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**Sent:** 09 November 2017 10:27  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Re: Northampton Local Plan (Part 2) Sites Consultation: 2 October – 13 November 2017  
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Dear colleague

please find attached response to your sites consultation. Could you please acknowledge receipt. regards Dr Marie Dickie for FONC

On Wed, Oct 18, 2017 at 9:31 AM, Planning Policy [REDACTED] > wrote:

Dear Dr Dickie

Thank you for your email to Rob Thornhill dated 17 October. For your information:

- The sites in the consultation document are split into two sections. The first section relates to sites which warrant further investigation. At this stage, we are seeking views on what the proposed use(s) could be for these sites, which could include development and/ or protection. If you have views on their future uses, it would be very helpful if you could supply us with evidence to help inform our investigations further
- The second section of the consultation document relates to sites that do not require further investigation. However, if you have evidence as to why they should be or if you agree with our findings, please let us know
- The sites listed includes sites which were promoted through the Local Plan Call for Sites exercise undertaken in spring 2016. These include land owned by Northamptonshire County Council

I hope the above information is useful to you. We look forward to receiving your comments.

Kind regards

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**From:** Northampton Castle [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** 17 October 2017 11:02  
**To:** Planning Policy <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Re: Northampton Local Plan (Part 2) Sites Consultation: 2 October – 13 November 2017

Dear Rob

thank you for including FONC in this round of consultation re the Local Plan. We will be providing a response before the due date in November, but meanwhile could you clarify one or two things for us. Our understanding is that the sites listed should include both those proposed for development and those protected from development, as distinct from those that are simply seen as unsuitable in some way. Is that correct? You say that the sites listed are those offered up by developers plus local council owned property. Does that include NCC land? regards,

Dr Marie Dickie for FONC

On Wed, Sep 27, 2017 at 1:24 PM, Planning Policy <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I am writing to inform you that the Council is undertaking a Sites Consultation as part of the preparation of the Northampton Local Plan Part 2.

The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 will provide detailed planning policies and address the supply of sites for development as well as areas which should be protected. It must be in conformity with the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan Part 1. Once adopted, it will form part of the Development Plan for Northampton.

These consultation documents were prepared following a review and update of the Council's background evidence and consideration of the Issues and Options consultations undertaken in 2016, including a Call for Sites. The purpose of this current consultation is to gather views on the potential future uses of sites to deliver the strategy and development required in Part 1 of the Plan.

The consultation documents are subject to public consultation for six weeks from 2 October to 5pm on 13 November 2017. They can be viewed on the Council's website:  
[www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2sitesconsultation](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2sitesconsultation)

These documents can also be viewed at the Council's One Stop Shop at the Guildhall, local libraries and parish council offices in Northampton during their normal office hours.

Comments can be made in any of the following ways:

1. Complete an online questionnaire which is available on the Council's website at [www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2sitesconsultation](http://www.northampton.gov.uk/lp2sitesconsultation) (this is the Council's preferred option)

2. Download a comments form from the website and send the completed form:

- Electronically to: [REDACTED] or
- By post to: Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Sites Consultation, Planning Policy, Regeneration Enterprise and Planning Directorate, Northampton Borough Council, The Guildhall, St Giles Square, Northampton NN1 1DE

Please note that all comments must be received by **5pm on Monday 13 November 2017**.

Yours

Rob Thornhill

Planning Policy and Heritage Manager

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## Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Sites Consultation.

- We note that the sites in the consultation document are split into two sections. The first section relates to sites which warrant further investigation (appendix A to the document with another addendum). At this stage, NBC are seeking views on what the proposed use(s) could be for these sites, which could include development and/ or **protection**.
- The second section of the consultation document relates to sites that do not require further investigation (listed at appendix B to the same document) . However, the Council says that if we have evidence as to why they should be developed or protected, or if we agree with their findings, we should let them know.
- The sites listed includes sites which were promoted through the Local Plan Call for Sites exercise undertaken in spring 2016. And they state that these include land owned by Northamptonshire County Council. It is therefore not necessarily a complete or comprehensive list of sites in Northampton.

Of the sites listed in Appendix A and its addendum the following are of interest to us:

LAA0288 Railway station car park. In historic terms development of this site interferes with a panoramic outlook from the Castle bailey. This could be overcome if handled well. But it also surrounds the grade 1 listed postern gate. Development could either enhance or further harm this important historic feature. The whole site will require careful examination to ensure any archaeological remains or evidence are found. But should also be expected to offer the opportunity to permanently and comprehensively enhance the celebration of Northampton Castle for visitors and residents.

There is a strong argument, because of this sites size and impact, for creating a section 106 commitment to help in the creation and sustainability of the Heritage Park specified in the Neighbourhood Plan for Spring Boroughs.

LAA1113 Greyfriars. There are potential impacts on the aspiration to enhance awareness of the town's medieval past. There is a need to carefully consider linkages through to Holy Sepulchre Church, so that this important historic asset is not left isolated.

Of the sites not listed for further consideration we want to comment on the following:

LAA0316 Public Car Park at Chalk Lane West. The transformation of this car park into part of the Heritage Park in south Spring Boroughs is integral to the Neighbourhood Plan and it is notable that alongside not proposing this for further consideration there is no reference at all to either the Castle House demolished site on Marefair or the public car park immediately to the rear of it, or indeed to the archaeology behind Castle Mound which links to the Public Car Park. We believe the area described as AB 3 South Spring Boroughs in the Neighbourhood Plan

should be treated as one entity and protected from any development other than as described in that document.

Reference documents:

Photos from 1961-1965 excavation of the north of Castle Mound area can be found in the Excavation Archive held by NRO/MOLA and Npton Museum.

Neighbourhood Plan for Spring Boroughs 2015 - NBC published. .