



Round Up - October 2022

Your committee met yesterday and would like to update you on the key issues. Please share this with anyone who would find it useful.

We look forward to seeing members and their friends at the [Open Meeting](#) - **7.30pm on Wednesday 9 November at Highdown School hall**. Steve Hambridge, Reading Trading Standards, will update us on the latest scams and explain what is being done to help protect consumers. It will also be a good opportunity to join or renew membership and buy copies of the Emmer Green Book and the Caversham cards which you may like to use at Christmas. Please bring cash.

Planning

It's a busy month for planning. At **36a Church Street**, the frontage of Caversham Stir-fry and Nathans is to be altered, with changes behind to create more accommodation ([221304](#)). **Waitrose** has applied for complete new signage for the store and the car park ([221289](#)). A license lasting six years has been granted for **Winter Wonderland** on Hills Meadow. The accompanying planning permission is delayed pending further clarification on protection of the edge by the trees ([221171](#)).

RBC officers have asked for more detail on the Construction Method ([220958](#)) for **Reading Golf Club**. Transport Officers advise there should be no deliveries to the site from 8am to 9:30am and 5pm to 6pm, to avoid congestion at peak times. CADRA is seeking further restrictions to keep school children safe. We expect to meet Vistry Homes early next month to review their plans for detailed design.

Refusal of the **telecom mast at Grove Road** has been appealed. Comments can be sent to the [Inspector](#) up to 21 October. We have identified decisions by the Planning Inspectorate in other areas, where appeals have been refused. These can help to show the issues considered by the Inspector. Please let us know if you would like to see them.

There are three major applications on Caversham Road. **Drews** ([220922](#)) retains part of the frontage but new building rises to six storeys. The **Carters** site ([221324](#)) is proposed for demolition and new dwellings rising to four storeys. **Great Brighams Mead** which has permission to convert to residential is seeking to add a third and fourth storey ([221479](#)). CADRA is in touch with the local [Belltower Community Association](#).

South Oxfordshire has refused permission for two detached houses at the **Piggery, Gravel Hill**. The application for padel tennis courts at **The Caversham** golf course, Chazey Heath, has been withdrawn. South Oxfordshire has refused planning for **Caversham Lake Watersports** on grounds of ecology, traffic and safety. The junction to its access road, which lies in RBC, has been a hot spot for accidents and near misses, even before Watersports opened. Local residents plan to present a petition to Reading's Traffic Management Sub Committee on 10 November. To be counted in the submission, you need to [Sign the Petition](#) before the end of October.

Emmer Green

Congratulations to all the volunteers who worked so hard to plan and plant out the triangle by Grove Road. We are looking forward to discussions with KEG as to how we can work together for community projects in Emmer Green.

Caversham Christmas

A date for your diary – Caversham Centre will be open from 5pm until late on **Friday 2 December** for shopping, special market stalls, mulled wine, entertainments and more. Fourbears books will host a 'Reverse Santa' from 5pm and again on the Sunday at 11am, when you can buy or bring a gift for children who would otherwise miss out.

And finally, we were very pleased to write the foreword for the new book, *A stroll through Caversham*, by Janina Maher, with delightful paintings of buildings round Caversham, each with their own story.