

Planning Policy

The planning team have been working on the supporting documents that need to accompany the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 if it is agreed that the Council should submit it to the Secretary of State.

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.

A new Article 4 Direction for the Barrack Road Conservation Area was confirmed at the 16th December meeting of Cabinet. This applies to all properties and takes away certain permitted development rights.

Work on the local list continues to be progressed.

Planning (Development Management)

- Planning application N/2019/1055 for the proposed construction of 22 no. self-contained apartments with associated storage and external amenity was approved by the Planning Committee on 27th October 2020.
- Planning application N/2019/1063 for the variation of planning conditions in relation to the development for the erection of 40 no. dwellings including car parking and retail space at the former Sofa King Premise, Tivoli House, Towcester Road was approved in principle for the Planning Committee on 27th October 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Hybrid planning application N/2016/0810 for the development of up to 170 new dwellings for the conversion and extension of the existing buildings at the University of Northampton Avenue Campus, St Georges Avenue was approved in principle for the Planning Committee on 24th November 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- Planning application N/2019/0612 for the erection of purpose built student accommodation comprising 347 rooms with 356 bed-spaces including refurbishment and change of use of listed building to provide ancillary student hub was approved in principle for the Planning Committee on 24th November 2020, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations.
- 100% performance for major, minor and other applications in September to November 2020.

Building Control

- Received 21 Full plan application between October and November 2020.
- Received 93 Building Notices between October and November 2020.
- Received 14 Regularisation applications between October and November 2020.
- Received and actioned 4 Dangerous Structures reports between October and November 2020.
- Received 186 notifications for the commencement of work between October and November 2020
- Issued 152 completion certificates between October and November 2020
- Carried out 864 inspections (including some virtual inspections) between October and November 2020.
- 100% of inspections booked on the same day have been carried out (including some virtual inspections) between October and November 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 4-6 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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