



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 23 April 2018

Town Centre Operations

For the period 1st April 2017 to 28th February 2018 the Saturday free parking figures for the MSCP's have 398,453 customers using the car parks and for the two-hour free parking offer the figures have 942,987 customers using the car parks with the Mayorhold and Grosvenor being the most popular car parks.

The overall parking usage figures for the period April 2017 – February 2018 showed 2,436,071 customers using the council's multi-storey and surface car parks.

The footfall figures for February show 892,260 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square, these figures are below the 2016 figures in part due to the adverse winter weather conditions we had in February.

The overall town centre footfall figures in the period April 2017 – February 2018 was 17,125,561.

Enterprise

Business Incentive Scheme 2017-18

We have supported 24 Businesses to date this year.

This has secured over £908,000 of private sector investment and create 96 jobs

Vulcan Works

- Outline ESIF application approved. The full application was submitted on 12th April 2018
- Design Team appointed and reviews are underway
- The demolition of Amalgamated Tyres has been completed and the site cleared
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St James Mill Link Road

Planning Permission was granted on 10th April

Ground Investigation surveys completed

Four Waterside

Preparatory work is in hand to move the sewer that crosses the site prior to development.

Planning

Local Plan Part 2

The Planning Policy team has assessed all the representations submitted to the Local Plan Part 2 Sites Consultation. A summary of the representations and officer responses was reported to the meeting of Cabinet on 14th March.

- Planning application N/2017/1097 for the erection of 83 no. dwellings at the former Emmanuel Church Middle School was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 13th February, subject to S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.

- Planning applications N/2017/1144 and N/2017/1145 for the change of use and conversion of Belgrave House in Greyfriars to student accommodation were approved by the Planning Committee on 13th February.
- Reserved matters application N/2017/1566 for the development of 349 dwellings (Phase 1 development) at Collingtree SUE, off Windingbrook Lane, was approved on 7th March.
- Reserved matters application N/2017/1310 for the development of 5,415 sq m Classes B1, B2 and B8 uses at Plot 402 Cob Drive was approved on 13th February.
- Planning application N/2018/0081 Beaumont House, Cliftonville for Extension to the existing building to form a fourth floor to create 13 additional residential apartments bringing the total to 60 and external alterations to the building was approved at Committee on 10th April
- Planning application N/2017/1553 for the erection of an International Leather Centre including laboratories and teaching rooms at the University of Northampton Waterside Campus was approved on 28th February.

Development Management has maintained 100% performance standard in terms of major, minor and other applications in January and February 2018

Asset maintenance

Repairs and upgrades include:-

- Refurbishment of a further two lift cars at Mayorhold MSCP.
- Re-roofing Abington park changing room block.
- Completion of the refurbishment of the Westbridge ejector station.
- Tenders sent out for various painting projects and the lift maintenance contract.
- Repairs to Guildhall roof

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