

The Banger

Winter 2009

Development plans will build on Secret Garden

Save the Secret Garden campaign moves up a gear as a new consultation begins

The university-owned garden between Taptonville Road and Hoole Road is once again under threat from property developers. BANG has long campaigned to save this historic garden as a community resource, working hard to raise awareness of the garden and successfully fighting a previous planning application.

However there is now a new planning application to build on the garden. This has been put out for formal consultation, with comments invited until the middle of January 2010, when the application is likely to be decided by the Planning Board.

The new plans still involve building on the Tapton Elms walled garden and the former University Botany Garden, both of which the council have now agreed should be placed on the local list of historic parks and gardens in 2012.

BANG is opposing this application as it will damage this important garden and build on the only remaining large green space in the centre of Broomhill. We hope that the hundreds of local residents who supported our campaign last time around will rally behind us this time too. We would like to encourage local residents to submit comments and objections, either by writing to Trevor Sullivan (Planning Department, Howden House), or online, through the planning portal on the Council website sheffield.gov.uk The reference number for this application is 07/01380/FUL.

Further information about the secret garden, handy direct web links to the planning application, information on how to register your views and regular news updates can be found on our website broomhillonline.org.uk

Building Common Ground

Work experience on offer for student volunteers!

BANG has begun an ambitious project to engage local residents in the regeneration of the more 'distressed' parts of the Broomhill Conservation Area, develop new community-based services, and improve social cohesion in our community.

We have kick-started this project with a small grant from the Council that will support our first steps in a major fund-raising campaign. Our ultimate goal is to prepare a bid for Townscape Heritage Initiative lottery funding of up to £2m. This money would be used to acquire and refurbish the derelict 'landmark' buildings in the Conservation Area, and to underpin a range of community initiatives to improve the environment in the streets that surround them. To bring off this ambitious project we will need to recruit keen and able volunteers to help us to research different avenues for funding, and to write grant applications. Our project would be excellent work experience for students who are interested in pursuing careers in the charitable sector. Our student volunteer request is registered on the University's student volunteering database at www.sheffieldvolunteering.com. Any local resident, student or otherwise, who might be interested in this project can email chair@thebang.org.uk for more information.

Food Fair event being proposed for streets of Broomhill this summer

'A Taste of Broomhill' on Sheffield's culinary map

BANG is investigating the feasibility of running a food fair in Broomhill on 5th June 2010, in association with the Broomhill Festival. Proposals include stalls from local food producers, entertainments, and food trails focusing on the local restaurants, pubs and cafes. The event would be a boost to the businesses in Broomhill and a fun way of drawing the community together. More news on our website in the New Year.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP?

Suggested (voluntary) subscription per household is £10. Additional donations welcome.

Please make cheques payable to BANG and send them to BANG, 140 Manchester Road, Broomhill Sheffield S10 5DL, or look at our website for alternative payment methods. If you cannot pay but wish to remain a member just return this form without a cheque and ask for your name to be included on the membership register.

Please complete the reverse of this form (overleaf) and enclose it with your cheque or letter.

Pisgah Partnership

Efforts continue to preserve the character of Pisgah House, a Grade-II listed building in Broomhill, and save it from commercial redevelopment.

BANG is consolidating local support to save the 190-year old Georgian building by bringing together a partnership to purchase the property.

The University of Sheffield acquired the building in 1970s and intends to sell it off in 2010. BANG is hoping to raise sufficient funds to keep the property in local hands, but has asked the university to consider delaying the sale if need be, to give time for the partnership arrangements to be finalized. Our aim is to retain the garden of Pisgah House (which was also part of the University Botany Garden, see Secret Garden article) as a community park while refurbishing the house itself for a return to residential use.

Broomhill Shopwatch

What's happening on our high street

After 159 years trading as a public house the York is to close as the company which owns the building has sold the freehold to a third party.

In a statement announcing the news the York said: 'May we thank all our regulars and patrons we have built up over the last year and we wish we could continue as a pub but we have absolutely no choice in this matter.'

It is very sad to see a pub that has made such an effort to be part of the community close. We are not sure whether it will reopen as a pub, or whether this could be prevented due to restrictive covenants in the sale.

We will be keeping an eye on any future planning application for this building. We hope that any future developments will benefit the local community and enhance the character of Broomhill.

But there is some good news, health food shop YOUR NUTS has now reopened.

We would also like to welcome TT children's shoe shop and Mimosa lingerie shop to our community.

BANG MEETINGS We meet on the second Tuesday of each month, at 7.30pm in the rainbow room of the Methodist Church on Fulwood Road (access from the car park at the rear of the building). All welcome.

Hallam Towers gets Go ahead

Despite residents' protests

The planning board has now given the go ahead for the redevelopment of the huge Hallam Towers building between Fulwood Road and Manchester Road. This is a disappointment to both BANG and the residents of the nearby Fulwood Park Mansions who have campaigned for a more suitable development on the site. Fulwood Park Mansions' residents have extended their thanks to BANG for its support during the campaign and made a very generous donation to our funds, for which we are very grateful!

Balti King keeps its license

But strict conditions imposed

Indian restaurant and takeaway Balti King, on Fulwood Road, recently underwent a license review for allowing underage drinking at the premises.

The license was renewed after a through review by the licensing board. Councillors voted in favour of the license renewal but imposed new conditions to avoid repetition of a catalogue of complaints lodged against the eatery. Some of the conditions include not letting under 18s enter the restaurant unaccompanied at any time. A member of staff will be designated as a children's safeguarder to comply with the new rules. The use of CCTV will be continued, to monitor activities in and around the premises. The restaurant is also required to be part of the Sheffield Licence Watch and Challenge 21 schemes.

Fast food outlets apply to extend hours

Residents concerned about noise and litter

Some of the fast food outlets in Broomhill have recently applied to the Council's licensing department to extend their licenses for the sale of hot food until the early hours: around 03:00 Monday to Thursday and 04:15 Friday and Saturday. Residents living nearby who suffer a lot of late night disturbance from these premises have objected. The licensing board has recently taken a firm line on applications for late night opening along Ecclesall Road and it is hoped that they will apply similar considerations in Broomhill.

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BANG will not use this information for any other purpose than to contact you on BANG matters, nor will we ever hand contact information to a third party.

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