



Cabinet Member Report for Planning

Northampton Borough Council

22nd February, 2021

Planning Policy

The submission of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 was approved by Full Council on the 18th January 2021. It has now been submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

Heritage

The team has continued to deal with all Development Management consultations relating to heritage and trees to time. All applications relating to Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas have also been dealt with to time.

Work on the local list continues to be progressed.

Planning (Development Management)

- Planning application N/2016/0810 comprising a hybrid application for up to 170 new dwellings to include the conversion existing university buildings and the erection of new buildings (outline for 112 units/ full application for 58 units) at the University of Northampton, Avenue Campus, was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 24th November 2020 subject to completion of S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2019/0612 for the erection of purpose-built student accommodation comprising 347no. rooms with 356no. bed-spaces following partial demolition of existing buildings, refurbishment and change of use of listed building to provide ancillary student hub, retail units and associated works at Bective Works, Bective Road, approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 24th November 2020 subject to completion of S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2020/1349 for the change of use from a care home to supported living accommodation for the homeless at Kingsley Nursing Home approved by the Planning Committee on 21st January 2021.
- 100% performance for major, minor and other applications in October and November 2020, 100% for major, 93.94% for minor and 97.62% for other in December 2020.

Building Control

- Received 11 Full plan application in December 2020.
- Received 19 Building Notices in December 2020.
- Received 8 Regularisation applications in December 2020.
- Received and actioned 3 in Dangerous Structures reports December 2020.
- Received 70 notifications for the commencement of work in December 2020
- Issued 55 completion certificates in December 2020
- Carried out 317 inspections in December 2020.
- 100% of inspections booked on the same day have been carried out in December 2020.

Land Charges

We have a standard KPI which we are not required to report on to return local search within 10 working days, which we have met returning searches in 4-6 working days.

We make daily updates to the LLPG (local land and property gazetteer) which feeds into all property data bases within NBC and externally to Police, Fire service etc. this is reported on monthly by a central hub. We currently have a rating of Bronze which shows we have made a number of property updates following the addition of new criteria in April 2020.

The ratings are as below:

BNS – Below national standard

ANS – Achieving national standard

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Councillor James Hill

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