

PLANNING COMMITTEE: 3rd July 2018
DIRECTORATE: Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
HEAD OF PLANNING: Peter Baguley

DESCRIPTION: Planning applications for the installation of new car park barriers to existing car parks at Spring Boroughs and St James in 7 different locations

WARD: Castle/St James

APPLICANT: Northampton Partnership Homes

REFERRED BY: Head of Planning

REASON: Council owned land

DEPARTURE: No

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That the Committee **AGREE** to delegate decision making authority to the Head of Planning to determine the relevant planning applications as referred in the report below.

2. BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL

2.1 As part of the ongoing programme to upgrade the existing housing stocks, Northampton Partnership Homes has submitted 7 planning applications proposing to install car park barriers to 7 existing car parks at St Luke's House, Lower Harding Street; Abbey House, Abbey Street; St John's House, St Andrews Street; St Barnabas House, Lower Harding Street; St Mark House, Herbert Street, St Stephens House, Grafton Street and Melbourne House, Melbourne Road.

2.2 The works relate to the installation of a hydraulic system with single access barrier to provide control access to the car parks to improve security. A similar proposal was approved by the Committee at the last meeting on 7th June 2018, at Woodstock, off Billing Road.

2.3 Although Northampton Partnership Homes is the Council's management agent, the parcels of land in question are owned by the Council.

2.4 Formal consultations for the applications are currently underway by means of site notices and the Ward Members have also been consulted.

- 2.5 The Council's Constitution requires that, as the land is owned by the Council, the planning applications should be determined by the Planning Committee. However, due to the volume of applications and the minor nature of the development proposals, it is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning to determine the applications, so that Planning Committee's time and resources could be used more effectively.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Due to the minor nature of the development proposals and the number of planning applications submitted, it is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Head of Planning to determine the applications following the expiration of the consultation period.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 N/2018/0678, 0684, 0685, 0686, 0691, 0732 and 0733.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 As referred in the report.

6. SUMMARY AND LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN

- 6.1 In reaching the attached recommendations regard has been given to securing the objectives, visions and priorities outlined in the Corporate Plan together with those of associated Frameworks and Strategies.