



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 18th July

Planning

N/2015/1249 – full planning application for the erection of 64 dwellings at Ecton Brook Playing Fields was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 14th of June, subject to S106 agreement.

N/2015/1074 – The application for the erection of 81 dwellings at the former St Mary's Middle School was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 10th of May, subject to S106 agreement.

The Local Plan Issues consultation closed on Friday 10 June. Responses to the consultation are currently being registered and reviewed.

The Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan is expected to be submitted in July. The Council will then publicise the Plan for 6 weeks.

Upton Country Park

We have completed the transfer of Phase 2 of Upton Country Park. This comprises fishing lakes, open space and agricultural land occupied under various agricultural tenancies.

72 St. Giles Street

There has been a lot of interest in this prominently located property and a decision will be taken shortly.

University Waterside Campus

We are conducting various negotiations with the University to facilitate their development and occupation of the new campus including the completion of agreement for highway improvement works between Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and the University of Northampton. Permission has been granted by NBC for crane to over-sail the River Nene and consent has been granted by NBC for National Grid to relocate gas governor & main.

Billing Brook Lakes

A working group to address issues with the lakes has met including local Ward Members and representatives from the Environment Agency and growing together. Estates attended this meeting and will act on the Council's behalf.

Home Farm

Extensive repairs to the listed building, Home Farm, are to be completed imminently.

Greyfriars

Preparations are in hand for a public information event to be held from 18th – 20th July on the final submissions from the developers.

Vulcan Works

Continued negotiations with the University are ongoing following the Cabinet decision to grant an option to lease on the existing Vulcan works building.

St Giles Street

The Phase II works from Castilian Street to St Giles Square started on 21st June on the south side of road adjacent to Games Workshop.

Phase II will be complete before the Christmas shopping period.

The works will deliver enhanced public realm to St. Giles Street, with enhanced footpaths and other surfaces, and trees in planters will be placed at the bottom of Fish Street.

Revisions to the St. Giles Street/Derngate junction which will improve pedestrian safety.

The narrow footpaths on the north side will be widened, improving public safety, and improved lighting is to be installed.

Business Incentive Scheme

2016-2017 Update:

- 20 Businesses committed
- Supporting 146 new jobs
- Leveraging £521,968 Private Sector Investment

The successful Mentoring Workshops continue

A new Website has been created and e-form applications created

St James Mill Road Link

Outline design proposals have passed safety audit round 1.

Discussions are taking place with two adjacent businesses concerning access.

Station Phase 2 Multi-Storey Car Park

Site and ground investigations are now complete, as are the discussions with Anglian water concerning the Victorian sewer that crosses the site

Outline designs and business case preparation are ongoing, and due to complete in September.

Delapre Abbey

The commercial kitchen and restaurant to open 27th Oct.

A new footpaths to be installed between London Road and the Abbe, and the works will run from 27th June for 3 months

A new gas main is to be installed during August.

Enterprise Zone

Site 7C had planning permission approved at Planning Committee, subject to Section 106 funding for Phase 1. This phase will see the investment of Hellermannntyton and will bring circa 150 jobs to the Enterprise Zone.

Phase 2 has outline permission approved subject, again, to a Section 106 agreement. This phase is likely to involve the development of smaller industrial units, addressing the pent-up demand for such unite in the Enterprise Zone

Site 2A/B is now on the market and has attracted a large amount of interest.

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