

# Stoneygate Conservation Area Society

NEWSLETTER  
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## MAKE A 2001 DATE WITH SCAS

### *Stoneygate Living History*

**F**OUR years ago SCAS won the battle of Mayfield roundabout against all odds. Four months ago SCAS dug in to help "PLAN" rescue Queens Road allotments from becoming nothing more than a house builder's site.

Run by a small committee, SCAS keeps an eye on planning applications and listens to the concerns of members regarding all sorts of issues such as traffic and parking, road marking on blind corners, house conversions and mobile phone transmitters, trees and street furniture.

**SCAS is there to conserve the quality of the environment, to maintain the best of the past and promote the best for the future.**

There is also involvement with the council in the drawing up of a new \*Character Statement for Stoneygate, with Burlington and Pendene and Portland roads to be included for the first time.

\*When the statement has been approved, it will become part of the local authority documentation to be referred to when planning applications are made.

You can find our more about this on the back page.

Be our guests. Drop in for refreshments at The Friends' Meeting House on Saturday January 20th 11am to 3pm.  
Historical and conservation displays: Literature available.

#### Planning Applications

##### 64 Clarendon Park Road

Change of use of offices to 4 self contained flats (class 3).

Withdrawn.

##### 33 Elms Road (Land at rear)

Renewal of approval (1995) for bungalow and detached garage.

Approved.

##### 342 London Road

Change of use from hotel to 9 self contained flats.

Approved.

##### 362 London Road

(Nursing home) Extensions to rear & side.

*Refd* *approved*  
Pending.

##### 53a Queens Road

Change of use of 1st floor from residential to retail.

Approved.

##### 57b Queens Road

Extend opening hours on Sundays from 4 to 10pm.

Approved for limited period.

##### 68 Queens Road

Extend opening hours to midnight & Friday and Saturday to 1am.

Refused.

##### \* 80a Queens Road

Change shop to bar/restaurant.

*Refused*

Pending.

##### \* 22 Ratcliffe Road

2-storey detached house on land adjoining.

*approved*  
Pending.

##### 26 Springfield Road

Fell 1 maple tree.

Approved.

##### 11 Southernhay Road

Fell trees.

Approved.

##### Southernhay Avenue

Application by J S Bloor of Meacham to build 36 detached houses on allotments to the rear of 254 to 270 Queens Road.

Refused - but see overleaf.

*see new apper*

##### Stoneygate Rd. (Carol Court)

Fell 5 poplars, 1 willow tree.

Approved

#### Please note:

There is no evidence to suggest that a planning application has or is being made in respect of the former off-licence on Avenue Road Queens Road corner.

# PROTECT LOCAL ALLOTMENTS NOW!

J.S. BLOOR the builders have appealed against Leicester City Council's refusal to allow 36 homes to be built on the Queens Road allotments.

The appeal is to be heard on 6/7 February next year. Reasons for the council's refusal included:

\* **Allotments** can only be developed when 40% are no longer required and then only when the need for public open space and nature conservation have been allowed.

\* **The development** does not provide access to those without private transport to Queens Road shopping area and bus routes.

\* **The existing sewers** do not have the capacity to deal with the demands of this development.

The council has a strong case but this will be hard fought as a great deal of money is at stake.

The allotments are privately owned and many are neglected. "PLAN" believes they may have been purchased as a speculative investment.

The view of local campaigning group "PLAN" is that interested local people have not been allowed to take on an allotment, thus making it appear that there is no demand.

**IF you wish to support the campaign, or would like to take on an allotment that is not in use, please contact "PLAN" via Dee Yorke (Tel: 2708689).**

## Character Statement

A CONSERVATION Area is defined an area of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance.

The city council has a duty to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of conservation areas and has legal powers to do this. It is not the purpose of a conservation area to prevent change but to manage change in the light of the existing character of the area.

When the city council is considering a planning application for a site within a conservation area it must ensure that the development applied for would help to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of the area. To do this it must be clear as to what the character area is and the character statement is intended as the framework for such consideration.

Looking after and improving the qualities of conservation areas can bring real benefits to the people who live and work there. However, for a conservation area to be successful, both residents and property owners must play their part.

The city council will continue to strive to improve the environment of conservation areas whenever the opportunity presents itself and when resources are available and will encourage others to do likewise.

\* FOR a copy of the Stoneygate Conservation Area Character statement contact Stephen Bradwell, the city council's senior Building Conservation Officer at New Walk Centre.

### SPOTLIGHT

**SCAS is planning to ask for Queens Road allotments to be included within the conservation area.**

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**New committee members are welcomed.**

**Please contact David Oldershaw for more information.**

## STONEYGATE CONSERVATION AREA SOCIETY

I/we wish to join the Society/renew membership and enclose cash/cheque for £2.50 (family per year) as from 1st April 2000. Cheques are payable to Stoneygate Conservation Area Society. Please ignore this notice if you have already paid.

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

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

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