



Round Up - February 2022

Your committee met as usual this month and would like to keep you updated on the issues covered. As always, please share this with anyone who may find it useful.

Planning

Comments can still be sent until the application for **Reading Golf Club** ([211843](#)) is considered at planning committee. No date has yet been notified. We are told that the previous application ([210018](#)) is now the subject of an appeal, though this is unlikely to be heard before a decision on the later application.

The plans for **Caversham Park** ([212072](#)) will now require an Environmental Statement to accompany a formal planning application. We sent comments and shared some historical research. We were pleased to see that Historic England has expressed concern that there may be a significant impact on the historic environment. They noted "the considerable residential development within the Grade II Registered Park and Garden, and the conversion of and development in the setting of a Grade II country house".

The application for vehicular access to **the Moorings, Mill Green** ([210544](#)), which caused a lot of concern, was refused by the planning committee on environmental grounds. Permission has been granted for some reduction of the **Holm Oak** ([211915](#)) outside Costa's in St Martins Square.

CADRA expressed concerns about the plans for the **Riverside Academy** ([212061](#)) on Richfield Avenue, asking for a more ambitious approach to the mitigation of climate change, for the establishment of a largely car-free school and also for better landscape screening. We were pleased to see that the Reading Design Review Panel expressed similar concerns.

The Aviva plans for **Reading Station Park** ([200328](#) - TGI Friday through to the Range) are the subject of appeal regarding the delay in reaching a decision. In preparation for the appeal, the Planning Committee is to determine the decision it would have reached.

Roads

281 residential roads are being surfaced with micro-asphalt, starting on 8 February through to late April / early May. You can check for roads near you at [Council Residential Road Improvements](#).

Changes to waiting restrictions, some in Caversham, are the subject of a [Council Formal Consultation](#) up to 23 February 2022.

Citizens Panel

Reading Borough Council wants to recruit new members to the panel. You could help them to understand what residents think about Council services, and to ensure that decisions and policy making reflect your priorities. It is not onerous. To join you need to complete the short survey at [Citizens' Panel Recruitment - Citizen Space](#).

CADRA Membership

Our new membership secretary, Adrian Goddon, can be contacted at membership@cadra.org.uk or on 0789 415 0023. Following the introduction of the online membership system in November 2020, we are reviewing the processes for subscription reminders and would welcome any feedback. You can view and update your personal membership details at [CADRA Membership](#).

CADRA Website

We send our thanks to Lloyd Pople who designed and set up the CADRA website (www.cadra.org.uk) and has been a valuable member of the committee. Lloyd has decided it is time to stand back from the main committee but is continuing to provide support as needed behind the scenes.

CADRA AGM and Local Elections

We are starting to plan for the next AGM and open meeting which we expect to take place after the local elections on Thursday 5 May. With the new ward boundaries, residents will be voting for three Councillors in every ward as explained in our last [Autumn Newsletter](#).