

## **211922 - Caversham Post Office, Flat 1 30 Church Street Reading RG4 8AU**

CADRA supports the conversion to residential of upper floors in Caversham's retail centre as an important aid to commercial viability. However, refuse collection is a widespread problem on shopping streets, where there is limited space for bin storage and/or designated collection points. This is true in Church Street and especially at this location, where there appears to be no obvious safe point of collection. We have noticed that 14 Church Street has a bin permanently outside and with no. 16's overflowing bins make the area cluttered and unsightly.

The applicant states: "site storage and collection of waste and recycling is restricted to existing agreements." Do the agreements include designated collection points and where are they? With two flats there will be twice the waste, so we ask planners to review those agreements and ensure that they meet the Council's Waste Management Guidelines. We draw attention to the guidelines asking: "whether it is appropriate to allow for each dwelling to have its own refuse and recycling bins, or to move the property onto a communal waste storage system using larger wheelie bins or Eurobins."

CADRA supports the comments made by the Council's Environmental Health Officer, who requests noise impact and pollution assessments. As the Officer states, this is "a pollution hot-spot."