



NORTHAMPTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

### SCRUTINY PANEL 2 – The Move of the University of Northampton

The Scrutiny Panel is currently undertaking a review: The Move of the University of Northampton

The purpose of the Review is to review the impact on the town and local areas; including student accommodation

#### CORE QUESTIONS:

A series of key questions have been put together to inform the evidence base of the Scrutiny Panel:

- 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*)

- 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*

*Whilst I understand the need for security, the amount of light pollution coming from this site has dramatically increased. This will be further increased when the planned housing development takes place. Delapre park has a lot of wildlife, such as bats, owls, foxes, monk jack deer, much of which is nocturnal and some of which is also protected. I would suggest that advice needs to be sought as to long term impact from light pollution on the wildlife.*

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- 4 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)*

*I can comment here as follows*

*As a resident of Delapre Park, we have seen an increase in Anti-Social Behaviour, examples of this have been what appear to have been using the university grounds and Ramsome road as a circuit for motor cycle riding, the last instance was week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.*

*We also had fireworks being let off at the lake end of the park, not on the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018, this is illegal in a NBC park. As the chair of Delapre PMC we have asked that students be made aware of the Park rules that exist not only for their own safety, but also to protect the parkland. Has this been done ?*

*I have attended several meetings of local residents both in my capacity as a resident and as Chair of Northampton Neighbourhood Watch. I have listened to many concerns expressed by residents over issues such as*

- parking in the wider area in general, and more specifically in the streets surrounding the university. Parking is already a problem with many town centre workers and station users parking in the local streets. How this facility could have been allowed to have been developed with no parking facility for students or allowing buses to turn around on site, needs to be addressed.*
- Anti-Social Behaviour, including verbal abuse and excessive noise, from students returning from the town centre.*
- If the main entrance was to have been from Bedford Road, why is so much vehicular traffic being directed to use the entrance off New South Bridge Road. ?*

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