

R.V.P.S. Introduction and Membership Application.

Enclosed is a draft constitution for the Ravensbourne Valley Preservation Society and a questionnaire and application form for membership.

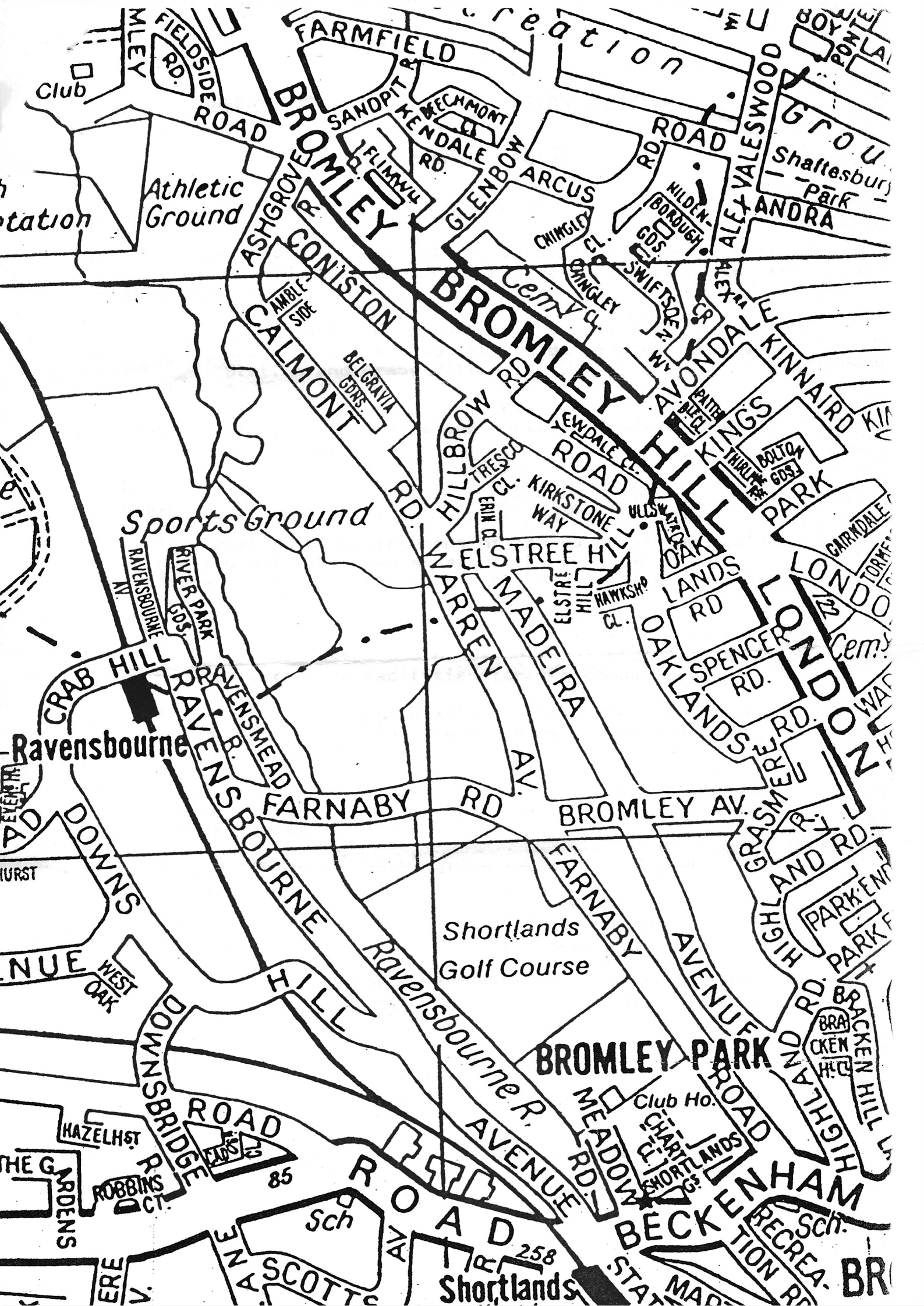
The impetus to set up this Society followed a campaign against a proposed development of a four storey block of flats on the site of Cedarhurst, Elstree Hill, which resulted in Lewisham Planning Committee rejecting the developer's applications on 30th April, 1987. This campaign was run by the immediate residents. Since then the majority of the area covered by the Society has been canvassed for members before the DOE public enquiry for the appeal by the developers of all 3 plans on the above site. This was held on August 18th and 19th. The planned building would dominate the neighbouring properties, treble the amount of traffic on Elstree Hill and would have been an eyesore on the skyline of the East side of the Ravensbourne Valley. The Society has shown its worth in organising a campaign and passing on information. Over 500 signatures were collected for a petition and there was a good attendance at the public enquiry. We now await to see whether our efforts are successful. There are currently over 160 households that are members of R.V.P.S..

The Society has been accepted by both Lewisham and Bromley Planning Departments, and they notify the Secretary of all planning applications in the area. Other matters that the Society are considering include the speed of traffic and potential danger points in the roads that are used as a 'rat-run' especially during rush-hour. The enclosed draft rules and questionnaire is being distributed to all houses in the area described below.

We are all at serious risk of being pressured by developments in this area, especially as there is a rumour that the Midland Bank Sports Club on Calmont Road is to be sold for development of a 'super-store'. If you care about the Ravensbourne Valley, the open spaces and the attractive blend of housing which we currently enjoy, you should want to ensure the status quo.

Please find the time to study this. Someone will call to collect your response to the questionnaire over the next week. If you are not at home at the time, you can mail your comments to -

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RAVENSBOURNE VALLEY PRESERVATION SOCIETY.

Constitution and Rules.

1. Boundary.

The boundary is the same as the former Ravensbourne Valley Property-Owners Association, which ceased to function in the 1960s, namely -

- North - from the Garden Gate Public House, along Ashgrove Road, across the sports fields to Ravensbourne Station and Crabs Hill.
- West - Downs Hill and Ravensbourne Avenue.
- South - Beckenham Lane, Shortlands.
- East - Highland, Oaklands and Coniston Roads to the Garden Gate

2. Aims.

- i. To preserve the environment of the Ravensbourne Valley, particularly the open areas of the Shortlands Golf Course, the park, the sports clubs, the river and the un-made roads.
- ii. To consider organising community activities such as neighbourhood watch and pressing local councils to provide action or facilities for the community.
- iii. To consider all major planning applications on their merit and to recommend and organise any action that should be taken by members.
- iv. To represent the members in a fair, non-political way, but not to be involved with small disputes such as fencing, extensions etc..
- v. To support other preservation societies in their activities if we are called upon to lend assistance.
- vi. To produce a newsletter bi-annually and whenever a major issue arises.
- vii. To at all times seek to minimise expenditure by members providing services voluntarily or at a nominal cost.

3. Membership.

- 1. Any adult resident within the boundary described above is entitled to become a member.
- 2. Payment of a subscription of £5 per calendar year per household to cover stationery costs. This will be waived for senior citizens.

4. Election of Officers.

Thie initial officers will be appointed by the initiators of the society. An annual general meeting will in future decide on the officers. The intended date for the first A.G.M. will be mid-January, 1988.

Officers of the Society will be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and up to ten Committee Members. Ideally, there should be an even spread of officers within the area described above with approximately one officer per major road.

A quorum should consist of a minimum of four officers and if financial decisions are being taken no less than seven officers should be present.

The Secretary, who handles the correspondence and will therefore tend to organise the meetings, should serve no more than two years in office.

5. Meetings.

The A.G.M. as mentioned above.

Other meetings to be held as required, but at least bi-annually to review the publication of the newsletter.

6. Benefits.

Advance notification of all planned developments will be given to the Secretary of the Society from Lewisham and Bromley Planning Departments. This will ensure that an adequate reaction can be made in order to halt further redevelopment of the area with the building of ever bigger blocks of flats.

The building of a community feeling to preserve and enhance the area and its facilities.