

Planning Policy

Public consultation on the revised Submission Draft of the Local Plan Part 2, Policies Map and Sustainability Appraisal started on 13th July for a six-week period ending at 5pm on Monday 24th August. The Plan is available to view on the Council's website and residents can also request access to a hard copy at the Guildhall.

Heritage

The team has continued to deal with all Development Management consultations relating to heritage and trees to time. All applications relating to Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas have also been dealt with to time. Work on the local list continues and is progressing well.

Development Management

- Planning application N/2019/0612 for the erection of purpose built student accommodation (347 no. rooms with 356 no. bed-spaces) with ancillary student hub was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 19th May 2020, subject to a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2019/1356 for the removal of existing internal unit division to create open floors at ground and first floor. Change of use of open ground and first floors to flexible multi-class uses of retail (Use Class A1), financial and professional services (Use Class A2), restaurant/cafe (Use Class A3), drinking establishment (Use Class A4) and hot food takeaway (Use Class A5) inclusive and Leisure (Use Class D2). Change of use of second floor from Retail (Use Class A1) to Hotel (Use Class C1). Alteration to shop front on Abington Street and part removal of atrium roof at roof level at Market Walk Shopping Centre, Market Square was approved on 15th May 2020.
- Outline planning application N/2018/0351 for the demolition of part of existing Plough Hotel and erection of a 35no. serviced apartment building (Use Class C1), at Plough Hotel, Bridge Street was approved on 19th June 2020.
- Planning application N/2020/0155 for the proposed extension of Northampton General Hospital to provide new entrance, retail and reception provision, realigned private road and rearranged parking layout was approved on 22nd June 2020.
- 100% performance for major, minor and other applications in May to June 2020.

Building Control

- Received 13 Full plan application May 2020.
- Received 29 Building Notices May 2020.
- Received and actioned 4 Dangerous Structures reports May 2020.
- Received to 37 notifications for the commencement of work May 2020
- Issued to date 26 completion certificates May 2020

- To date carried out 158 inspections (including virtual inspections) May 2020.100% of inspections booked on the same day have been carried out (including virtual inspections) in May 2020

Land Charges

We have a standard KPI which we are not required to report on to return local search within 10 working days, which we have met returning searches in 2-3 working days. We make daily updates to the LLPG (local land and property gazetteer) which feeds into all property data bases within NBC and externally to Police, Fire service etc. this is reported on monthly by a central hub. We currently have a rating of ANS (achieving national standard) which reflects the fact we have some property data to update following the addition of new criteria in April 2020.

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