



## Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 23 January 2017

### Town Centre

#### Parking

The overall parking total for the period April – December was 2,064,621, an increase of 73198 (3.72%) in comparison with the same period in 2015.

The two hour free parking in the council's multi-storey car parks in the same period saw an increase of 81,681 (11.7%) in comparison with the same period in 2015.

#### Footfall

Footfall in the town centre for December was 1,566,315 an increase of 39,341 (2.57%) in comparison with the same period in 2015.

This is much better than the national picture, where decreases have been the norm.

Overall for the whole year 2016 footfall figures show 15,881,235 visitors to the town centre an increase of 578,999 (3.78%) in comparison with 2015.

#### Planning

##### Local Plan Part 2

The Local Plan Advisory Group has been meeting weekly as the issues are considered for each policy heading.

Work on the Draft Policies is proceeding well

##### Applications and Permission

- Former Green Oaks Primary School – Residential development of 82 dwellings. Committee approved in principle at December's committee subject to completion of S106.
- United Trades Club, Balmoral Road – Three residential buildings comprising total of 80 specialised supported living apartments. Committee approved in principle at December's committee subject to completion of S106.
- Milton Ham – Public Inquiry took place, last week of November/beginning of December. Lasted 5 days. Awaiting confirmation that the Inquiry is closed from Inspector.
- S106 agreements signed and decisions issued on the following:
  - Former Bective Middle School – Erection of 100 pupil all through 3 to 18 years special school. Issued on 23/12/16
  - Brackmills Point (Land South of Bedford Road, Lilliput Road) – Construction of two warehouse and distribution units with ancillary office accommodation. Issued 22/12/16.
- Vulcan Works and Former Amalgamated Tyres site - Planning and Listed Building applications received for development of site for the University of Northampton's Institute for Creative Leather Technology & Leather Conservation Centre and to provide lettable

units for creative industries (Vulcan Works) and 4-storey building to provide shared office space and rooms for small and medium enterprise (Amalgamated Tyres site)

- Lakeview House – planning application received 21/12/16 for development of 45 no. 1 bedroom flats for the elderly.

### **Kingsthorpe Conservation Areas**

The public consultation relating to the Kingsthorpe Conservation Area reviews has ended and a report relating to the comments received and the revised appraisals will be considered by Cabinet on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

The Growing Together Neighbourhood Plan Referendum will be held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

### **Business Incentive Scheme**

31 Businesses have been supported, creating 253 jobs and leveraging £1.3 million private sector investment.

The Rail Enhancement (Graffiti paint over) project has been completed, resulting in an improved impression of the Town when arriving by train.

### **St Giles Street**

Additional bollards have been installed to prevent irresponsible parking and to assist with traffic flow.

### **Delapre**

The necessary legal documents which will govern the relationship between the Council and DAPT in the future were finally concluded just before Christmas, and this enabled DAPT to proceed to submit their application to the HLF Resilience fund.

The main contract is nearing completion, and arrangements for the commissioning and opening of this exciting Heritage are moving forward.

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