

## **LONG DISTANCE BUSES – THE DECISION**

Today the Area Joint Committee decided that Long Distance Buses would move from Drummer Street to Parkside. They again considered moving the coaches to Victoria Avenue, but in the end voted against that proposal. Brunswick & North Kite Residents' Association had lobbied hard since last October to oppose the coaches moving to Victoria Avenue. Since November we had also united with the Parkside residents, Mitcham's Corner Residents and Traders' Association and the Friends of Jesus Green under the campaign slogan "**No coaches on green spaces**".

Therefore, although it is a relief that the coaches will not move to Victoria Avenue, it is very disappointing that one of the city's other cherished green spaces, Parker's Piece, is to be ruined by having a coach terminus right next to it. We will continue to work with the Parkside group to find ways to object to the coaches moving to Parkside. Ultimately, we want to see the coach terminus move to the Railway Station and Park & Ride sites. However, that could be years away. In the meantime, managing Drummer Street more effectively (without building on Christ's Pieces) is our preferred option.

Thank you to everyone who contacted the AJC, and to those who came to the AJC meeting, for your support