



**Apex Plaza**

Like: 2 Dislike: 16



**Chatham Place**

Like: 3 Dislike: 11

# LOVE IT or

*Here are some of the comments we received:*

**Apex Plaza** Postmodern Legoland - has not aged well \* It's too big and the colour is too bright \* Pleasant to look at (for a modern building)

**Chatham Place** Coloured glass in the windows is cheerful and distinctive \* Dislike gaudy colour \* It is well thought out and spaced nicely and has a bit of colour \* Looks incomplete; no focal point or lines

**The Blade** Fabulous! Iconic. A landmark for the future \* Crudely dominates the Abbey Quarter. Sterilizes the area immediately round it. An insult to the Holy Brook and Mill Arch \* Nice and big and all glass

**Clearwater Court** It has good proportions, is pleasantly curved and sits well beside the river with views inside as well as out \* An effective landmark next to the river crossing with scale appropriate to the site and clearly articulated parts \* Open and airy and reminds me of water \* It is right for that place

**Forbury Square** Modern, with interesting use of glass, but respectful of setting with generous public space and an active street front with restaurants \* Urban statement creating a new square \* Built on a large scale near old monuments but still looks nice due to glass \* Lovely square, good stonework paving, clean glass front to building \* Too much glass

**One Reading Central** The right place for a taller building, which is bold, no nonsense, well proportioned and well judged – variation of facade treatment \* Looks good against railway. Like central panel and landscaping



**The Blade**

Like: 15 Dislike: 14



**Clearwater Court**

Like: 21 Dislike: 0



**Forbury Square**

Like: 9 Dislike: 4





**One Reading Central**

Like: 5 Dislike: 8



**The Oracle**

Like: 11 Dislike: 2

# LOATHE IT

**The Oracle** The building is ugly but the way the canal is incorporated is good  
\* Lots of variety, great use of the river \* Faceless corporate hell \* Kept in with character, picturesque \* It puts life into the town

**Ibis/Novotel** Does nothing for the surrounding environment. It has no style, dominates the street. It is completely out of proportion \* It fits in with the town centre and still looks good with the other buildings \* Wrecks the street through its sheer bulk. No amount of stepping back can redeem it \* Its bulky and ungraceful structure spoils many long-distance views of the town

**Prudential** Good example of well-managed postmodern office development – broken down into separate related buildings which have not dated too badly  
\* Pleasing traditional overtones and changes of line \* Too modern for area

**Queen’s Road Car Park** Bold echo of warehouse building without resort to pastiche \* It should be less monolithic. London Street is cut off by the IDR from the rest of Reading and the car park makes it worse \* Looks like a car park \* Doesn’t look like a car park \* Looks like a prison.

**Amanda Martin**

Now it’s *YOUR* turn to vote.

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**Ibis/Novotel**

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**Prudential Building**

Like: 11 Dislike: 5



**Queen’s Road Car Park**

Like: 6 Dislike: 13