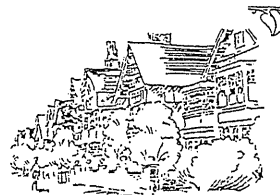


# Stoneygate Conservation Area Society

NEWSLETTER : MARCH 1997



## QUEEN'S ROAD IN A QUANDARY

HOW much longer will the shrinking variety of specialist and general shops on Queen's Road be able to keep going?

That's the question many people must ask themselves as they read about traders going bust, see the for sale and to let signs and wonder if the area can swallow even one more fast food takeaway.

SCAS has spoken to local traders and is now aiming to lend support to Queen's Road in two ways.

First of all by highlighting the issue to show the local community what initiatives we, the traders and the council could take

WHAT does the future hold for our local shopping area? Can its village atmosphere be maintained in the light of economic change and increasing competition from out-of-town shopping centres and such re-developed sites as Freeman's Park?

to improve prospects for this important shopping parade.

Secondly we are launching a campaign with the traders and Leicester in Bloom to provide Queen's Road with a summer display of hanging baskets outside shops and on lamp posts for everyone to enjoy.

Join the campaign at our AGM.

### Why SCAS cares about the issue

*THE Society's constitution states our objects as being to 'preserve and enhance the amenities, visual and social, of the area and of the contiguous parts of the city of Leicester'.*

*Although Queen's Road shopping centre is just outside the Stoneygate Conservation Area, it is the nearest we have to a focal point for the local community.*

*Queen's Road is where people meet each other while shopping and running errands. The village atmosphere contributes greatly to the sense of community.*

### SCAS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Queen's Road is on the agenda.**

Officers from Leicester City Council, including David Cotton of the Environment & Development Department will be present to answer questions.

**WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL 1997**

**St John's Parish Centre, Clarendon Park Road  
(next to the church) at 8pm.**

**DON'T FORGET . . . SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE IN MARCH. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

## MAYFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE: MAYFIELD ROUNDABOUT UPDATE:

*LATEST news about the roundabout is contained in the following letter from the city council received during February in response to our enquiry:*

'AS you may be aware a report was presented to the city council's Urban Management Sub-Committee in October 1996 which recommended that options which involve the removal of the roundabout should not be considered. This recommendation was approved.

It is planned to carry out a series of parking and flow surveys in the area to establish if any options can be pursued to solve the current problems that face bus users, cyclists and pedestrians at this location every day. The city council has a policy of creating an environment that is sympathetic to all modes of transport. This section of London Road is identified as an important feature within the city council's cycling strategy linking residential areas to the city centre. The route also lies on the proposed national cycle route as a link from Leicester to Peterborough.

You will no doubt appreciate this position and the difficulties that lie ahead. Once the surveys have been completely analysed and possible solutions considered a further report will be submitted to the relevant city council committee.'

*Andy Smart - Traffic Engineer (Traffic Group) Environmental and Development Department.*

**Christchurch, Clarendon Park Rd.**  
Alterations including air heating plant between the side of the church and the neighbouring house.

The application was made only after objections by the neighbour and this Society, to the large and unsightly construction which had been erected without the required consent.

**52-58 Ratcliffe Road:**

Application for change of use of De Montfort University halls of residence

### Plans in the pipeline

to provide flats and maisonettes.

**7 Stoneygate Road:**

Proposed change of use to day nursery was approved with conditions.

**Barratt Close**

**(rear of 7-11 Stoneygate Road):**

An application to build a block of four flats with car park was approved with conditions.

### Trees: action needed

THE city council last year failed to set a budget for tree replacement and it is likely a similar decision will be made for 1997.

High winds in Leicester accounted for the loss of 20 trees. Each replacement would cost £50-£70 to cover the tree, staff time, links with utilities and planting.

The situation was revealed by Alan d'Albe, senior arboriculturist at Leicester City Council, who SCAS has met to talk about missing or damaged trees in the conservation area.

Mr d'Albe's report, *The Trees and Woodland Resource in the City of Leicester*, did in 1996 alert officers and elected members to its decline in the city as a whole.

But there is hope that replacement of missing trees in the conservation area can be seen as a specific planting project which comes under a different budget.

• SCAS now wants to hear about any trees missing from roads. Our area was planned and built as a leafy suburb - which is why we must seek to maintain and enhance this unique urban area.

### TELL SCAS

CONTACT us if you require information about any of the following:

- Listed buildings
- Demolition in whole or part.
- Windows/doors.
- Trees.
- Alterations to buildings.
- Satellite antennas.
- Roof & decorative features.

Send your letter, including phone number to: *Writelines*, c/o 12 Central Avenue, Clarendon Park, Leicester LE2 1TB and someone who can help will get in touch with you.

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**MEETINGS**  
**Wednesday 9 April 1997**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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**Monday 9 June 1997.**  
**Richard Gill Walk.**  
**(Find out more at the AGM)**  
**Indoor meetings 8pm at St. John's**  
**Parish Centre, Clarendon Park Rd.**  
**(next to church.) 8pm start.**

## STONEYGATE CONSERVATION AREA SOCIETY

I/we wish to join the Society/renew membership and enclose cash/cheque for £2 (family per year) as from March 1997. Please make cheques payable to Stoneygate Conservation Area Society.

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Title) ..... Tel: .....

Address: ..... Postcode: .....

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