

Planning Policy

Officers are continuing consideration of the comments received in response to the Local Plan Part 2 consultation. Cabinet agreed an update to the Local Development Scheme on the 14th October.

Following the member workshop of 16th September on changes to the planning system, the Planning Policy team have sent to MHCLG responses to the Planning for the Future White Paper and the Changes to the Current Planning System consultation. A briefing session was held for members on the 16th September.

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 to be progressed.

Planning (Development Management)

- Planning application N/2020/0399 for the redevelopment of the site to provide a 56-bed care home for the elderly with car parking at 486-492 Kettering Road was approved by the Planning Committee on 7th July 2020.
- Planning application N/2019/1277 for the variation of planning conditions for the proposed residential development of 139 dwellings off Lancaster Way was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 28th July 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2020/0458 for the variation of planning conditions for the proposed development of a distribution centre (Use Class B8) at Milton Ham Farm, Towcester Road was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 28th July 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2019/0755 for the conversion and extension of Belgrave House, Greyfriars to provide 122 apartments was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 28th July 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- 100% performance for major and minor applications for July and August; 96.5% for other applications in July and 100% for other applications in August.

Building Control

- Received 26 Full plan application between August and September 2020.
- Received 91 Building Notices between August and September 2020.
- Received 18 Regularisation applications between August and September 2020.
- Received and actioned 8 Dangerous Structures reports between August and September 2020.
- Received 154 notifications for the commencement of work between August and September 2020.
- Issued 63 completion certificates between August and September 2020.
- Carried out 723 inspections (including some virtual inspections) between August and September 2020.
- 100% of inspections booked on the same day have been carried out (including some virtual inspections) between August and September 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 Bronze which shows we have made a number of property updates following the addition of new criteria in April 2020.

The ratings are as below

BNS – Below national standard
ANS – Achieving national standard
Bronze
Silver
Gold

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