

The work of the

# PLANNING

Sub-Committee

Reported by JACK WOOLFORD, Chairman

CONTRARY TO MY REPORT in the August issue, I am happy to say that we did, after all, save the Citadel/Drop Redoubt from razor-fencing and that a Trust may be formed to finance conservation of the fortifications. I am also happy to report that the proposed Telecommunications Mast at River, to which we objected, will not be built. On the other hand we failed to reduce from four the number of houses to be built on the site of the Apostolic Church (still undemolished).

We are drawing the attention of Dover District and Town Councils, and of Town Centre Management to the run-down appearance of London Road beyond Ladywell and have suggested that the recent improvements to the Town Centre be extended.

The Executive Committee endorsed our responses to the Transport White Paper (which we praised for traffic-limiting

proposals but queried for lack of legislation and resources) and to the proposed further regional reorganisation of Local Government (SERPLAN). However, after Lesley Cumberland's brilliant and penetrating address on the subject (reported elsewhere in this issue) we need to think again.

In August, when we normally take a month off, two matters arose demanding urgent action, and from a flurry of phone calls, dashes to DDC Planning Offices and scratch meetings, we improvised (we trust) adequate responses. One was the proposed roof-top restaurant and gymnasium, decorated with abstract statues, opposite the Chapel on Military Road, and the other a redesign of the proposed Hotel, with its Rotunda Pub, on the site of the present Marine Court.

In both cases we have queries on the adequacy of car parking provision, and we want the public to see a plan and model of the statues, etc, in the Castle Street Council windows before consent is given. We approve the hotel but have suggested improvements to make it more neighbourly.

We are charged to suggest possible awards for town improvements. Any suggestions?

## Membership News

S. R. COPE

*Membership Secretary*

Membership numbers have declined to 408 after steady growth to over 440 throughout 1996 and 1997. When this was discussed in committee it was suggested that a reward to members introducing new ones might be instigated. Some opposed the idea on the grounds that it was "commercial" and unfair to those who had already worked hard in this respect. We would appreciate your ideas about incentive schemes and how we maintain and attract members.

There is good news however. We have recently welcomed Miss C Jardine, Mr and Mrs S Shearman, Mrs J McBrien and Mr and Mrs J Featherstone.

Prizes for raffles, proceeds of which contribute substantially towards hall-hire, are always gratefully received; especial thanks to those who give regularly.

We donated £51.50 to the League of Friends of Dover Hospitals, money raised on two summer outings.