

# BRAMCOTE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

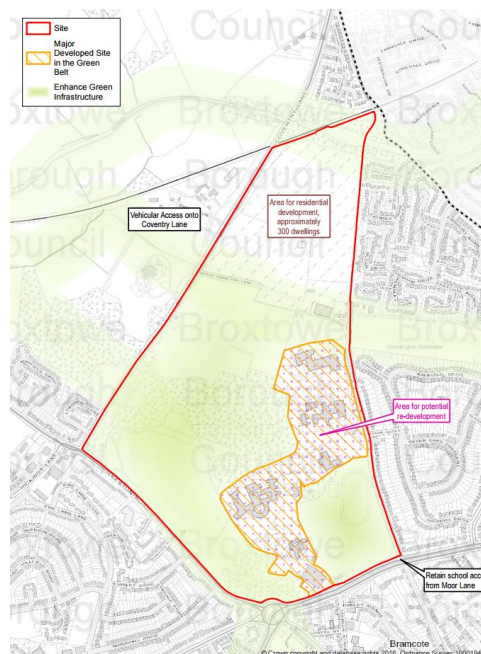
## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2016



- **Protect your local Green Belt:** Our precious Green Belt is under serious threat as Broxtowe Borough Council have shown that they wish to remove Greenbelt Protection Status to Bramcote Hills Park and the surrounding area. Taking this whole area out of the green belt would allow them to grant planning permission to build a large number of houses at locations within this site.

Without Green Belt Protection Status, “only specific designated areas within the park” will be offered similar protection as “open green space”.

- We all understand that Bramcote Hills School needs to be rebuilt whether that be as an Academy or as recently suggested by some local residents, as a Grammar School.
- We all want a New 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bramcote Leisure Centre that should be located and rebuilt in close proximity to replace the existing Leisure Centre, which opened in 1965 and needs urgent replacing as it is now over 50 years old.
- The proposed development for a Community Café within Bramcote Hills Park should carefully consider that its “design and overall size” is in keeping with what is actually needed. It should provide excellent toilet facilities, but not necessitate a need for the café to “Go Large” and therefore require more additional car parking on the Green Belt Parkland, which is what we are all trying to protect.
- **St John’s Planning Application:** The Planning Application to build houses on this historical site within the Conservation Area is going to be reviewed at a full planning committee by Broxtowe Borough Council early in the New Year. As a Society we have objected to this planning application for all the reasons stated in our official objection already submitted, as we must seek to protect this last remaining precious “open green space” wedge. It forms part of an important wild life corridor that separates Bramcote from Chilwell which also prevents urban sprawl.
- **Moss Drive Footpath Closure:** We are pleased to confirm that our Right of Way (ROW) application has been prioritised by Nott’s County Council and Neil Lewis has now started work on this case. He will send an “official” acknowledgement to us shortly. We thank Stan for raising the profile of the



ROW application in his recent constitutional speech at County Hall. We also thank Martin for his ongoing support and our MP Anna Soubry for her letter of support. We made a point of thanking all our local politicians (regardless of which party) for using their considerable political influence getting it moving forward in a

more realistic timescale. We ask that **all** our locally elected officials continue to apply pressure to get pedestrian access restored to this route soonest.

- **Conservation Projects:** We all enjoy undertaking local projects to make our Conservation Area more appealing such as painting the graffiti wall at the reservoir. We will be doing a second coat in early spring if you wish to help us? We have undertaken ivy trimming at the herringbone wall, litter picking and footpath clearing in the local area. Allan Foster and his daughter undertook a “Bat Walk” up to and through the woods which was very informative and which our younger members especially enjoyed. Allan and his wife Barbara have also undertaken a very extensive Tree Survey of Bramcote Hall Woods and Scout Field which gives us an accurate record and exact location of every rare and notable tree specimen. We will share this information with the University Estates Office who own Bramcote Woods and are happy for the community to use the woods responsibly with permissive access to walk the walks. My sincere thanks to Allan and Barbara for completing this great piece of work.
- **Tree Preservation Orders:** Conservation area designation protects **all** trees within the boundary. We remind all residents within the Conservation Area that they should seek advice and permission prior to cutting down **any** trees or undertaking tree work. Please contact Phil Wood at Broxtowe Borough Council (0115 917 7777) who is the Tree Officer responsible for administering tree preservation and conservation for our area.
- **A52 proposed traffic calming measures:** Our treasurer Tony Smith is currently seeking signatures from local residents who wish to support his petition to see the installation of Fixed Speed Cameras along the A52 in both directions from Bardills to the Priory Roundabout. Please contact Tony direct for further information (07904 282443).
- **Town Street:** Serious consideration should now be given to installing Traffic Lights at the bottom of Town Street where it joins the very busy A52. All motorists that attempt to use this junction know how dangerous it is to pull out of Town Street with speeding traffic coming round the blind bend out of Nottingham. Residents have also suggested a 20 mph zone from the bottom of Town Street to the junction of Cow Lane to slow cars speeding through the Village. Benefits would include safer road crossing for mothers with school children, all local residents when accessing King George’s Park, the Tower and Bramcote Nursery.
- **Membership and Contact details:** Subscription to be a member of Bramcote Conservation Society remains at only £5.00 single or £8.00 per couple payable April each year. New members are most welcome. We have a small number of outstanding member subscriptions that would be gratefully received. Please see or send to Tony Smith at 8, Town Street if you have inadvertently overlooked payment for this year.
- **Help us to protect and preserve all that is best about living in Bramcote.** Come join us in the White Lion on the last Monday of each month at 8.00pm. Just turn up, it is an informal get together when a number of us chat on Conservation topics.



Kind Regards Rob Greer/ Chairman and Phil Sands/ Vice

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