



Dear SEC supporter

Thanks to your very generous donations to SEC for the 9-42 The Broadway Inquiry called in by the Secretary of State, we nearly reached our target of £30,000. Once we heard the Inquiry was not going to take place a few days before it was due to open, we ceased our appeal.

The Inquiry was abandoned because the developers Benson Elliot had sold on the land, and the new owners, British Land who own Ealing Broadway Centre, did not want to proceed with the scheme. This last-minute retraction left SEC with considerable problems. We had already committed fees for a barrister and expert witnesses, and an SEC team had worked hard for six months to prepare our case and raise funds. This effort was now wasted and this site left for a further period of time.

We therefore applied to have our costs reimbursed (which the Council, who had costs of £74,000 raised from tax-payers' money, interestingly did not do). We are now delighted to tell you that costs of £27,147.65 have been reimbursed and the barrister and expert witnesses paid. In addition and in recognition of the work of the SEC team, British Land and Benson Elliot have also donated a further £20,000 to distribute to charities of our choice. SEC has now sent out £5000 each to the Borough of Ealing Art Trail (BEAT), the Urban Fox Orchestra, which teaches steelband music to people who are blind and visually impaired, The Campaign for an Ealing Performance and Arts Centre (CEPAC) and the Ealing Soup Kitchen at St John's.

We have made it clear in our correspondence with British Land that we are accepting this money as compensation for our work that was wasted, and that we do not see it in any way as a sweetener when further plans come in.

Now I come to the crux of the letter. The money you donated was specifically for 9-42 The Broadway. Soon there will be a new proposal for the site, which SEC will wish to comment on, and there are other major redevelopment proposals, such as Perceval House, coming up in the heart of Ealing. SEC would like to keep a healthy 'fighting fund' in the bank against future needs. We hope you agree that this is prudent, but we are also aware that some of you may wish your donation returned. If you wish to make a claim, please write to the Treasurer stating your name, address, email and the amount donated, and send it to: The Treasurer, 28 The Grove, Ealing W5 5LH.

SEC is immensely grateful for your moral and monetary support and hopes to continue to reflect your wishes for the redevelopment of Ealing centre in the future.

Corinne Templer, Treasurer