



Round Up December 2023

Your committee met for the last time this year. As always, please share this with anyone who would be interested. Or better still, encourage them to [join CADRA](#) and receive these updates direct.

Reading Local Plan

Consultation has opened on the [Partial Update of the Reading Local Plan](#) with a closing date of 31 January 2024. Comments are invited either by email or by responding to the [online questionnaire](#). To help identify areas of particular interest, CADRA has produced a [summary of the issues](#) covered so you can pick those which concern you most. Although the formal document is long, it is easy to navigate, and we encourage you to take part in this important process which involves far reaching decisions.

In addition to policy changes, new sites have been put forward for development including Crowne Plaza Hotel, Reading Bridge House and Norman Place. Details are in Appendix II.

We are starting to develop a CADRA response and would welcome your views.

Eye and Dunsden Neighbourhood Plan

Their [draft plan](#) is out for consultation up to 12 January 2024. We welcome the plan and have submitted [comments](#).

Planning Applications

There is a revised application to replace a house on [Conisboro Way](#), also a proposed rear extension to [Spitiko Restaurant](#) on Prospect Street, and an extension of the temporary permission for the car wash on Hills Meadow for a further 10 years.

An appeal has been lodged against refusal of permission for a 5G mast at the junction of [Henley Road and Donegal Close](#). (Note the proposed changes to the criteria for such masts in the update of the Local Plan – Question 54.)

For the application at [Caversham Park](#), Historic England has formally objected on heritage grounds and a long list of amended plans is now online. These include some 3D visuals of the care home.

Air Quality

This has long been a local concern. Several reports (one a [Summary of Air Quality](#)) have been issued, along with a consultation on the [Air Quality Action Plan](#), for which the closing date is 17 January 2024.

Transport Strategy

The consultation on the [Transport Strategy](#) has now closed and CADRA [Responded](#).

New Bus Services

There is a [new service](#) between Reading and Watlington on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays via Emmer Green, with two routes serving different villages. There is also a new Sunday service ([X40C](#)) between the town and the Hemdean Road Methodist Church.

The Emmer Green Noticeboard

A minor repair to the board will be completed shortly, to prevent further water damage. In the Spring, the board will be removed for more extensive repairs, keeping as much of the sign as possible. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped with the project.

Emmer Green Recreation Ground

Many thanks to volunteers and residents who have revitalised the hedging that surrounds the recreation ground. Old hedging was cleared away and 240 plants were put in. Hedging is often considered a poor relation, but it provides food and housing for a multitude of species.

Police 'Have your Say' Meeting

The North Reading Neighbourhood Policing Team will be in the Caversham precinct at 3pm on Saturday 23 December. This is a good opportunity to raise any concerns you may have with them.

And Finally

Very best wishes to all our members for a Happy Christmas. Please keep your comments coming as we look to the future in 2024.