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THE LADBROKE ASSOCIATION

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The Committee met once every six weeks and in the course of the year has considered a large number of planning applications or building projects ranging from sizeable development schemes to the restoration of mouldings on facades. The Borough Council has shown itself increasingly ready to seek and listen to the Association's views; in more than one case the Association was able, by early consultation, to help to secure modifications which made previously unsatisfactory planning proposals acceptable. As a general rule, the Association has commented only on planning applications which would affect the external aspect of buildings as seen from the street; minor extensions facing gardens have not usually been considered a matter for the Committee.

Traffic

The traffic management study prepared by the Working Party is now complete and copies will shortly be made available to members. The Committee proposes to submit the study to the Council for discussion. The Council have, in the meantime, presented their own preliminary proposals for a limited traffic management scheme in the Clarendon Road/Landsdowne Road/Ladbroke Road area, which the Committee is currently considering.

The Committee has strenuously opposed the long-term parking of heavy commercial vehicles in residential streets and will continue to do so.

The Ladbroke Estate Gardens Liaison Committee

Our intention to form this committee was announced at the last Annual General Meeting and four meetings have taken place during the year, minutes of which have been sent to the Chairmen of the various garden committees or their deputies.

The principal object of the committee is to act as a forum for discussing matters of mutual interest or concern to the constituent garden committees, to which a questionnaire was sent last January. This was our first attempt to collate information which it was hoped would be of assistance, and lasting value to the garden committees. Unfortunately, however, the response has been poor. Visits to various of the gardens will be organized during the summer. Anyone interested should contact B.M.P. Thompson-McCausland, 91 Blenheim Crescent, London, W.11., Telephone: 727 1266.

Film Show

Following the very interesting talk by Dr. Vanessa Parker last year, we were fortunate to be able to arrange in April for Mr. Michael Middleton, Director of the Civic Trust, to show to members three films concerned with

conservation, including the award-winning "A Future for the Past." There was a good turn-out and this was a highly enjoyable and stimulating evening.

Membership

The number of members remains steady at approximately 150. The Accounts enclosed reflect a rather less satisfactory figure, but this is because many members sent in their subscriptions after the end of the financial year. The Hon. Treasurer would be grateful if members will remember that subscriptions are due each year on the 1st April.

The Committee is very much aware of the need both to increase the membership and also if possible to provide a more regular information service for members. I hope to have more to say about this by the time of the Annual General Meeting, notice of which will reach you with this report.

I should like to express warm thanks to Miss Janet Lloyd, who has acted as Hon. Secretary and the mainstay of the Association in succession to Miss Bulmer; to Mr. Bridge, who has done so much for the Association as our Hon. Treasurer; to the other members of the Committee, who, in addition to attending the meetings, have put in a great deal of hard work and effort in their spare time to various aspects of our affairs; and, of course, to you, the members, for your support and, in many cases, individual assistance.

Although limited in resources the Association has, I think, established a modest influence in the Borough on conservation matters, and we intend to do our best to strengthen and build upon this foundation.

Angus Stirling

Chairman

15 June 1972