

BRENTHAM SOCIETY



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ALLOTMENTS SUCCESS

We have just heard from the Department of Environment that they have now considered the application of appropriate of 3.5 acres of the allotments from the London Borough of Ealing and after hearing our representations and the report of the Ministry of Agriculture Fish and Food they have REFUSED permission for the Council to go ahead. We are advised that there is NO machinery to allow for an appeal. We will be pressing the Council to return the 1.2 acres they have already fenced off and return it to allotment use immediately. Similarly, we will be asking for the withdrawal of the notices to quit which have already been served on a further 32 plot holders.

TREES

The Parks and Amenities of the Local Authority have after their trial prune in North View pressed ahead with further pruning in the remainder of North View, Holyoake Walk and Brentham Way. Residents will be pleased to know that it is the Councils intention to prune all the trees on the Estate but this will take up to 2 years. This is because of the time the work takes and a shortage of skilled manpower.

PRESERVATION OF TREES

The Local Authority have asked us to point out to residents the rules which now apply to protect trees in Conservation areas not covered by Tree Preservation orders.

"Any person desiring to 'cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy' any tree in a Conservation Area not already covered by a Tree Preservation order, must give six weeks' notice to the Local Planning Authority. Such notice must contain the following information :

- (a) The address of the land on which the tree stands
- (b) The name of the species of tree, where possible
- (c) A plan indicating the exact position of the tree
- (d) Details of the proposed work
- (e) In the case of a proposed felling, the name of the species of tree to be used as replacement, together with a plan indicating the exact position of the replacement tree, if different from that of the felled tree.

Any tree which is felled should be replaced and the species used as replacement approved by the Local Planning Authority. However, a person may give notice of non-replacement felling, giving his reasons

for such an application and this will be considered in the usual way.

In view of the fact that part of some of the Conservation Areas are affected by Tree Preservation orders, you may be interested to know that the regulations also amend the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order) Regulations 1969, so that reference is now made in an Order to the uprooting or wilful damage to a tree; penalties are increased to a maximum of a £400 fine or twice the value of a tree, whichever is the greater; and that not less than five days' notice (except in an emergency) shall be given in respect of the felling of a dead or dying tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order."

TRAFFIC IN BRENTHAM

It is well known that Society members are strongly opposed to through traffic using Brunswick Road, Brunner Road and Pitshanger Lane as a "rat run". In particular residents object to heavy and/or commercial vehicles going along narrow residential streets which were not designed to take such large vehicles. It is dangerous, noisy and can cause damage to property.

Our sister Conservation area, Hanger Hill, have as a result of pressure had a road width restrictor placed in Queen's Drive. This allows private cars to pass along the road but being only 6'6" wide stops large vehicles. The Society has written to the Local Authority requesting that such a restriction be placed in Brunswick Road for the benefit of the Estate.

ALTERATIONS and EXTENSIONS ON THE ESTATE

The Local Authority Planning Department is strictly enforcing the rules governing alteration and extensions to property on the Estate. They are being supported wholeheartedly by the Society and the Advisory Panel. The result is that alterations are sympathetic to the original concept of the Estate and blend in extremely well.

Any resident wishing to carry out any alterations or extensions is therefore recommended to contact Brian Rayment of the London Borough of Ealing Planning Department on 579 2424 Ext. 3789 to ensure that their proposals will be acceptable prior to involving themselves in costs in preparing plans, etc.

GARDENS COMPETITION

Owing to the exceptionally dry summer it may not be possible to judge the front gardens this year. Mr. Tom Bloxam will make a final decision in the next few weeks.

A.G.M.

Diary note : now Thursday, 21st October.

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I/We should like to become/renew our Membership of the Brentham Society and enclose 30p. subscription.

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