

26 March 2026

Our Ref: 333103062

Reading Borough Council,
Civic Offices,
Bridge Street,
Reading,
RG1 2LU

BY PLANNING PORTAL: PP-14764565

Dear Sir/Madam

**ACACIA ROAD ENHANCEMENTS, READING
FULL PLANNING APPLICATION AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**

On behalf of our client, the University of Reading, we are pleased to submit a planning application to Reading Borough Council ('RBC') for highway and public realm enhancements at Acacia Road and Redlands Road, Reading ('the Site').

The proposed description of development for which planning permission is sought is as follows:

"Full planning application and Listed Building Consent for proposed public realm and highway improvements to Acacia Road and its junction with Redlands Road, to include the partial demolition of one section of existing wall to enable wider access to MERL, the reconfiguration of parking areas, enhancement of pedestrian routes and associated landscaping."

The proposals are for improvements that seek to address long standing pedestrian and cyclist safety concerns, rationalise vehicular movements, and enhance the character and setting of this key entrance to the campus. The scheme provides an opportunity to improve the visual quality of the gateway, strengthen the heritage setting of nearby Listed Buildings, and create a more welcoming approach for visitors.

The following documents has been submitted in support of the planning application:

Reports

- Covering Letter, ref: 33103062 A3 260326 P1 IS BP Acacia Road Cover Letter
- CIL form 1
- Planning Statement, ref: 33103062 A3 260326 P1 IS BP Acacia Road Planning Statement
- Ecological Impact Assessment, ref: NPA 30013 0400 P02
- Design & Access Statement, ref: 30013 NPA XX XX RP L 1030 P01
- Heritage Statement, ref: 333103062 A5 ET 2026 Acacia Rd HS_V2.0
- Transport technical note, ref: 089077-CUR-00-XX-T-C-00001-P02

Plans

- Site Location Plan, ref: 30013 NPA XX XX DR L 0010 P03
- Existing Site Plan, ref: 30013 NPA XX XX DR L 3000 P02
- General Arrangement Plan, ref: 30013 NPA XX XX DR L 3001 P07
- Existing and Proposed MERL Wall Elevations, ref: 30013 NPA ZZ 00 DR L 4001 P01
- Photos: MERL Wall, ref: 30013 NPA ZZ 00 DR L 4002 P01
- MERL Entrance Planting Plan, ref: 30013 NPA XX XX DR L 5001 P01
- Vehicle Tracking Refuse Vehicle, ref: 089077-CUR-XX-XX-D-C-04004 P02

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- Vehicle Tracking MERL Van Tracking, ref: 089077-CUR-XX-XX-D-C-04005 P02
- Vehicle Tracking Fire and Delivery, ref: 089077-CUR-XX-XX-D-C-04006 P02
- General Arrangement Plan, ref: 089077-CUR-XX-XX-D-C-95001 P06
- Tree Constraints Plan, ref: TCP-AR5943 Rev 0
- Tree Survey Schedule, ref: AR5943

This application has been submitted electronically via Planning Portal (ref: PP-14764565).

Application fee

The application fee of **£383.00** (including service charge) will be paid directly to RBC via the Planning Portal. We trust that you have sufficient information to register and validate this application promptly.

We trust that the submission is in order and that the planning application and Listed Building Consent can be validated promptly. However, should you have any queries in relation to any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01189 520337 or by email – ilaria.sutton@stantec.com.

Yours sincerely,



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