

UPDATE REPORT

BY THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES READING BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE: 17 th July 2019	ITEM NO. 12
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Ward: Abbey

App No: 190650/FUL

Address: Greyfriars Church, Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1EH

Proposal: Demolition of the existing western foyer, and replacement with a larger glazed foyer area and other internal works; and single storey rear extension to no's 2 and 4 Sackville Street to link the church to these buildings, and the change of use of the premises from Sui Generis (Counselling services offices) to Class D1 use (non-residential institution - public worship or religious instruction), and changes to external parking and landscaping.

Applicant: Greyfriars Church

Date validated: 2/5/2019

Application: 8 week target decision date: 24/6/2019

Extension of time: 26/7/2019

RECOMMENDATION AS PER MAIN AGENDA

1. Reading Civic Society response

- 1.1 Paragraph 4.4 of the main report advises that a response from the Reading Civic Society will be provided prior to your meeting.
- 1.2 In response to the consultation on the application, the Civic Society commented that they were pleased with the input from Historic England (HE) and substantial work that has been undertaken thus far. As such, the Civic Society has no objections and supports the application.

2. RBC Heritage Consultant

- 2.1 For clarity, although not specifically identified in the main report, the Council's Heritage Consultant has been involved extensively at pre-application and application stages and his points have been covered in the officer appraisal in the main agenda report. He has no objections to the proposal subject to appropriately worded conditions.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 This update report provides a response from the Reading Civic Society, and clarification that the Reading Borough Council heritage advisor has been consulted in this application process. No changes have been proposed as part of this update report.

Case Officer: Anthony Scholes