



## **CADRA Monthly Roundup: August 2019**

As usual, please help by thinking of two or three other people who care about our area and forward this monthly roundup to them.

### **Transport Strategy 2036**

Many of you will have received this month a leaflet from the Council, inviting everyone to take part in a consultation survey. You will find this at: <https://www.pclconsult.co.uk/transport2036>

The consultation closes on 20th September. There are some major issues for Reading and Caversham and we urge you to take part.

CADRA attended a Citizens Panel on 15th August and intends to respond as an association. We will flag local issues, including public transport, congestion and consequent poor air quality, as well as commuter parking in local streets. We would welcome your views as we formulate our response.

### **Planning**

The Council is consulting on amendments to the Reading Local Plan. CADRA commented on 20th July 2019, suggesting a few amendments and welcoming the revised policies on Reading Golf Club and Caversham Park.

CADRA commented on the planning application for land to the rear of 27-43 Blenheim Road, which has been rejected by the Council.

### **Thames Flood Defences**

The Environment Agency has published the [August 2019 Newsletter](#), about their Lower Caversham investigations. We draw your attention to the next public awareness-raising events on: Thursday 29th August by the Christchurch Meadows footbridge, and on Saturday 31st August at the Reading Pride event.

### **Community SpeedWatch**

The Community SpeedWatch programme (see our last round-up for details) is now underway. The Police are still inviting residents to volunteer. If you are interested you can email us [info@cadra.org.uk](mailto:info@cadra.org.uk) and we will pass on your details. Cautions and tickets have been issued at locations in the Caversham area.

### **Tree Wardens**

Reading Tree Wardens are concerned about the number of trees which suffered in last year's drought and are compiling a list of trees which need replacing. If you are aware of dead trees on public land in your neighbourhood, please send details to [rtwn2011@gmail.com](mailto:rtwn2011@gmail.com).

### **Public Space Protection Orders**

This scheme, which strengthens measures against various specific types of anti-social behaviour in public areas, has now been implemented in the Reading area, with warning signage on main routes, in the town centre and at specific hot-spot areas. More detail can be found on the Reading Borough Council website, using this link:

<https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/public-space-protection-order-pspo-consultation/>

### **Reading Gaol**

With the future use of the gaol buildings in doubt, the Friends of Reading Gaol group are organising a 'hug-in' around the gaol at 2:30pm on Sunday 13th October, to support a campaign for its use as an arts centre. It needs enough people to join hands around the perimeter of the gaol. If you are interested you need to register and you can do so here:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reading-gaol-hug-tickets-67463929429?aff=ebdssbcitybrowse>