



## NEWSLETTER (4/91) 16 August 1991

### Editorial

Although traditionally this is the quiet season with many people taking their holiday, there are several matters covered in this Newsletter which many members will find of interest/concern.

At the risk of becoming a bore on the subject, I want to mention subscriptions again. At the last meeting on the 4th July, it was agreed without dissent, that Road Representatives should try their utmost to get all of the subscriptions collected by the end of September. I know some have already made good progress. If we can all achieve the due date, it will materially help the Society's finances to become and remain healthy.

### Dates for the Diary

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 1991 at 8.00 pm.

This time the venue is the Bromley Court Hotel and we shall be using the Shakespeare 1 meeting room.

Our meeting will be listed on an "activity board" in the entrance of the hotel and there are directional signs as well as staff to help anyone unsure of the way.

Peter Pain (Editor)

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### Planning Issues

#### Planning Applications

43-49 Farnaby Road An earlier application for 2 blocks of flats on this site was rejected by Bromley Planning Committee last August. The developer has now appealed against that decision. However, instead of the usual appeal where the 2 parties submit written evidence to the DoE Inspector who reaches a decision and then publishes it, the developer has opted for a Local Inquiry. At such an inquiry anyone who has submitted evidence and is present can be questioned about their evidence.

The Inquiry will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre on 25th September. All objections should reach the DoE Inspectorate no later than 4th September and should quote the reference : APP/05180/A/91/175719. The address for objections is The DoE Planning Inspectorate, Room12/14 Tollgate House, Houlton Street Bristol, BS2 9DJ

To help those wishing to write objecting to these flats, Bromley's grounds for refusal were : "The proposed blocks of flats would constitute over development of the site out of character with adjoining property and thus contrary to policy H2 of the Bromley Borough Plan. If permitted the development would be likely to set a pattern for further undesirable development in Farnaby Rd". Policy H2 of the Bromley Plan states :

"In considering applications for new housing development, the Council will take account of the character of the development site and its surroundings, together with the style and layout of the proposed development and will normally require that - The scale, form and materials are in keeping with the area. The privacy and amenities of adjoining properties are safeguarded. The proposals have regard for important trees and planting onsite. The density of the proposed development is in keeping with the character and spatial standards of the surrounding area.

All members who do not wish to see blocks of flats in the middle of Farnaby Rd are urged to at least write to the DoE, even if they cannot attend the Local Inquiry.

Windermere Court, Oaklands Rd Bromley refused permission for the owner to build a 4th storey on to this existing block of flats. The owner went to appeal but the DoE Inspector upheld Bromley's refusal and dismissed the appeal.

8 Highland Rd The developer has put in 2 applications, one for 9 flats, the other for 8 flats. Bromley has refused permission for both applications. The first went to appeal and Bromley's refusal was supported. We are waiting to see whether the 2nd application will also go to appeal.

29A/31 Oaklands Rd The new developer has applied for 14 flats on this site. We have lodged objections with the Planning Office but it has not yet been considered by the Planning Committee.

## Transport Issues

### British Rail Channel Tunnel Link

Despite promises of an announcement on the route before the Parliamentary summer recess - nothing happened. An announcement is now expected in the Autumn (before the Christmas recess ?). The reason for the delay is reported to be because the Minister is considering the British Rail southern approach through this area and the Ove Arup route in more detail before making a decision. This has been neither confirmed nor denied by BR. However, media speculation and a purported press leak on SE News suggested that the BR recommended route goes through St Mary Cray, Chislehurst, Elmstead Woods and Grove Park. The Ove Arup route of course avoids Bromley.

Meanwhile BR are busy upgrading sections of track, the most recent is between Bickley and Petts Wood. BR say that this is "so that Channel Tunnel trains will be able to run at speed without adversely affecting Kent Link and Kent coast services".

### Junction Bromley Ave/Farnaby Rd/Warren Ave

It has recently been reported that the Traffic Management Sub-Committee are recommending a change which effectively makes Farnaby Rd the "main" road. Traffic from Bromley and Warren Avenues having to stop before entering and eastbound traffic from Farnaby having to indicate right before crossing to enter Warren Ave.

So far this is the most constructive proposal from Bromley. As such the Society has welcomed the proposal in principle, it has also suggested that there should be a 6 months trial period and special arrangements made to forewarn west-bound traffic from Warren Ave about the change in layout.

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## Other Issues

### Beckenham Place Park

Representatives of the Society recently attended a public meeting called by Lewisham Council. At the meeting they outlined proposals to privatise the golf course plus the possible provision of a driving range and a raquets court.

In part Lewisham were driven by government legislation which required Councils to privatise many direct labour functions and in part by the need to raise money to repair and renovate buildings in th Park. The meeting was lively and generally against the proposals. Towards the end it developed into a catalogue of complaints about the Council's stewardship of the Park and its surroundings.

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