



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

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Town Centre Operations

The closure of Midsummer Meadow went as planned and the NHS major permit holders from that site were relocated to St Michaels.

St Michael's car park was fully relined and we took the opportunity to introduce more parent and child bays.

Concessionary parking was given to Northampton Fire Service in support of their 80th Anniversary open day on Upper Mounts

The Grosvenor Centre lift refurbishment continues and will be completed in time for Christmas shopping..

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The extension to the Outpost Café at the Skatepark was opened last month. This development was in response to the success of the original venture, and represents an excellent investment for the Council.

The Ark restaurant at Midsummer Meadow is under new management, and the business has got off to a good start.

N/2015/0438 – the planning application for redevelopment to provide new headquarters and other offices including parking at the Travis Perkins site, Lodge Way was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 28th of July.

The Brackmills South SUE (Hardingstone) public inquiry finished on the 30th of July and the Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that the Secretary of State will issue a decision on or before 1st of February 2016.

Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan. An examiner, Chris Collison has been appointed to assess the Plan. It is anticipated the Plan will be examined towards the end of the year.

Duston Neighbourhood Plan will go to a referendum on 5th November.

An application has been received for the new Aldi store off Queens Park Parade. PI/2015/511 - The proposal is for a single storey food store with associated parking.

Delapre Abbey – The project continues apace and is programmed to complete in July 2016. Works are progressing including works to the 18th Century Stable Block as well as the Billiard Room. Underpinning is now complete and mechanical & electrical installation is commencing. The external scaffolding will be removed in the near future, giving the first opportunity to see the cleaned and restored elevations.

Heritage Open Days take place from 10th to 13th September, and the locations open to the public include everything from ancient to Art Deco.

Abington Street – four planters are complete with planting to be completed 2nd September. Three additional planters will be installed in due course.

Castle Station – the demolition and subsequent works to the new taxi rank is progressing.

Four Waterside – preparatory works continue and designs for revised road layout has been agreed with NCC. These works are now in the planning stages.

Greyfriars – The demolition works are complete. These were completed within the expected timeframe. The marketing of the site has now begun. An advert has recently appeared in the Property Press, and the initial response has been excellent. The next stage is for initial expressions of interest to be returned by 9th October 2015.

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