

212061 – River Academy Richfield Driving Range

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CADRA's comments on 212061 - Richfield Driving Range

It is very disappointing that a development of this scale, providing education for our young people, pays so little attention to the opportunities to reduce its carbon footprint and meet the needs of the climate emergency. There seems no reference to energy measures of any kind. The transport plan should be far more ambitious to avoid congestion, pollution and impact on climate change. 120 cycles spaces for 1500 pupils is grossly inadequate. Safe cycle routes from the North, South and West to reach Richfield Avenue should be considered. There is no reference to discussion with Reading Buses and potential provision of a bus stop nearer the school. The landscape appraisal gives inadequate representation of the impact on views towards the school, including from St Peters Conservation Area. Tree planting to screen the school is insufficient and should be increased to soften the views of the school. Community access to sports facilities is welcome but should be formally secured.