

Following our final public exhibition at the end of October 2019, we would like to update you on the feedback we received, what we have been doing and what will be happening over the coming months.

It was nice to see some familiar faces and meet some new residents at our final exhibition, and we would like to thank you for taking the time to come and see us, and to thank those who couldn't make it but took the time to comment and share their views and opinions with us online.

What we are proposing:

- A mixed use scheme comprising residential, office, hotel, retail units and community facilities
- Primarily car free, with car parking provision made for blue badge holders
- Resident and visitor cycle parking
- New public realm spaces
- New pedestrian linkage between the Railway Station underpass and Vastern Road heading towards the River Thames



What have we been doing?

- Analysing your feedback
- Completing technical studies
- Held meetings in January with:
Reading Civic Society
CADRA
Reading Conservation Advisory
Committee

What happens next?

End of February 2020

We have just submitted our outline planning application to Reading Borough Council and we will let you know once this has been formally registered.

Autumn/Winter 2020

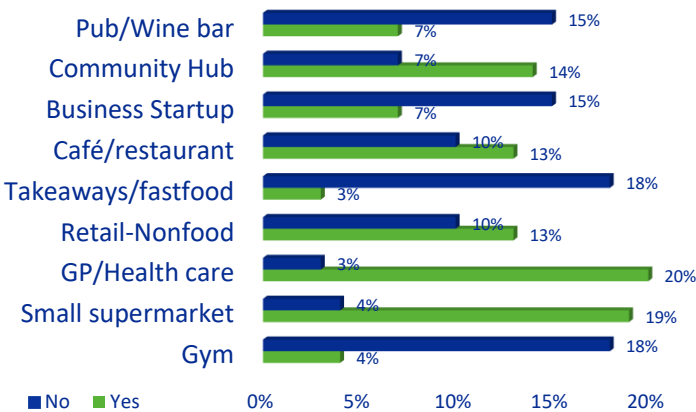
Reading Borough Council's Planning Committee anticipated approval of our outline planning application.



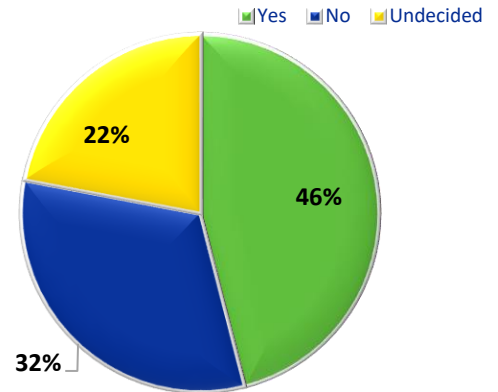
Final exhibition feedback

30th & 31st October 2019

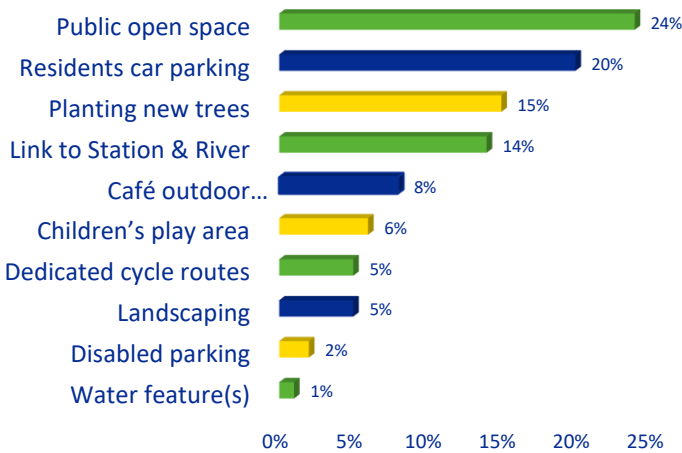
What do you think are important facilities to be included in this development?



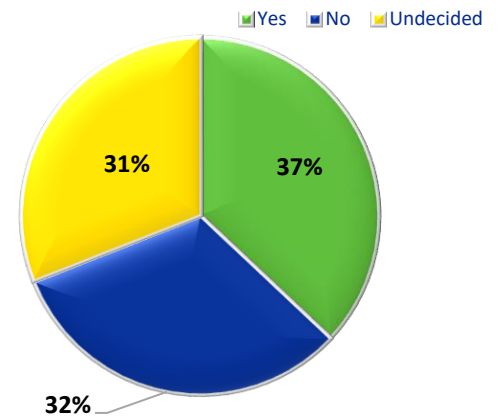
Do you welcome the reduction in height of the main building to 18 storeys from 20 storeys?



Which ONE of the following do you consider should be a priority for this development?



Do you welcome the proposed provision of at least 2 car club spaces to help reduce the need for individual car ownership?



Particularly liked:

- Walkways/pedestrian & cycle access linking Station to Vastern Road and River Thames and around the site
- Green spaces/trees/public space/landscaping.
- Reduction in height of building
- Overall design and layout of the development
- Improved cycle routes.
- Redeveloping site for something other than car park/ideal for inner city living
- Car free development & car club facilities
- Provision of new homes and retail space

Concerns:

- Strain on local facilities/services – especially GP surgery
- Losing ALDI and free car parking
- Increased traffic congestion in the area and Reading as a whole due to the amount of housing being proposed in general in the area
- Lack of parking provision on site for both residents/visitors/workers – concerns from local residents that people will park on their streets
- No need for more flats or office space
- Height of proposed office building

"Please increase the height of the office building significantly, to make better use of the land and also to create a landmark feature for this development."

"Please provide space for a large leisure facility in the scheme."

"Provides much needed new homes."

"I don't like the proposal! I want it left as it is with Aldi, Range etc..."

"Need more schools and doctors."