



## CADRA Monthly Roundup: March 2020

CADRA has almost 500 member households, so if every recipient of this update could kindly forward it to two friends, it would enable 1,500 people to know what's going on in Caversham.

### Transport

As mentioned in our January Roundup, Reading's biggest ever public consultation on the **future of transport in the town** took place over the summer, to help shape a strategy for transport provision up to 2036. The draft [Reading Transport Strategy 2036](#) is set to be approved for consultation.

CADRA has only just started to look at it, so there will be more information later. But a really radical proposal is for a **new public transport corridor**, running from Woodcote Road to Henley Road and thence to a new Thames crossing, joining up three Park and Ride sites north of the river. This is important and needs careful consideration.

The Council has also published for formal approval on Monday 16 March, a three-year programme of **road resurfacing**, including many long-overdue roads in our area - [Minor Roads 3 Year Resurfacing Programme](#).

### CADRA's AGM

This is planned for Tuesday 19 May at 7.30 pm at Thameside School, with a talk by the Environment Agency and a discussion of their **flood relief proposals**. We will of course keep under review the advice on the Coronavirus and should there be any change, we will let you know by email.

### Ward Boundaries

A consultation by the Local Government Boundaries Commission on proposed revisions to ward Boundaries in Reading, including Caversham, runs until Monday 13 April - [LGBC Draft Recommendations for Ward Boundary Changes](#).

The proposal is for all 16 wards to have three Councillors each and roughly equal electorates. Currently, Mapledurham Ward has only one Councillor. North of the river, the proposed boundaries and new ward names change quite a lot.

CADRA has suggested a revision to ensure that the Conservation Area and Caversham centre are all in the same ward, rather than being split between two as currently proposed.

### Planning

News is just in of a planning application for a **cinema above Waitrose**, with the intention of relocating the gym elsewhere in the centre. This could be exciting, but we have only just started to look at the details. You can see it on the RBC Planning website under application number [192009](#).

### And Finally

A joint venture between Champions to End Loneliness, Age UK and the Topsy Bean in Prospect Street has arranged a regular Men's Meet Up (65+) on Tuesday afternoons from 3-5 pm. The introductory session is on Tuesday 24 March 2020 with introductions and free tea and coffee.