

THE HARPENDEN SOCIETY

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SUMMER MEETING

Enclosed you will find particulars of the Summer Outing to Waddesdon Manor on June 19th. Mr Green is again responsible for the arrangements and I am sure it will be a most enjoyable meeting.

Traffic Problem Station Road/High Street

Reference was made at the Annual Meeting to the proposals by the County Authorities to solve the traffic problem at the junction of Station Road and High Street by the installation of traffic lights. Right-hand turns from Station Road will be banned, and traffic going North will first go South along Southdown Road and then turn on to the A6 via a new roundabout to be built on the triangle. Your Committee are sure that this will speed the main road traffic through Harpenden but fear that it will be at the expense of the people who live in Harpenden. A main road roundabout on the Common at the entrance to the town is not going to be an improvement, and the multiplication of lights and signs, with no doubt big signs in the High Street, must be an eyesore. The Committee also fear that many vehicles will try to avoid the new traffic system and will go North along Victoria Road or Carlton Road. This will result in the congestion building up higher in Station Road. More thought should be given to this problem.

Widening the B487 at Hatching Green

There will be a public enquiry on 29 June 1971 regarding the compulsory purchase or the enclosure of common land to widen the B487. While some improvement is necessary the Society will oppose any unnecessary encroachment on common land or destruction of trees.

Other Activities

The new committee has now met twice and is planning its activities. You will hear more of this later in the Summer. We will require more help - one particular field is in the production and distribution of newsletters and volunteers will be very welcome.

15 May 1971

G.W.Bowran
Hon. Secretary