



Cabinet Member Report for Planning

Northampton Borough Council

22nd July 2019

Planning Policy

In response to the recent consultation on the submission draft of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2, the Council has received more than 600 comments from 90 different respondents. These responses will be taken into account in the next steps of the Local Plan process.

At the next meeting of Cabinet, approval is being sought for draft supplementary planning documents on parking, houses in multiple occupation and specialist accommodation to be published for consultation. Members will particularly welcome the supplementary planning document to change our HMO policy which reduces the concentration from 15% to 10% in a 50 metre radius.

Heritage

Works are continuing and progressing well on the sensitive repair of the Queen Eleanor Cross. The Local List Panel is continuing to have regular meetings and is working towards a full set of recommendations.

The Wootton Hall Park Tree Preservation Order has been reviewed and is now confirmed

Land Charges

The Council 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 2-3 working days.

The Council makes daily updates to the LLPG Property Gazetteer and this is reported on monthly we currently have a rating of Bronze which is an improvement since April of BNS when new criteria were added. The ratings are as below

BNS – Below national standard

ANS – Achieving national standard

Bronze

Silver

Gold

Development Management

Planning Permission N/2018/1783 and Listed Building Consent N/2018/1796 for the conversion and change of use of the former Balestra Bar at 4-5 The Parade to form restaurant and 69no. student flats on the upper floors were granted on 28th June 2019.

Planning Permission N/2018/1188 was granted for the demolition of an existing car home and erection of 10 no. houses with parking at 488 Kettering Road on 18th June 2019.

The Local Validation Requirements Documents were approved by the Planning Committee on 2nd July 2019, following public consultation.

Development Management continues to perform very well and has maintained 100% performance standard in terms of major, minor and other applications in June 2019.

Building Control

A total of 37 completion certificates were issued last month including the Richardson Mews Care Home Coach House and extension FP/2017/7 & RG/2018/209.

A total of 72 commencements of work were recorded last month including the Vulcan Works, 34-38 Guildhall Road FP/2018/685 and the erection of 21 new dwelling houses at Toms Close FP/2019/442.

A total of 57 Building Regulation applications were received, 276 site inspections carried out and 3 Dangerous Structures were reported and investigated.

100% of inspection requests received before 10.00am were completed on the same day.

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