



Round Up January 2023

Happy New Year to all our members and friends! Here is the first update for 2023. As always, please do share it with anyone who would find it helpful.

Planning

One of the main issues has been the applications for **5G masts** from 15 to 20 metres tall. The appeal for the triangle on Grove Road, Emmer Green was dismissed by the Inspector, and we wait to hear the results of the appeal for a mast on St Peters Hill. We have prepared a [Summary](#) of the planning issues to consider for an objection, which we hope you will find helpful, and a list of applications in North Reading.

5G is expected to provide faster connections, not just for mobile networks, but later for healthcare, smart cities, transport and manufacturing. The Government target is for the majority of the population to have 5G coverage by 2027, so this issue will be with us for some time.

The amended plans for [Caversham Park](#) are not yet available on the Council website.

Some of the detailed conditions for building on **Reading Golf Club** have been approved, but not yet the important Construction Method Statement (See [220958](#) Method Statement documents) and we continue to press for precautions covering construction traffic on Kidmore End Road.

Plans for [36a Church Street](#), across the alleyway from the Working Men's Club, have been approved. No decision has yet been made for [Drews](#), [Carters](#) or the [Henley Road Retirement Housing](#) next to the new care home.

You may have seen changes in the triangle of land by the **Gosbrook Road/George Street junction**. The land was sold but no planning application has yet been received.

The [Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill](#) is making its way through Parliament, bringing changes to planning law.

CADRA AGM

We hope soon to confirm arrangements for our 2023 AGM in May, with a talk about the two bridges over the Thames, marking the centenary of the formal opening of Reading Bridge in 1923.

The Holm Oak in St Martins Precinct

Prompt action by the informal community network was able to halt work in the root area of this important tree which holds a Tree Protection Order. The Council has confirmed to the owners that such work must have permission.

The Emmer Green Community Noticeboard

The timber frame of the popular noticeboard is showing signs of decay. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who might be able to help with a repair.

And finally ...

A plea from our membership secretary: if you are considering changing your email address, please update your details [Online](#) or email us: membership@cadra.org.uk. We would be sorry to lose contact.