



Northampton TOWN COUNCIL

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PLANNING COMMITTEE – 6th FEBRUARY 2023 – 18:00

To: Members of the Planning Committee:

Councillors Connolly (Chair), Russell (Deputy Chair), Choudary, Brown, Fuchshuber, Haque, Ismail, Lane, Meredith, Miah, Purser, Stevens

Cc'd to all councillors electronically for information

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Planning Committee of Northampton Town Council to be held in the Town Council Committee Room at Northampton Guildhall on Monday 6th February 2023 at 18.00

This meeting is open to the public and press to attend and those attending the meeting shall be informed that they may be recorded. Public participation is in accordance with the Town Council's public participation policy.

Stuart Carter
Town Clerk
1st February 2023

Guildhall
Northampton
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PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2023 AT 6PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM OF THE NORTHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ROOM IN THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON

PRESENT: Councillors Connolly (Chair), Fuchshuber, Haque, Meredith and Purser

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mr S Carter (Town Clerk) and Miss F Barford (Democratic Services Officer)

7. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Choudary, Ismail, Lane and Stevens.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declaration of interests were submitted.

9. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2022

The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 5th December 2022 as a true and accurate record.

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF NORTHAMPTON AS NOTIFIED BY WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (THE PLANNING AUTHORITY)

Town Clerk's note: The applications listed below are the planning consultations received from West Northamptonshire Council the planning authority. Due to the volume, it was requested the Councillors call-in applications they wish to discuss.

Application No	Site Address and Proposal	Comments
1. WNN/2022/1320	Mayleigh House Kettering Road North, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6HF Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission N/2020/1421 (Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a discount foodstore (Use Class E), with associated car parking, access, landscaping and associated engineering works) to amend height and size of the proposed building, revise canopy design and reduce number of parking spaces	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

<p>2. WNN/2022/1281</p>	<p>Amd Motors, 92 100 Earl Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3AX NEW DETACHED COMMERCIAL UNIT TO BE USED FOR VEHICLE REPAIRS</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council's Planning Committee are supportive of this proposal which will enhance what is an untidy area.</p> <p>The Town Council see an opportunity to enhance the area further through landscaping and the planting of suitable trees, shrubs, bushes etc on the curtilage of this proposal. This would enhance the appearance and also improve the environment for both residents and wildlife.</p> <p>The Town Council would ask that some sort of provision for landscaping as stated be part of the planning conditions.</p>
<p>3. WNN/2022/1206</p>	<p>34 Broadway, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4SF Single storey rear extension</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>4. WNN/2022/1310</p>	<p>Thoroughfare Frances Jetty, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Installation of metal gates at each end of Francis Jetty to prevent access</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>5. WNN/2022/1322</p>	<p>Land At Chipsey Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of installation of 1no 20m telecommunications streetworks pole, 1no equipment cabinet, 1no meter cabinet and associated ancillary development</p>	<p>The Planning Committee commented that the cabinets associated with the monopole be a dark green colour to blend with the street scene.</p>
<p>6. WNN/2022/1323</p>	<p>23 Tyes Court, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 8LW Installation of PVC window into flat wall by creating an aperture where one does not currently exist</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>7. WNN/2022/1315</p>	<p>8 Churchill Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6NY Single storey side extension</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>8. WNN/2022/1336</p>	<p>3 Unit 2 Kingsfield Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7QS Two storey side extension and new windows to rear elevation along with internal alterations</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>9. WNN/2022/1337</p>	<p>14 Portland Place, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4DH Single storey front and rear extension</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>

10. WNN/2022/1303	162 Weedon Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5DA Demolition of existing garage to create new garage with gym	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
		Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
11. WNN/2022/1338	Basement, 232 234 Wellingborough Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4EJ Change of Use from Basement Drinking Establishment (Use Class E) to Tattoo Studio (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
12. WNN/2022/1200	Land Adj To, 24 Church Lane, Little Billing, Northampton, Northamptonshire Construction of new two bedroom dwelling	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
13. WNN/2022/1335	57 Fulford Drive, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7NU Variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission WNN/2022/1051 (Ground floor rear extension, conversion of existing garage into new living space and introduction of new window to front elevation of existing dwelling) to change external finishes of alteration to front elevation and existing garage and new extension to rendered blockwork painted white to match rendering to front elevation	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
14. WNN/2022/1333	Land At Bedford Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of Telecommunications Installation, to include proposed 20m high 'slim line' phase 8 monopole c/w wraparound cabinet at base, 3no additional ancillary equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
15. WNN/2022/1329	4 Sheep Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2LU Change of Use from Retail Shop (Use Class E) to Hot Food Takeaway (sui generis) and to reinstate shop front to same style as existing and removal of shutter box	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
16. WNN/2022/1206	Land Rear Of 82 Kingsley Park Terrace, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7HJ Residential development of 4no terraced dwellings	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

17. WNN/2022/1326	99 Kingsley Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7BT Installation of dropped kerb at front to enable access for parking at the front of property	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
18. WNN/2022/1341	Land At Lindsay Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of 5G Telecoms Installation, to include H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets	<p>The Town Council's Planning Committee to object to the 5G mast at Lindsay Avenue and recommend that this be refused .</p> <p>The committee are of the opinion that this mast would not be in keeping and would be overbearing too the neighbouring properties. This area is predominantly residential and this mast would have a detrimental effect on the appearance and character of this area. It is also noted that this mast would be in close proximity to a property.</p>
19. WNN/2022/1286	12 13 Tyres Northampton Ltd Tyne Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5AF Single storey extension and replacement and raising of existing roof	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
20. WNN/2022/1349 21. WNN/2022/1348	Unit 1, 17 City Buildings Fish Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2AA Listed Building Consent Application for Change of Use from Restaurant (Use Class E(b)) to Bar (Sui Generis)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
22. WNN/2022/1357 23. WNN/2022/1229	4 St Giles Terrace, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2BN Listed Building Consent Application for Change of Use from Office (Use Class E) to 1no Basement Flat (Use Class C3) and 3no Studio Flats for two occupants each within a House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
24. WNN/2022/1342	Land At Charnwood Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of 5G Telecoms Installation, to include H3G 15m street pole and additional equipment cabinets	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
25. WNN/2022/1346	Third Floor, 56 Sheep Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2LZ	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

	Prior Notification of Change of Use from Offices (Use Class E) to 1no one bedroom Flat (Use Class C3)	
26. WNN/2022/1352	4A The Drive, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4RY Erection of fencing and electric gates	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
27. WNN/2022/1350	16 Humber Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7PA Outdoor covered area attached to dwelling at the rear and side	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
28. WNN/2022/1345	7 Wessex Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2SS Two storey side extension, adding two additional bedrooms to the property	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
29. WNN/2022/1359	19 York Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5QG Replacement of existing front entrance door	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
30. WNN/2022/1370	24 Guildhall Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1DN Change of window colour and windows to be refurbished	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
31. WNN/2022/1366	Cynthia Spencer House, Manfield Health Campus Kettering Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6NP New Therapy Room	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
32. WNN/2022/1368	Parsonsons, 195 201 Wellingborough Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4ED Change of Use from Existing First Floor Retail Unit (Use Class E) to 8no Flats (Use Class C3)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
33. WNN/2022/1375	Lock Up Garages Upper Thrift Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Variation of Condition 2 and 4 and Removal of Condition 9 of Planning Permission WNN/2021/1048 (Proposed demolition of 22 garages and the construction of 2no dwellings) to add 2no parking spaces, amend boundary treatments and remove requirement for obscured glass to bathroom rooflights as the bottom of rooflight is 2.1m above floor level	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
34. WNN/2022/1374	457 Kettering Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6QU Demolition of existing garage and store to rear and construction of new single storey rear extension together with internal alterations to create 2no flats	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

<p>35. WNN/2022/1380</p>	<p>Allen Ford Riverside Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5NX External alterations including change from 2no shutter doors to 1no larger shutter door</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>36. WNN/2022/1362</p>	<p>184 Birchfield Road East, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2HG Demolish existing derelict buildings/stores/garage to the rear of 182 and 184 Birchfield Road East and construction of new office / retail space</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>37. WNN/2022/1264</p>	<p>19 Hawksmoor Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7RF Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) maximum 4 occupants</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>38. WNN/2022/1355</p>	<p>119 Fullingdale Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2QF Proposed single storey rear extension and double storey side extension. Proposed front porch.</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>39. WNN/2022/1372</p>	<p>Land At Montague Crescent, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Residential development of 8no dwellings, comprising 3no two bedroom bungalows, 3no three bedroom dwellings and 2no four bedroom dwellings, with associated parking</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>40. WNN/2022/1387</p>	<p>Orange Nhs 0087 Mast Edgemoad Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of removal of 2no telecommunication base stations on 2no masts (1no15m and 1no 20m in height) and the consolidation of equipment on to 1no 30m lattice tower. The new tower will include the relocation of 12no antenna on to 2no new ring frames which will be attached to 1no proposed 30m tower. In addition, to the erection of the perimeter fence and ancillary development thereto</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>
<p>41. WNN/2022/1379</p>	<p>51 Sandringham Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5NA</p>	<p>Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.</p>

	Loft conversion to bedroom and ensuite and new staircase from first floor to loft space	
42. WNN/2022/1381	55 Five Acres Fold, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 8TQ Extension of existing front porch	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
43. Wnn/2022/1384	377 Billing Road East, Single storey rear extension and front porch	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
44. Wnn/2022/0407	21B Gold Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1RA Change of Use from 4 bed flat (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 5 occupants	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
45. WNN/2022/1305	12 Watermeadow Drive, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 8PL Front brick retaining wall and drive	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
46. WNN/2022/1376	Land Adj To Car Park, Oriental Paradise Restaurant The Causeway, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Erection of 1no Commercial Unit for all of the Class E building types/uses	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
47. WNN/23022/1388	12 Welland Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7NB Side extension and conversion of existing outbuilding	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
48. WNN/2022/0410	Market Walk Shopping Centre Market Square, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Change of Uses previously granted under planning to incorporate Flexible Retail Use on Level One, a Pod Hotel on Level 2 and new Residential Uses on Levels 2 and 3 with additional new built Levels 4 and 5 to provide solely Residential Accommodation	The Planning Committee commented that they appreciated the retails spaces included within the proposed development however, concerns were raised over the height of the development and whether this would be in keeping with the street scene.
49. WNN/2022/1390 50. WNN/2022/1389	2A Old Vicarage House Dallington Green, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7HW Listed Building Consent Application for single storey side extension to extend an existing kitchen space using similar materials and style as existing dwelling	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
51. WNN/2023/0003	270 The Headlands, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2NT Single storey rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
52. WNN/2023/0008	7 Neale Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3DB	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

	First floor extension and ground floor extensions with partial change of external finish to render and new external door and window openings	
53. WNN/2022/0004	35 The Headlands, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2PB Hip to gable loft conversion with dormer to rear elevation	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
54. WNN/2023/0007	25 Parracombe Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3ND Extension to existing rear dormer	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
55. WNN/2023/0006	72 Maidencastle, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 8EJ Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 6 occupants	The Planning Committee objected to this proposed development citing it would cause a loss of a family home in a street with 4 HMOs already in-situ. Furthermore, the Committee commented that it would exacerbate highway issues within the area further and the development does not include en-suite facilities that the Town Council believe should be standard within HMOs.
56. WNN/2023/0010	65 Weedon Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5BG Prior Notification of Change of Use from Physiotherapy/Office (Use Class E) to Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3)	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
57. WNN/2023/0011	47 Spinney Hill Crescent, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6DL Single storey extension over existing adjoined garage	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
58. WNN/2022/1391	Dallington Grange Mill Lane, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7PZ Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to Outline Planning Permission N/2014/1429 for 264 no dwellings on Phase 1B (part of) Dallington Grange and approval of conditions 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 24, 29, 30, 39, 40 and 41 of N/2014/1429	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
59. WNN/2023/0005	9 Woodland Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2BY Change of use to Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3), including retrospective permission for Prayer Room and construction of ground floor rear extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

60. WNN/2023/0018	1 3 Dayspring House Hester Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6AP New four bedroom end of terrace house	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
61. WNN/2023/0012	255 Kettering Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7DU Single storey front extension and first floor side extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
62. WNN/2023/0039	13 Greville Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6BY Erection of railing barrier on existing rear flat roof extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
63. WNN/2023/0036	65 Lindsay Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2LY Two storey side and single storey rear/front extension	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
64. WNN/2022/1332	3 George Row, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1DF Change of Use from Cafe (Use Class E) to Take Away Food Sales (Sui Generis) and frontage alteration	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
65. WNN/2023/0035	83 Baker Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6DH Change of Use from Dwelling House (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 3 occupants Details	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.
66. WNN/2022/1334	Kings Heath Baptist Church Welland Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7NB Adaptation of grass verge area into permeable car park - access from Derwent Drive	Northampton Town Council made no comment on this application.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE COMMITTEE SHOULD LOOK AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS – CLLR PURSER’S REPORT

Councillor Purser explained that Neighbourhood Plans were a means of improving an area and ensuring the local communities’ views were considered when the principal authority review applications within their area. Councillor Purser continued stating that Spring Borough and Semilong had embarked on formulating a Neighbourhood Plans, therefore if the Town Council agreed to undertake this project it could focus on either a Town Plan excluding area who have one in place or select a specific ward or area.

Councillor Purser highlighted a Town Plan would be an ambitious task and would be more generic to encapsulate a variety of issues whereas, focusing on a specific ward or area would enable more details to be included. Councillor Purser stated that a Planning Consultant would be needed to provide expertise and potentially identify suitable areas.

A Councillor raised that a Neighbourhood Plan was completed within his ward and had enabled green spaces to be safeguarded from developments that residents disagreed with. The Town Clerk explained he discovered whilst on trip to Weymouth Town Council they had implemented a Town Plan focused on employment and economic growth. The Town Clerk added, that a potential starting point would be identifying any assets or area of concern within the Northampton Town Council boundaries.

A Councillor posed whether Paul Everard (West Northamptonshire Council, Planning Officer) be consulted on any local planning consultants who could potentially be utilised and provide expertise. It was suggested by a Councillor that a working group be created to focus on Neighbourhood Plan.

AGREED: It was agreed a Neighbourhood Plan Working Group be created with Councillor Purser as Chair and Councillors Connolly and Meredith would attend as representatives of the Planning Committee.

MEETING CONCLUDED 7:03PM

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH OF NORTHAMPTON AS NOTIFIED BY WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL (THE PLANNING AUTHORITY)

Application No	Site Address and Proposal
1. WNN/2023/0038	38 Northwood Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2LR Two storey rear extension
2. WNN/2022/1392	18 Gray Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3QQ Ground floor internal alterations to include single storey rear extensions
3. WNN/2023/0040	128 Broadway East, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2PR Single storey addition
4. WNN/2023/0045	11 Fullingdale Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2PZ Two storey rear extension and first floor side extension
5. WNN/2023/0049	Flat 2, The Gallery Market Square, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2DL Replacement of existing rotten first floor wooden sash window and existing wooden bay window to be removed and replaced with a visually identical wooden double glazed bay window
6. WNN/2023/0025	23 Oundle Drive, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 7DB Single storey side extension
7. WNN/2022/0618 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	20 Sazerac Restaurant Charmark House Castilian Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1JX Construction of additional storey to create 2no flats
8. WNN/2023/0057 WNN/2023/0105 (LB)	20 26 St Michaels Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3JU Replacement of all external doors and windows to aluminium and finish in matt black
9. WNN/2021/0777 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	206 Kingsley Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7BU Development of 2no one-bedroom apartments within roof space of previously approved building for 7no one-bedroom apartments to provide 9 apartments in total
10. WNN/2023/0058	113 Adnitt Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4NQ Reduce size of Takeaway and form 1no Bedroom Flat and retain existing Flat
11. N/2021/0482 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	Plough Hotel Bridge Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1PF Variation of Condition 7 of Planning Permission N/2018/0351 (Outline planning application for the demolition of part of existing Plough Hotel and erection of a 35no serviced apartment building (Use Class C1) with landscaping reserved for future consideration) to allow for archaeological works to be undertaken safely once demolition has been completed

12. WNN/2023/0065	44 Brockton Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 6EQ Garage conversion and internal alterations
13. WNN/2023/0066	Land At Blackthorn Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire Prior Notification of proposed upgrade to the existing 11.79m High L30 Lamppost Pole. It is proposed to install 18.0m High Phase 7 Monopole complete with Wraparound Cabinet to be installed on root foundation and associated ancillary works
14. WNN/2022/1278	17 Favell Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3BZ Ground floor rear and side extension with first floor extension above existing front, with exterior to be cladded and rendered
15. WNN/2023/0052	30 Auctioneers Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1HF Change of Use from Dwelling house (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 4 occupants
16. WNN/2022/0638 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	31 Hamsterly Park, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 5DA Single storey rear extension
17. WNN/2023/0067	34 38 Vulcan Works Guildhall Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1EW Listed Building Consent Application for scheme to install internal and external signage to Vulcan Works
18. WNN/2023/0069	25 Fir Tree Walk, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3DS Single storey rear and side extension
19. WNN/2023/0009	58 Booth Rise, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6HR Demolition of 58 Booth Rise and erection of 15no Dwellings (Net increase of 14no Dwellings).
20. WNN/2023/0077	58 Churchill Avenue, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 6PF Single storey rear extension
21. WNN/2023/0076	19 Trevor Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 5PQ Hip to gable loft conversion with front and rear dormers
22. WNN/2023/0061	Toys R Us, St James Retail Park Towcester Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 1EE Shop front entrance relocated to front of retail unit, new plant zone, delivery platform and ramp to the rear and positions for new trolley bays
23. WNN/2022/0566 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	21 Portland Place, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4DH Garden shed/outbuilding for storage purpose and installation of back gate
24. WNN/2023/0014	242 Hazeldene Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN2 7NP New dwelling on land adjacent No 242 Hazeldene Road, to include modifications to existing vehicular access to rear and new vehicular crossover to front, providing off road parking for both new and existing dwellings
25. WNN/2022/1247	48 The Bold Dragoon Public House High Street, Weston Favell, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 3JW Single storey rear extension and car park re-arrangement, to provide additional restaurant and kitchen space, to include the

	demolition of existing conservatory and part of existing kitchen to facilitate the extension
26. WNN/2023/0083	<p>Car Park, Railway Station Black Lion Hill, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire</p> <p>Outline Planning Application for the Redevelopment of Land at Northampton Station. Phase 1 – Approval sought for details of all Reserved Matters for the construction of a Multi-Storey Car Park and public realm works including access road, footway, cycle ways, covered walkway, covered parking hub, motorcycle parking, accessible parking spaces, taxi waiting areas, turning areas, street furniture, vehicular set down/ pick-up point and bin storage. Phase 2 – Approval sought for details of means of access, scale and layout for the construction of a six storey residential block to accommodate a maximum of 280 units and approval details for means of access, scale and layout for the construction of a five storey hotel comprising a maximum of 100 rooms, associated ancillary accommodation, restaurant and associated parking and turning areas. Details of landscaping and appearance of Phase 2 buildings reserved for subsequent approval</p>
27. WNN/2023/0089	<p>14 Wantage Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4TH</p> <p>Change of Use of first floor from Ancillary Residential (Use Class C3) to Dental Use (Use Class E) in association with the existing ground floor Dental Practice</p>
28. WNN/2022/0181 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	<p>141 Wycliffe Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 5JJ</p> <p>Conversion of Dwellinghouse to House in Multiple Occupation (Sui Generis) for 7 occupants and 1no One Bed Ground Floor Flat (Use Class C3) with single storey flat roof rear extension, bin storage and alterations to fenestration</p>
29. WNN/2023/0084	<p>5 Wieland Nemco Pennard Close, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN4 7BE</p> <p>Prior Notification of installation of roof mounted 152W solar PV system comprising of 400 x Canadian Solar 380w modules</p>
30. WNN/2022/1334	<p>Kings Heath Baptist Church Welland Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN5 7NB</p> <p>Use of part of the church grounds for gravel car-parking for up to 30 cars.</p>
31. WNN/2022/0360 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	<p>83 Abington Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 2BH</p> <p>Creation of 1no additional student accommodation room within existing building</p>
32. WNN/2023/0086	<p>48 Clare Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3JF</p> <p>Change of Use from Office (Use Class E) to 2 Bedroom Dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated external alterations including basement light well</p>
33. WNN/2022/0560 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	<p>306 Wellingborough Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4EP</p> <p>Change of Use from Offices (Use Class E) to 4no Flats/Maisonettes (Use Class C3), including single storey rear</p>

	extension and second floor rear extension over outrigger/ associated alterations
34. WNN/2023/0080	28A Clare Street, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 3JF Change of Use of the Commercial part of the site (Use Class E(g)) to Residential Use (Use Class C3), including partial demolition and new building work to provide 3no Self-Contained Dwellings
35. WNN/2021/0727 (Planning Inspectorate Appeal)	Land Adj To 55 Church Way, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire New single storey dwelling with off road parking to front on land adjacent No 55 Church Way
36. WNN/2022/1306	88 Bush Hill, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 2PG Two bedroom single house with car park
37. WNN/2023/0088	6 Dairymeadow Court, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN3 8UP Change of Use from Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to House in Multiple Occupation (Use Class C4) for 5 occupants
38. WNN/2023/0033	162 Birchfield Road, -, Northampton, Northamptonshire, NN1 4RH Alterations to raise roof height, removal of chimney and internal amendments to proposed dwelling (Planning Permission Ref: N/2020/0555)

**WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL'S (WNC) DRAFT HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE
POLICY 2023 – CONSULTATION**

REPORT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To outline WNC's Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy and to enable the Council to provide comment(s) as a consultee.

RECOMMENDED: That the Council delegate the consultation to Councillors who are interested in the matter and would work with the Democratic Services Officer to formulate and provide a response.

WNC are undertaking an 8-week consultation from 30th January 2023 until 26th March 2023 on their Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy to which Northampton Town Council have been requested to comment on along with all Parish Councils that fall within WNC's boundaries. If the Policy were to be adopted and approved it would supersede current the policies of Daventry, Northampton and South Northants.

The policy would be applicable to new applicants and those renewing with some exceptions their Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver licenses.

Key details that the draft policy focus on include:

- Improved driver standards
- Strengthening the "fit and proper person test"
- A more rigorous convictions policy
- Mandatory safeguarding training
- Spoken English testing
- Driving standards training

WNC have requested the views of the public and the following consultees:

WNC Internal	External
School Transport	All Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers
Highways	All Private Operators
All Councillors	Hackney Carriage Association
Parish Councillors	Northants Police
	Northants Police and Crime Commissioner
	All Neighbouring Local Authorities
	Chamber of Commerce

The objectives behind the proposed policy are:

- a) The protection of the public
- b) The maintenance and development of professional and respected Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle trade
- c) Enabling access to an efficient and effective local transport service
- d) The protection of our local environment

e) To support all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle businesses by ensuring a consistent and fair approach.

As outlined within WNC's Draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2023 on Page 27 applicants must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Must be aged at least 21;*
- 2. Must have held a full (not provisional) valid driver's licence for at least 3 years. This must be a UK, Northern Ireland, EU or exchangeable licence. But before your licence is granted you must have a driving licence with your current address on it;*
- 3. Must have the right to live and work in the UK;*
- 4. Must be registered with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) for tax (in the case of a renewal) or must acknowledge the need to be registered for tax (new applicants).*
- 5. Must pass the approved driver skills assessment (this applies to all new applicants and all existing drivers who on renewal cannot demonstrate that they have passed any previous test to the same standard);*
- 6. Provide a medical certificate from a GP with access to full medical records;*
- 7. Pass the Council's approved knowledge test;*
- 8. Attend the Council approved child sexual abuse and exploitation (CSAE) and safeguarding training.*
- 9. Council approved vulnerability training*

The Draft Policy can be found via the following link:

<https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/draft-taxi-policy-2023/>