

## Press Release from Save Ealing's Centre

### **Public Inquiry for 9-42, The Broadway, Ealing, London W5**

Save Ealing's Centre (SEC) is fighting to save an important part of Ealing's town centre conservation area from demolition and inappropriate high density redevelopment and needs public help to pay for a barrister.



The planning application has been called-in by the Secretary of State and there will be a public inquiry in May 2017. Historic England will appear along with SEC to object about the numerous ways the plans conflict with with national, regional and local planning policies.



In approving the scheme Ealing Council ignored objections by SEC, Ealing Civic Society, residents' associations, three local conservation area advisory panels, over 2000 supporters of an online petition, Historic England, The Victorian Society, SAVE Britain's Heritage, local ward councillors and local MP Dr Rupa Huq.

**The Council is now using an enormous amount of taxpayers' money on a top QC to try to push through this unpopular scheme.**

**With no public money available to them, SEC needs to raise £25,000 to pay a dynamic junior barrister to defend local interests it sees as critical.**

Janet Sacks from SEC says:

***'This inquiry matters not just for Ealing town centre, but for the whole of our borough and for any town centre across London where the pressure to build new housing is leading local councils to ignore 'awkward' policies such as those protecting heritage.***

***By standing together as a community we want to send a message to Ealing Council to think again before they allow developers to destroy our town centre centre.***

***We won last time, and with help from the Ealing community we can win again!***

### **Notes for Editors**

This is the second time plans have been called in on this site. In 2009 the Secretary of State overturned a previous approval by the Council. The planning inspector upheld SEC's objections. He thought the bulk, massing and design of the earlier scheme were inappropriate and said the development would cause undue harm to two Conservation Areas and the Grade II\* listed Church of Christ the Saviour.



SEC is an alliance of 25 community organisations across the Borough of Ealing, who between them speak for around 10,000 Ealing people. SEC is not a 'NIMBY' group, but believes that a sense of place, and partnership with local people must guide the way Ealing changes and grows. Large developers, supported by our council, have too much power to put the same lazy over-scale buildings wherever they like.

SEC wants to speak to anyone wanting to help, or just to share experiences. It welcomes opportunities to present its case to local groups or associations.

To find out more visit the SEC website: <http://www.saveealingscentre.com/>

You can make a donation to support SEC's campaign:

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SEC, c/o 28 The Grove, London W5 5LH  
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