

Suggestions how to improve our area

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Our webmaster publishes planning application and general news updates relating to our area on a very regular basis. I strongly encourage you to visit the website and see what information is available. Some content is restricted to society members; the password is provided when you join !

Here are a few things you might do to help:

- Sweep debris from behind parked cars or telephone cabinets to where the road sweeping lorry/pavement sweeper can get it;
- Cut back shrubs that overhang the pavement and spray pavement weeds;
- Use www.fixmystreet.com to report other problems.

Planning Applications Latest

61, The Avenue

A new planning application, ref. No: [15/02906](#), has been made for demolition of the existing dwelling and erection of two new blocks, part two-storey and part three-storey, of 4 x 2 bedroom apartments each (8 new dwellings in total.); associated car parking spaces and cycle and refuse enclosures; and the formation of 2 new vehicular accesses at 61 The Avenue, Beckenham BR3 5EE. It looks like a slightly shrunk version of the last application, and there appears to be very little difference from the previous plans that were dismissed.

Sunset Hill, Hillbrow Road

Planning permission was granted on the 2 March 2015 for the erection of a part two / part three storey building comprising *nine* apartments on the land. A revised application ref. [14/04139/](#), purports to seek relatively minor alterations to the building to enclose previously approved terraces within the fabric of the building. This would enable the internal arrangements at second floor level to be reconfigured so as to provide one additional two bedroom apartment, making a total of *ten* units

Billingford, Elstree Hill

On 30th July, the unwelcome application [15/01673](#) was refused partly owing to Councillor Nicky Dykes who spoke against it

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Summer 2015 Round-up

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Welcome to the 'annual round-up' newsletter which we distribute to every household in our area. If you are already a member, thank you for your support during the previous year and if you are yet to be a member, please do join us either by using this newsletter or via our website www.rvpsbromley.org. Here are just some of the things we have achieved or been involved with during the year:

- Completion of the tree planting project in Farnaby Road;
- Defeating at Appeal the planning applications at 61 The Avenue and Oak Dene, Oaklands Road;
- Defeating the planning applications at 74 Madeira Avenue and 20 Blyth Road although the former has gone to Appeal and this option remains for the owner of the latter;
- Dealing with applications at 2-4 Riverpark Gardens, Billingford and 4 Oaklands Road which have been delayed by, we believe, staffing issues at Bromley Council;
- Contributing to the fund for Christmas street lights in Shortlands this Christmas;
- Organizing a 'garden party' to say thank you to all our Road Representatives and Officers for the dedicated contribution they make to the running of our Society.

Throughout the year we were strongly supported by our Bromley Town and Copers Cope Ward councillors for which we are very grateful.

Society Overview

We are a residents' society covering an area of 1500 households of which nearly 500 are subscribing members. Our objective is to maintain and enhance the built environment and to generally enhance the area for the benefit of residents.

We cover the area shown below.



Each road in the area has at least one “road rep” who delivers the newsletter to those who do not elect to receive it by email. The names of the road reps can be found on our website. If you have suggestions for any community projects the society could promote please contact your road rep or a society officer.

Help needed

We still require additional assistance with dealing with planning matters to enable us to give residents the level of support we would wish. This is a very enjoyable role and the technical issues are very straightforward and easily learned. Please contact the Chairman if this role interests you.

Tree Planting

RVPS has been working with Bromley Council to provide replacements for dead trees in our area with the result that a large number of trees were planted in Farnaby Road and some in Downs Hill and Warren Avenue. Some of the ones in Farnaby Road had a difficult start but pressure from the society has ensured they have been more frequently monitored and are now recovering. We hope to get the dead ones in Downs Hill replaced. We are considering a much closer working relationship with the council which will hopefully see our roads well stocked with trees in the future.

Tree Friends

The council are actively seeking volunteers to be “tree friends” and perform such activities as: monitoring existing street trees; removing basal growth; watering trees during drought; suggesting where a street could be enhanced by the addition of trees; loosening ties on staked young trees; reporting dangerous trees; planting herbaceous plants and bulbs in tree pits; etc. Please contact our tree warden for further information.



A newly planted tree in our Community Project



Examples of trees in need of ‘basal pruning’

LBBRF Statement

A statement supporting the preservation of trees has been issued by the London Borough of Bromley Residents' Federation. It is titled “A Statement on Insurance-led demands to fell trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)”. If you are in dispute with an insurance company the statement may help you to argue your cause. A copy is on our website or can be obtained from our tree warden.

Beckenham Place Park

Lewisham's progress on the major scheme to develop Beckenham Place Park is slower than originally planned and up to date information given to the Beckenham Place Park Working Party is still rather grudgingly released by Lewisham. At the last meeting all we learnt was that various Consultants were carrying out site surveys related to their briefs. Actual proposals developed from the original scheme for the park and submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund have yet to be seen.

Current work does not include any proposals for the Mansion which will be the subject of a separate submission yet to be prepared.

Although progress is disappointing we recognise that the park is in need of the funds now potentially on offer after so many years of neglect. We will do everything we can to ensure that this opportunity is not lost.

Bromley Court Hotel

The Hotel has been family owned since it opened in 1931. Best Western has been doing marketing and booking but this arrangement will cease on 01/08/15 and the hotel will return to private management. At our members' meeting, in May, Max Ball, Managing Director of the hotel, gave us a welcome presentation on the proposed extension, upgrade and enhancement works. The proposals will involve only a small increase in the number of guest rooms but will involve extensions to the entrance lobby and foyer; the meeting and function rooms and the leisure, swimming and changing facilities, which will be open to people in the area. On the 1972 extension, they will add an additional kitchen and a sky lounge with views of the London skyline. Longer term they plan to restore the original main entrance and add an atrium. All the work will take 6 to 8 years to complete. Planning application [15/02452](#) has recently been submitted and can be viewed on the Bromley council website:

www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200074/planning