHAM ROAD — both buildings under threat of demolition. An application to demolish and erect a 4-storey block of 16 flats with garages at rear was recently withdrawn. A compulsory purchase order for No. 58 has been applied for by Lewisham Council — awaiting decision.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND VICARAGE — an outline application to demolish and to erect in their place a church, church hall, vicarage, curate's house and 16 three-storey houses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH HALL — an outline application to demolish and to erect 16 three-storey houses.

Both applications were turned down by the Planning and Development sub-committee (A) (13 Nov., '73) on the grounds of the excessive density of the proposed development and the infringement of the Daylighting Standards adopted by the Council. Also the fact that St. Peter's Church is listed as a building of special architectural and historic interest (interior). The sub-committee adopted the recommendation that "... it would be prepared to give favourable consideration to a scheme showing the retention and repair of the church together with the development of the remainder of the site and church hall site."

COMMENT: It is hoped that every effort will be made to retain the existing church, lying as it does at the centre of the Conservation Area. There seem to be two bodies of opinion regarding the Church Hall site: the first being that the area should be redeveloped for housing considering the present day need for housing; alternatively the present Church Hall complex, situated as it is at the centre of the Brockley Conservation Area, could provide a community centre, possibly along the lines of the Telegraph Hill example. Whichever alternative is chosen, the Society recognizes the Church's need to cover the cost of repairs to the Church, etc.

It is hoped that the Brockley Society will be in a position to enter into talks with the Church and Local Authorities at the earliest opportunity.

At present the Brockley Society is represented on the BOROUGH CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE. If you have information, knowledge, opinions, queries, etc., on any proposed development in the area, contact your Road representative, the Secretary or the Acting Chairman (see list, at right).

Membership....target 3,000

As you walk up and down your road or anywhere in the CONSERVATION AREA there must be many things you notice that you would like to see changed or improved... more trees, cleaner roads and pavements, facilities for older residents, safe play areas for your children, more play schools, etc. Joining the Society and making your ideas known is the first step.

Everyone living in the Conservation Area is entitled to join and the small fee of 10p secures full membership.

Total membership could reach 3000 plus. You can help reach this target by adding your name to the list. YOUR ROAD REPRESENTATIVE will be calling in the next few days.

THE MORE PEOPLE THE SOCIETY REPRESENTS THE STRONGER ITS VOICE AND THE GREATER WILL BE ITS INFLUENCE IN GETTING THINGS DONE.

Face-lift for Upper Brockley Shop Forecourts

A meeting arranged by John Marchant, of the Planning and Development section of Lewisham Council, was held on Wednesday, 10th April, to discuss a proposal for a face-lift scheme for the forecourts of the Upper Brockley Road parade of shops.

The meeting was attended by shopkeepers and owners plus members of the Manor Avenue G.I.A. Association who had

helped in drawing up the scheme, consisting of new paving, repairs to railings, tree planting and the provision of extra lighting and bench seats.

Although the forecourts are private property, it is hoped to finance the project out of Government grants available through the Architectural Heritage project. There was unanimous agreement to go ahead with finalising details of the scheme.

Road Representatives

Adelaide Avenue 34-60	Mr. & Mrs. James	No. 38	Lewisham Way	Mr. Charles Smith	No. 176a
Avon Road	Mrs. C. Cronin	No. 2	160-186 and 228-238		
Beverley Court	Mrs. Alloway	No. 2	Rokeyby Road	Mr. Johnson	No. 25
Breakspears Road	Beverley Court Residents Association		St. Margarets Road	Mr. Chamberlain	No. 31
	Miss M. Anderson	No. 44		Miss A. Devereux	No. 38
	Mr. Harris	No. 90	Tressillian Road	Mr. & Mrs. Fisher	No. 81
Chalsey Road	Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Gray	No. 43		Mr. & Mrs. W. Turner	No. 104
Cranfield Road	Miss Glover	No. 30	Tressillian Crescent	Mr. K. Mayers	No. 118
	Mrs. Coral Collett	No. 38		Mr. J. G. Scott	No. 16a
	Alan Bennett	No. 36	Tremaine Close		
Crescent Way	Mr. Scott	16a Tressillian Crescent	Tyrwhitt Road	Mr. Timothy Cantell	No. 62
Darling Road and Drake Road	Treasurer Mr. & Mrs. Huthwaite	No. 9		Mrs. Byrne	No. 86
	Mr. & Mrs. Heywood	No. 14	Upper Brockley Road	Mr. R. H. Brown	No. 91
Geoffrey Road	Sue Davidson	106 Manor Avenue		Mr. McClenaghan	No. 61 Flat B
Glensdale Road	Mr. J. W. Park	No. 3	Vulcan Terrace	Mr. & Mrs. Paul	No. 121
Harefield Road	Mr. F. W. Stone	No. 45	Wickham Road	Chairman Mr. John Moreland	No. 47
	Rev. M. Munns	No. 25			
Hilly Fields Crescent	Miss Ann Gallagher	No. 19			
Manor Avenue	Ms. Viv Thurn	No. 60			
	Mrs. Jenny Varney	166 Lewisham Way			
Montague Avenue	Secretary Mrs. Warman	No. 12a	Wickham Gardens	Margherita Colombo	No. 1a
	Mrs. Pond	No. 14		Sepp Ronay	No. 39
				Mr. S. Thorpe	No. 11

YOUR HOME is in an area bounded by Lewisham Way to the North, Adelaide Avenue, Montague Avenue and Hilly Fields Crescent to the South, Rokeyby Road and Brockley Road to the West and Tyrwhitt Road to the East. This is the Brockley Conservation Area, declared in September, 1973.

Many people feel that the area has a character well WORTH SAVING and some of the residents, acting on the leaflet sent round in February, have got together and formed THE BROCKLEY SOCIETY.

Aims & Objectives

THE SOCIETY AIMS to protect the area's overall character, of good period houses, large gardens and open spaces which, for the most part, have survived intact. It is probably the largest residential area in the Borough of Lewisham to have retained this period character.

IT AIMS, further, to secure that where changes are made, they are in keeping with the existing character and serve to improve the area and its amenities.

THIS NEWS SHEET is the first of what it is hoped will be a bi-monthly one to keep all members up-to-date on the area's news and activities.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED to make the Society work.

Within the broad aims already mentioned, certain SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES have been proposed:

1) TO ENSURE that no house which is a) basically sound, b) can be made suitable for modern use and c) contributes to the overall character of the area, should be demolished, allowed to become derelict, or left empty.

2) TO FIND ways and means of securing the improvement of those parts of the Area which have been allowed to deteriorate.

3) TO ENSURE that the BROCKLEY SOCIETY is fully informed in advance of all proposals concerning external changes to property in the Area, or change of use, and to ensure that the residents' views are fully represented at meetings of Local Authority where such proposals are being discussed.

4) TO RECEIVE and consider all suggestions concerning the Area's social amenities and, where necessary, to make proposals.

5) TO PROVIDE information on standard planning procedures, Grant applications, tenants' and landlords' rights, etc.

WANTED WASTE PAPER

NEWSPAPER OLD MAGAZINES,
PACKAGING CARDBOARD
OLD DIRECTORIES
ETC., ETC., ETC.

(Please no Plastic)

COLLECTED

Your Waste Paper will be collected on the first Saturday of the Month. All we ask is that you tie it up in movable bundles...
**THE FIRST COLLECTION WILL BE ON
JUNE 1st BETWEEN 10.00 and 4.00.**

SPENDING THE MONEY

Part of the money received from the sale of the waste paper will go towards the running cost of the SOCIETY and producing the bi-monthly news-sheet, all of which will be kept to a minimum. The bulk of the money, it is hoped, will be spent on schemes to improve the appearance and amenities of the Area.

SAVE WASTE PAPER

