

## Response to the Core Questions from the Head of Planning, NBC

1 Please provide information of the work being undertaken by:

The University of Northampton, Northampton Borough Council (NBC), and other partners to support the relocation of the University (specific organisation to be put to the specific expert advisor e.g NBC to the Cabinet Member)

The Planning Service has worked closely with the University to ensure that the new campus has been approved and met all planning requirements to create a sustainable and viable development. It is also continuing to work with the University in relation to the regeneration of the existing campus sites, including maximising the value of those in order to support the relocation. The Council has also recently commissioned a Retail and Leisure study, which will act as a pre-relocation benchmark upon which the impact of the relocation can be assessed over time.

2 Please provide your opinion on the social, cultural, physical, economic and environmental effects of the move of the University. Please can you aim to keep your response to this question to a maximum of 250 words

The development of the new campus offers the chance to make a significant contribution to the long term viability of Northampton town centre, encouraging a variety of retail and leisure uses, and encouraging investment. Bringing more students into the town will develop the evening and leisure economies, as well as promoting retailers who want to capitalise on the potentially greater spend available.

3 Please provide your views on the positive impact and challenges, across the various areas of the town, in respect of the move of the University. (NB the various areas such as town centre, Bedford Road, Far Cotton, Beckett's Park, Avenue Campus, Park Campus, Kingsthorpe village will be included in this core question to the relevant expert advisor)

In planning terms, the relocation of the campus has already had an impact on the demand for and distribution of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) across the town. In particular, Far Cotton and Delapre have seen significant increases in the number of HMOs, both before and after the introduction of the Article 4 area, which now requires planning applications for these changes of use. This has led to regular determinations of planning applications at Committee, and consideration of the impact of these on existing communities, and other matters including parking provision, amenity issues and changes in demand on Council services.

4 Do you have any other information, concerns or suggestions you wish to raise in relation to the move of the University of Northampton?