



There was much consternation on the HGS list when 13 Hampstead Way almost disappeared overnight. The owner of the house, which overlooks the Heath, had been given permission for a certain amount of demolition preparatory to installing a basement which would have resulted in there being very little evident change to a rather handsome house. The Trust, on the case the next day, found that contractors had been overenthusiastic in demolishing all but the front and side walls and a chimney stack. Barnet and the Trust have taken action to ensure that the owners, at considerable cost, restore the house to exactly the same specifications as before. Meanwhile the pictures here show the effect a basement excavation has on the street and surrounding neighbours.

# Ingram Avenue

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and against by current manager Jane Blackburn.

**OBJECTIONS TO COSTS**  
At Trust AGMs questions have been put about the cost, effectively paid by freeholders in their management charge, and the advisability of such actions. The Trust, however, has appeared to have the support of most members present in its determination to protect the Suburb.

At the RA AGM in March and again at RA Council meetings in April and May a number of residents have raised objections to the Trust's spending too much in legal fees. The Trust's

answer is that, yes it is aware that litigation is expensive and that it goes to great lengths to avoid it. "Nevertheless," says chairman Angus Walker, "we have to draw a line and stand up to those who would destroy the Suburb that we are, under the terms of our constitution, legally bound to protect."

Raphael Papadopoulos and Bill Asprey, who are challenging the £104 per household management charge for last year, voiced concerns at the RA AGM and subsequent Council meetings about the very high costs incurred. Bill Asprey thought there had

been "a lack of a lead from the RA over costs which fall on management charge payers." He thought that, "a lot of residents would like the RA to use its influence and authority and be more active in Trust matters."


Andrew Botterill of North Square objected to the £250,000 cost of the action over the past five years and accused the RA of "forgetting that its constitution requires it to discover and formulate residents views."

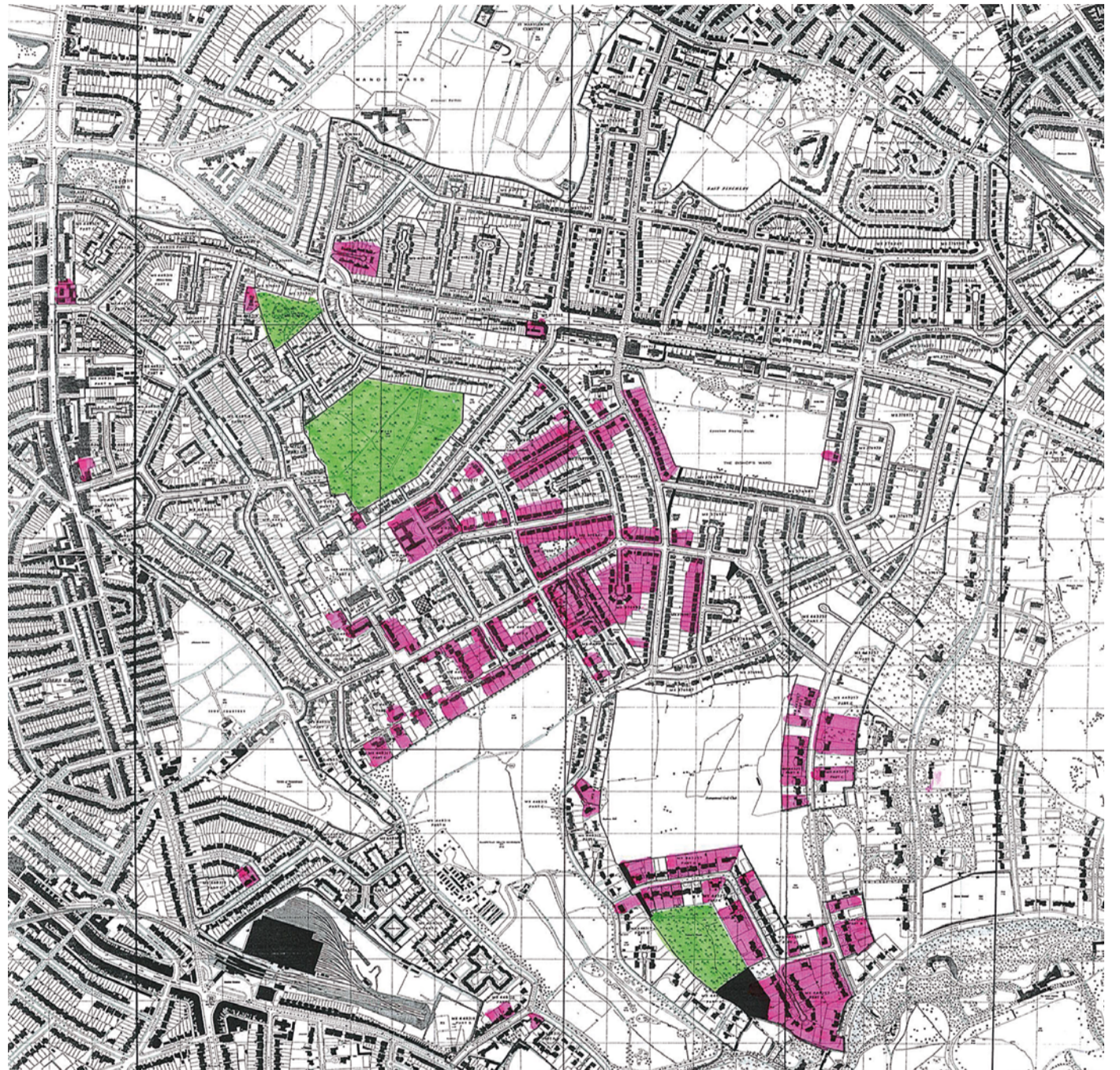
**AT THE LANDS TRIBUNAL AGAIN**  
Meanwhile a judgement is awaited in a completely different case,

also in Ingram Avenue, where a resident is appealing against a Trust refusal for a second storey to be built over a garage. The Trust has established that there are something like 400 garages on the Suburb which could be built over with serious implications for the open nature of the streets and their views between houses. At the May 6 RA Council meeting members were unanimous in agreeing that Jane Blackburn had given a convincing address on the Trust's reasons for defending its decision at the Lands Tribunal.

RICHARD WAKEFIELD

 Buildings by John Carrick Stuart Soutar FRIBA

 Areas of woodland retained in the Planning of the Suburb



This map demonstrates the reason for the Trust's emphasis on the importance of the architect John C S Soutar's work on the Suburb with some 100 houses including 7 Turner Drive where he himself lived. He was appointed consulting architect to the Suburb on the early death of G L Sutcliffe, who was responsible for much of the early Suburb up to 1915; Soutar continued in this position until his death in 1951. His work is said to be strongly influenced by Lutyens.

## Be the Horticultural Society's 500th member

In 2009 the Horticultural Society's membership went from strength to strength and the society ended the year just one or two short of 500 members. This year the 500th member to enrol will receive a special welcome and a generous Capital Gardens voucher to spend – will it be *you*? Members can attend most of our programmed

events free. Membership cards also entitle them to 10% discount on plants from many local garden centres and nurseries, such as all branches of Capital Gardens (weekdays only) and Finchley Nurseries, Mill Hill. To join, visit [www.hortsoc.co.uk](http://www.hortsoc.co.uk) or contact Sonia Mathias (020 8455 7334, [hgs@hortsoc.co.uk](mailto:hgs@hortsoc.co.uk)).



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## Centenary Celebration in Flowers

During the weekend of July 10 and 11 the Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church will be joined by other local organisations for a Centenary Celebration in Flowers.

Not only will the church be filled with flowers there will also be contributions from the The Temple Fortune Art Club who will be displaying their work, including paintings of the Free Church. Visitors are welcome 10am-6pm

on Saturday and 12 noon-6pm on Sunday. Coffee and tea will be available all day.

For this Sunday, Morning Service, starting at 11am, will be held outside on North Square or in the Free Church Hall in Northway if it is wet.

For further information please ring Revd Dr Ian Tutton on 8458 5898 or Maureen Schuricht on 8455 9122.

## Praise for Songs of Praise

Congratulatory letters poured in following the showing of Songs of Praise centred on St Jude's, the Suburb and its connections with Toynbee Hall. They came from all over the country from pre-war choirboys, past organists and many others with fond memories of living on the

Suburb. "A thoroughly enjoyable programme. How nice to see a positive half hour without the usual cynicism." "So many happy memories of my years working on the Suburb came flooding back." "The BBC did an excellent job in showing parts of the heath and the Suburb."




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