



Round Up - July 2022

With Covid levels high, your committee met on Zoom this month. As usual, please do share this update with anyone who may be interested.

Reading Golf Club

Applications are being raised to discharge conditions linked to the outline planning application for housing on land at Reading Golf Club. Application [220958](#) includes the Method Statement for Construction and Deliveries. CADRA will point out the local issues and ask for additional restrictions. An application for the materials and appearance of the housing is expected. CADRA has had initial discussions with the house builders, Vistry, and will be sharing concerns that this exceptional site deserves something better.

Planning

We await the result of the appeal by Aviva for **Vastern Court** ([200328](#)), the TGI Fridays to The Range site, relating to the delay in RBC reaching a decision.

Reports from several respected organisations have raised concerns about the impact of the retirement homes on the listed house and grounds at **Caversham Park** ([220409](#)).

Henley Road Petrol Station ([220836](#)) has applied to demolish and replace the building and forecourt, including self-service payment across 24 hours.

Substantial changes are planned for the **Caversham Rose (aka Grosvenor)** pub ([220450](#)) to become a Miller and Carter Steakhouse.

Alongside the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use as a commercial boatyard ([220591](#)) at the **Moorings, Mill Green**, the refusal for vehicular access has now been appealed ([210544](#)).

In **South Oxfordshire**, Chiltern Edge Secondary School in Sonning Common has applied to build 50 dwellings ([P22/S2180/FUL](#)), and in Woodcote there is an application for an EIA Screening Opinion regarding 30 residential dwellings and a car park ([P22/S2331/SCR](#)).

As always, you can find the latest applications CADRA reviewed in the [Latest Planning Summary](#) at www.cadra.org.uk.

Emmer Green

We continue to welcome new members from Emmer Green and the newly co-opted members of the committee are proving a real asset as we expand our area of interest. Those who have lived in the area for a while will remember the excellent Millennium exhibition on the history of Emmer Green, and the very popular book - Emmer Green Past and Present - which followed. This has been out of print for some years. We have been working with the author, Margaret Ormonde to arrange a [Reprint](#) which will soon be available from Fourbears for £12 or you can email: emmergreenbookorder@cadra.org.uk.

Church Fete

We were pleased to have the opportunity to talk to members at the Fete on Saturday 9 July and congratulate the organisers on a very successful event.

Reading Festival

Reading Festival will take place over the Bank Holiday weekend, 26 - 28 August. As preparations proceed, we will join other groups in a tour of the site and the chance to ask questions and raise concerns.

New Cycle Lanes on Bath Road

Reading Council is consulting on a scheme for a segregated cycle lane on Bath Road and Castle Hill. Closing date 1 August. [Active Travel Fund: Bath Road - Castle Hill Consultation](#)

Reading Gaol

The two Reading MPs met recently with the Prisons Minister to urge support for an Arts and Heritage Hub. The petition still needs our help to reach 10,000. Please do give this your support and share the link to encourage others. [Stop Reading Gaol Sell Off](#)

Knife Crime

As part of continuing work to try to reduce knife crime, it is planned to create an installation representing peace and hope using amnesty weapons. The recovered weapons and knives from Reading's amnesty bins will be smelted down into a format that will represent the community led ideas and vision. Donations are requested at [ReadingAmnestyArt](#)