



CADRA Monthly Roundup: May 2020

Your committee met once again via the web this month, and this update summarises what is going on. Please share it with anyone you feel might be interested.

We hope all our members and supporters are remaining healthy and in good spirits, and we add our voice to those urging everyone to abide by the [Government Guidelines](#). The [Covid-19 Response page](#) on our website is updated regularly and we are pleased so many people have found it helpful. We are considering making a donation from CADRA funds to one or more local charities which are helping in the outbreak, and would welcome any suggestions from members.

CADRA's AGM

For obvious reasons, this cannot take place as planned. However, there are still decisions which the association as a whole must normally take at its AGM.

These include: the adoption of the last AGM minutes, the accounts, elections to the committee, and the search for nominations for new committee members. We therefore plan to send you two emails, and equivalent letters to members without email.

We aim to send the **first** by the end of May, serving the required 28 days notice of when the AGM would normally happen. The **second**, during June, will enable you to vote online on these issues. Members without email may vote by phone. We urge as many members as possible to vote, as there is a legal minimum number for these decisions to take effect.

Transport

As mentioned in April's round-up, [Reading's Local Transport Strategy](#) has been published, along with a public [Consultation](#). Its more radical proposals include three Park and Ride sites north of Caversham, linked by an [outer orbital route](#) joining the Woodcote, Peppard and Henley Roads. Because of the coronavirus, the consultation has been extended until the end of August and broadened to include how lessons learned during lock-down should shape future transport policy. We are working on a response and will bring you our comments when we have them.

Oxfordshire County Council have consulted on their [Local Transport and Connectivity Plan](#). This aspires to very high standards in reducing congestion and emission pollution, greening urban spaces, and encouraging a shift to walking, cycling and public transport. Commendable as this may be, we have registered a strong concern that the Plan does not acknowledge the impact on Caversham - [CADRA's Comments](#). We suffer profoundly from congestion, poor air quality, noise and intrusion from traffic passing between Oxfordshire and our two bridges. Not only does the consultation document apply dual standards by failing to recognise this, but it also fails to mention any solution, such as the third Thames bridge, which the Oxfordshire authorities have resolutely opposed. We shall be escalating this matter by writing to Oxfordshire Councillors and the press.

Planning

At long last, urgent works are in progress to prevent further deterioration of [Chazey Barn](#), Caversham's only Grade I listed building, beyond the end of The Warren. This has a long, complex and chequered planning history. While it is great to see something happening, there are as yet no proposals for proper restoration and re-use, and we shall continue to monitor this important asset.

Crime

We hear there has been a spate of thefts from garden sheds in Caversham, with bikes and other property stolen, as well as items taken from cars. We urge vigilance.