



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

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Planning

Development and Building Control

Planning permission for application N/2015/1454 (development of site for 235 dwellings and restoration of clock tower) at St Crispin was issued on the 8th of May, following finalisation of the S106 agreement.

Planning and Listed Building Consent applications N/2016/1428 and N/2016/1388 for the development of a creative industrial hub at Vulcan Works 34-38 Guildhall Road have been granted permission following approval by the Planning Committee in April 2017.

Planning application N/2016/1425 (new four storey building to provide shared office space and creative new small medium sized enterprises) at Linnells Motors, Fetter Street was approved by the Planning Committee in April 2017.

Planning permission for application N/2016/1091 (development of 80 specialised supported living apartments) at United Trades Club, Balmoral Road issued on 28th April 2017, following finalisation of the S106 agreement.

Planning application N/2016/1050 (construction of a Lidl Store at 9-15 Gambrel Road) was approved in principle, subject to a legal agreement, by the Planning Committee on 9th of May 2017.

Building Control is now registered with the Planning Portal therefore Building Regulation applications can now be submitted electronically via the Portal.

The following Full plan applications have been received this month:

- FP/2017/409 Alterations to existing retail unit to provide new retail, storage and staff administration areas at Unit A2B , 6 - 7 Fairground Way.
- FP/2017/597 Erection of 44 apartments with associated parking and landscaping at Victoria Business Park, St James Park Road
- FP/2017/566 Proposed 2no. 1 bedroom apartments at Land Rear Of , 122 St Georges Avenue, Northampton.

- FP/2017/543 - Redevelopment of land to provide 45no. 1 bedroom flats for the elderly with associated facilities, demolition of 10no existing garages to the north of site to create overall 31no car parking bays (inc
- . 3 acc. bays).
Creation of new access into Shap Green at Lakeview House Old Persons Home, 88 Churchill Avenue.

Planning Policy

Local Plan Part 2

The planning policy team is making good progress in assessing housing and employment sites for inclusion in the Sites Consultation, which will take place later in the summer

Enterprise

Business Incentive Scheme

In the 2016-2017 financial year the Business Incentive Scheme supported 33 businesses, creating 269 jobs and leveraging over £1.3m in private sector investment. 2017-2018 funds have already seen 9 applications committed to funding with several in the pipeline over the coming months.

Networking events

The second Wellingborough Road business breakfast was held on 5th May at Dapper Sandwich. More new business faces were present with the Police and Retail Crime Initiative on the agenda.

A second Enterprise Zone Breakfast meeting took place on 25th May at Longthorne Gunmakers, aiming to encourage collaboration and sense of identity amongst the businesses. Attendance was excellent.

Regeneration

Upton Country Park

Work is starting to take shape to deliver Phase 2 of Upton Country Park to provide better access linking new paths to existing, provide new signage and interpretations and encouraging education around biodiversity in the area. Surveys will start taking place in the coming weeks.

Street lights

Work continues on NBC Street lighting ensuring all are registered and maintained. Options will be considered later in the year.

Castle Project

The expanded Virtual reality app will be completed by end of June. The survey work on the Castle area using Ground penetrating radar has been completed and the results are awaited.

Town Centre Signage

The designs have been completed and work will begin shortly.

Assets**Recent work has included:-**

- Installation of a new insulated roof to the kitchen at Semilong Community Centre.
- New LED lighting and controls to the Mayorhold MSCP.
- Commissioned feasibility report concerning the plant room at the Guildhall.
- Repairs to the Royal Theatre roof.
- Investigations into path edge slippage into the main Abington Park Lake.
- Preparatory work for concrete repairs at the Grosvenor MSCP during June and July.

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