PROPOSAL TO FORM AN AMENITY SOCIETY IN THE AREA

People are becoming more aware of their surroundings and there has been a marked increase of late in the numbers of those members of the public who want a say in matters which affect their living conditions. This is especially so in Glasgow where it has recently been realised, not only by planners and other "professional environmentalists", that many of the older parts of the city, if properly treated and maintained, offer a very high standard of city dwelling conditions.

Lord Esher reported to Glasgow Corporation earlier this year his preliminary recommendations for conservation areas in Glasgow. Lord Esher's report recommends that consideration should be given to the question of conservation in the area stretching from Bellahouston Park to Queen's Park, but within this area the report singles out Strathbungo as being "the gem".

A number of people living in Strathbungo have decided to form an Amenity Society to further the interests of the area to which Lord Esher refers. It is proposed that, initially at least, the Society will concern itself only with that part of Lord Esher's proposed conservation area which lies between Moray Place and Pollokshaws Road and Titwood Road.

Amenity Societies are now encouraged by the Government and Local Authorities. They require to be strictly non-political in character and will not normally concern themselves directly with such matters as rating and valuation. An established Amenity Society is entitled to be advised by the Local Authority of any significant proposals affecting its area, and its activities should supplement rather than replace the work of the more familiar Residents' Association. As far as possible, its members will include those local people, Architects, Councillors, etc., who can give the Society the benefit of their expertise on questions affecting amenity such as new developments, roadways, local traffic conditions and so on: but it goes without saying that the real strength of the Society lies in the support which it receives from the people living in its area.

You are therefore cordially invited to attend a meeting to help form an Amenity Society. The meeting will be held on MONDAY DECEMBER 6th at 7.30 p.m. at Camphill-Queen's Park Parish Church Hall, Balvicar Drive (at Queen's Park Gates). <u>Please come if you can</u>.

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- Chairman's Introduction and Statement of objectives of proposed Society. 7.30
- Film Show: 7.40 Mrs Jarvis of Scottish Civic Trust will introduce a film called "A Future for the Past - Action now in conservation areas"
- Questions to Mrs Jarvis. 8.20
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Proposal to form a Society If the meeting so decides, the following matters will be dealt with:

- 1. Adoption of standard constitution suggested by the Scottish Civic Trust.
- 2. Election of Office Bearers.
- 3. Membership Fee (probably 50p per household).

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