

## UPDATE REPORT

BY THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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Ward: Abbey

Application No.: 191841

Address: House of Fraser, The Oracle, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2AS

Proposal: Subdivision of three-storey retail unit (Class A1) and change of use to form: 1x flexible retail/restaurant/bar unit (Class A1/A3/A4), 1x flexible retail/restaurant unit (Class A1/A3) and 1x assembly and leisure unit (Class D2) at Riverside level; 1x retail unit (Class A1) and 1x assembly and leisure unit (Class D2) at lower ground level; 1x retail unit (Class A1) at upper ground level, together with alterations to the Riverside frontage and associated plant, car parking and external alterations at car park levels.

### Recommendation:

As per main report.

## 1. Public Consultation response

- 1.1 Further to paragraphs 4.44 and 4.45 of the main report, a public consultation response has been received on 27/02/2020. Although specified as an 'observation', it is considered to be in support of the proposal. The full response, received from an address with a post code in Grovelands Road, RG30, is as follows:

*Solution for vastly under-supplied leisure offering in the town. Should allow Reading to finally compete with leisure offerings in surrounding areas. Fully supported.*

Case Officer: Jonathan Markwell