



## CADRA Round Up - July 2021

Your committee met again this month and is considering how best to respond as covid restrictions are lifted. As always, please share this with anyone who might be interested.

Kim Pearce is moving away from Caversham, so we are sad to lose him from the committee. His professional expertise has been invaluable, and we are pleased that he has agreed to provide some support in the background. CADRA's monitoring of planning matters plays an important role in our community, so if you know of a recently retired architect or planning professional who could help, please do put them in touch with us.

The excellent Zoom talk by John Painter on **Reading Abbey and Reading Gaol** will be repeated at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 July. You can register for the Zoom link at: [Eventbrite - Reading Abbey and Gaol Tickets](#).

### Planning

The most significant news is that [the officer report](#) on **Reading Golf Club's** application is now available and is recommending refusal. It will be considered by the Planning Applications Committee on Wednesday 21 July. The agenda and reports are available at [Planning Applications Committee Agenda](#). The meeting can be viewed online and is recorded. A related application for a replacement halfway hut for the proposed family golf centre is being considered by [South Oxfordshire DC](#), and we have commented on the likely traffic increase.

Other planning applications include some modifications to the internal conversion of the **old surgery on Priory Avenue**. An application for vehicle access on land adjacent to the **Moorings, Mill Green** is causing local concern.

Beechcroft Developments recently announced it had signed a contract with the BBC to renovate the **Caversham Park** site for "high quality retirement housing". [BBC News Report](#)

The government is proposing substantial **changes to the planning system**. These are expected to include the removal of community and individual consultation on local planning applications, as well as new Permitted Development Rights, where building or conversion could take place without requiring planning permission. [The Borough Council's Response](#)

### Safer Caversham

Reports from the [Safer Neighbourhood Forum](#) include plans for the next Community Safety Survey and a two-road pilot for Community Speedwatch. A recent fatality on the river has led to a review of safety systems. Residential burglary has reduced in our area, but shed break-ins are still prevalent. As always, the police urge us to reports incidents of crime or antisocial behaviour.

### Third Thames Bridge

A recent article in the Henley Standard has disappointing news on potential funding for an outline business case for a [Third Thames Bridge](#).

### **Borough Council Consultations**

Current consultations can be found at the [Consultation Hub](#). They include new parking restrictions for Cromwell Road, Star Road and Douglas Road; The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2030; Cemetery Services; Traffic regulations by Thameside Primary School.

### **Reading Festival**

The Borough Council have granted a license to Reading Festival, which is expected to take place over the August Bank Holiday.

### **Recycling**

For a 6-month trial, residents visiting the **re3 Recycling Centre** can now [recycle rigid plastic items](#) such as: plastic buckets, crates, bins, storage boxes, garden furniture, pipes, toys or plastic plant pots. Collected plastic waste is recycled in a closed loop cycle in UK & European facilities, producing a high-quality, almost 100%-pure secondary raw material.

**Plastic Free Caversham** are fundraising for a drinking water refill station in central Caversham. [Click to Donate](#)