

Broomhill Manifesto: What do we want?

Headlines	What do we mean by this?
- Maintain Broomhill's distinctive 'sense of place'	1. To treat Broomhill as a suburb, not as a part of the city centre.
- Defend the Conservation Area	2. To protect and enhance the Broomhill Conservation Area; to be vigilant for its architectural details and significant buildings (for instance The Pankhurst House) - <i>Signage, Article 4, street furniture, 20mph limit, remove speed bumps, replace trees, ENFORCEMENT.</i>
- Protect our natural environment	3. To care for its elements of wildlife habitat, such as gardens, avenues and small woods – <i>protect small woods from development, replace pavement trees. Connect to larger 'urban forestry' policies of the Council.</i>
- Create new community spaces	4. To help create community spaces such as parks and meeting rooms in Broomhill – <i>negotiate use of spaces such as upstairs of Oxfam. Scout Hut? Library.</i>
- Secure local amenities	5. To defend community services such as libraries and post offices – a Community advisory group for the Library?
- Enforce quiet at night	6. To protect our right to quiet in the evenings and sleep at night – <i>Proposal for a dedicated police patrol at hotspot time/places.</i> 7. To enforce the terms of trade in the shopping centre – <i>maintain funds for Enforcement</i> 8. To persuade the City that a 24/7 economy ought to imply 24/7 services (for example, in Noise Management) – <i>enforcement resources</i> 9. To protect our residential suburb from the effects of 24/7 activity in the City Centre (by policing, and tax on the beneficiaries)
- Stimulate trade in the district centre	10. To find new ways of sustaining small businesses in the shopping centre – <i>Rates concessions to approved types of business; traffic and parking management. Physical restructuring, such as the Crookes corner.</i> 11. To explore ways in which the costs to the suburb may be recovered from those who benefit from them – for example, shops, clubs and pubs to help finance policing of problems arising from alcohol promotions
- Optimise funding and delivery of council services	12. To devise the best forms of delivery of Council services (starting with neighbourhood needs rather than departmental roles) – <i>Good Neighbours scheme to be funded beyond its pilot date.</i>
- Improve the health of the local population	13. To protect sleep (see 6 to 9); to reduce traffic impacts on air quality and road safety; improve the availability of affordable fresh food; create opportunities for outdoor exercise.
- Raise local standards of housing	14. To work to improve standards of insulation and maintenance of housing, particularly in the rented sector.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring together and engage all sections of the community - Champion transparency, good governance and accountability - Build effective dialogue between Community and University 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. To encourage conversation between all sections of our community; in particular, for permanent residents to engage with transient population – <i>Good Neighbours scheme to develop mediation service</i> 16. To develop relations between community groups, council officers and elected representatives, so that scarce resources are more likely to be focussed on areas of need. 17. To argue for accountable and transparent procedures in local government as it concerns our neighbourhood; to ask for quicker and more accurate responsiveness from public agencies 18. To sustain the democratic role of local Councillors in the face of centralised government and the growth of spurious consultative mechanisms 19. To encourage the Universities to observe their corporate social responsibilities, and modernise their relations to the community – <i>to support Community Organisations' proposals for a reformed University Community Forum</i>
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