



CABINET REPORT

Report Title	Greyfriars Site Development-Consultation Results
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Within Policy:	Yes
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Regeneration, Enterprise and Planning
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr Tim Hadland
Ward(s)	Castle

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides the outcome of the consultation carried out from 1 August to 5 September 2014 which will be used to help inform the future development of the Greyfriars site.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the consultation findings and agree that these should be included for consideration in the preparation of viable options and plans for the development of the Greyfriars site, in respect of retail and leisure use.
- 2.2 That a further progress report is presented to Cabinet in due course.

3. Background

- 3.1 The opening of North Gate Bus Station and planned demolition of Greyfriars, has made a 4 acre site available for development within a prime town centre location.
- 3.2 Following termination of the agreement with Legal & General to develop the Greyfriars complex, the Council has committed to lead the regeneration of the site.
- 3.3 In order to ensure as wide range of development options as possible, a public consultation was held during August and September 2014, to obtain views from the public and other interested parties on how the site should be developed in terms of its end use.

4 The Way Forward

- 4.1 Full details of the results of the consultation are contained in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The Appendix shows that there is substantial support for a wide range of retail and leisure options for the site. Comments include not only the aspiration for a new large store, but also for a variety of independent boutique style shops and cafes. The consultation also raised the need for adequate public transport links and this will be dealt with as part of the future planning for the site.

5 Choices (Options)

- 5.1 Cabinet should review the list of options and agree that these should receive further consideration in the preparation of viable plans for future development of the site.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Policy

- 6.1.1 Recommendations within this report are within current policies (Constitution).
- 6.1.2 The development of Greyfriars is part of the 2012-15 Corporate Plan, and forms part of the “Northampton Alive” strategy.

6.2 Resources and Risk

- 6.2.1 Suitable financial arrangements will need to be in place in order that development of the site can proceed. This will form part of a future Cabinet report.

6.3 Legal

- 6.3.1 There will need to be appropriate legal agreements in place to allow any future development to proceed. This will inform part of any future Cabinet report.

6.4 Equality and Health

- 6.4.1 This report forms part of the formal consultation process, and will be used to inform a future Impact Analysis once an option has been chosen and developed.
- 6.4.2 Any option chosen will support the Councils objective to promote equality and health.

6.5 Consultation

- 6.5.1 People were invited to submit ideas by visiting the public information event hosted in the Guildhall from 1 August to 5 September, or by completing an online form. The consultation was publicised through a press release and on the NBC website. 189 responses were received producing in excess of 300 separate comments and ideas. See Appendix 1.

6.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

- 6.6.1 Northampton Alive: A Vibrant Town.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Consultation results.

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Steve Boyes,
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