



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

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Town Centre Operations

From 1 April to 31 October 2017 the Saturday free parking figures in the council's multi-storey car parks showed 254,274 visitors taking advantage of the free parking offer.

In the same period, the two hour free parking figures show 602,960 visitors taking advantage with 75% of visitors using the Mayorhold and Grosvenor car parks.

The total parking figures for the period 1 April – 31 October 2017 show 1,596,283 visitors accessing the council's multi-storey and surface car parks.

The footfall figures for October show 1,426,913 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square which is a fall of 4.8% in comparison with the same period in 2016. Overall footfall figures for April – October 2017 in Abington Street and Market Square have reached 12,032,723.

Regeneration

Horizon House

The purchase of the Horizon House site from National Grid has been completed. An extensive range of security measures has been installed. These include intruder/fire and flood detection to the building and a hydrogen fuel cell powered CCTV towers in the grounds.

Preparations for the Development of the site as the Headquarters of Northampton Partnership Homes Office are progressing well.

Queen Eleanor Cross

Cliveden Conservation have carried out a condition survey and minor maintenance works. We are awaiting full report and recommendations for future works.

Delapre Abbey

Construction work, including repairs to the Lodge and the new Car Park are progressing well.

Miscellaneous works

Far Cotton Recreation Centre: Upgrading of CCTV installation.

Albion House: Clearance of weeds etc to grounds.

Guildhall: Fire Risk Assessment.

Billing Brook Lakes: Procurement Stage.

Vulcan Works

Asbestos has been removed from Amalgamated Tyres ahead of demolition which is scheduled for the end of January

St. James Mill Road

Ground Investigation Surveys will be completed by January 2018, and design work is progressing

The Planning Application expected for February 2018.

Business Incentive Scheme

No Change – There have been no Boards since the last update.

16 Businesses have been supported to date this year.

This support has leveraged nearly £900,000 private sector investment and created 52 jobs.

Planning

Local Plan Part 2: Sites Consultation (October – November 2017):

Members of the public, businesses and other organisations were asked for their views on a host of sites put forward for development as part of the Local Plan Part 2: Sites Consultation. Last year the Borough Council carried out a call for sites, seeking those who owned property and land across the Borough with development potential to come forward. The Consultation which closed on 13th November 2017, gave members of the local community the opportunity to comment on whether development would be appropriate in these areas and, if so, what type they would like to see. The outcome of this consultation and further work will now be considered before any decisions are made about the future of these sites.

Development Control

N/2015/0872 – S106 has now been completed and planning permission issued for the outline planning application N/2015/0872 for the development of 34 dwellings on land off Banbury Lane.

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