

OUR HERITAGE IS AT RISK – HELP SAVE READING GAOL

Dear Resident,

I am concerned that Reading's historic gaol is at risk of being redeveloped as luxury flats, after the Government announced it would sell the site to the highest bidder. I believe that our precious heritage should be preserved and that the prison should be used to promote the arts and the history of our town and the country as a whole.

Reading Gaol is known across the country and internationally as the place where Oscar Wilde was incarcerated. It is also the burial place of King Henry 1st and the site includes parts of Reading Abbey, once one of the largest monastic complexes in Medieval Europe.

It is a vital part of our heritage and it needs to be protected. That is why I am calling on the Government to rethink its mistaken approach, and to recognise the enormous value of this unique historic site.

I hope you will support this campaign by signing the petition calling for the prison to be protected and for it to become an arts and heritage hub.

I am working with a wide range of other local people and organisations and I hope that together we can press for a change of Government policy.

To sign the petition online please follow the link below:

<https://mattroddamp.com/stopreadinggaolselloff>

Thank you for your help and support on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Matt Rodda'.

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