



## Round Up - December 2022

Your committee met this week and would like to bring you the final update for 2022. As always, please do share it with anyone who would find it helpful.

### Planning

A public exhibition was held at **Caversham Park** on 8 December and the exhibition boards are available at [www.caversham-park.co.uk](http://www.caversham-park.co.uk). Amended plans are expected to be added to the current applications [220409](#) and [220410](#). The care home shows a more contemporary design to distinguish it from the main house. Housing to the East and by Peppard Road has been redesigned. In the house, the main ground floor rooms will now be communal spaces, although the adjacent BBC conference room with the elegant fireplace and detailing is now shown for conversion. A footpath around the perimeter of the full site would include information boards and be open from dawn to dusk. Most of these changes are welcome but we believe different materials should be considered and that discussions should continue on how best to integrate the services within the local community.

**Vistry's Reading Golf Club Development** November newsletter is on the [CADRA website](#) and is due for delivery to nearby homes with additional copies at the site entrance. Work has started on trial trenches for the archaeological evaluation. The important Construction Method Statement ([220958](#)) has still to be approved but their newsletter reports that no deliveries will be allowed from 08:00-09:30 and 15:00-15:45. The various detailed planning applications are highly complex, and we are grateful to members of the CADRA team for tracking progress.

Applications for **5G masts** include an appeal against the refusal of [220587](#) on St Peters Hill. There is a slightly revised application on Kidmore Road ([221729](#)) which has received large numbers of objections and a new application on Henley Road ([221723](#)) near the junction with Donegal Close.

**Recent refusals** include the additional storeys to Great Brighams Mead (Caversham Road – Vastern Road roundabout) and at the Moorings Mill Green, where the appeal for vehicular access was dismissed and a Certificate of Lawfulness for its existing use as commercial boatyard was also refused. As always you will find all the links in the latest list on our [Planning Page](#).

**Changes to planning law** form part of the Levelling Up Bill going through Parliament and you may like to see a [Recent Statement](#) from the Secretary of State.

### Other News

A recent fire at the [re3 Smallmead Recycling Centre](#) was found to be caused by **batteries in a waste bin**. We are asked to dispose of batteries by leaving them in a plastic bag on top of your red bin, at the recycling centre or the containers at some supermarkets. If batteries are not removable, the device should be recycled as a small electrical item which can also be left on top of the red bin. re3 have their useful [re3cyclopedia](#) detailing how and where to dispose of all waste.

**Public Rights of Way** - Reading Borough Council's [Improvement Plan \(ROWIP2\) Consultation](#) is open to 19 February 2023. You can either complete the generic survey or email comments to [transport@reading.gov.uk](mailto:transport@reading.gov.uk). The appendices at the foot of the consultation page give detailed information. There is also the [Reading Walking Map](#) and separate detailed rights of way maps for [North, East, South and West Reading](#).

With pressure on **heating bills and the cold weather**, there are [Warm Spaces in Reading](#) that play an important role, such as the libraries and Reading Museum. The [Weller Centre](#) is welcoming people Monday to Friday 9:30am to 12pm, where you can use Wi-Fi, catch up on the news, make new friends and maybe grab a hot drink starting at 20p (pay if you can). We congratulate the team at the centre on their well-deserved [Pride of Reading Award](#).

**And finally ...**

We hope you have found our monthly updates helpful. Please continue to send us feedback. An association is nothing without its members and we are very grateful for the support you bring through your membership. We send our best wishes for a very Happy Christmas and look forward to new challenges in 2023.