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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 August 2020 18:44
To: Planning Policy
Subject: FW: Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Consultation Round 2

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From: Northampton Castle [REDACTED]
Sent: 19 August 2020 11:22
To: Paul Everard [REDACTED]
Cc: Guy Ravine [REDACTED] Danielle Stone [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Consultation Round 2

Dear Paul

Can you take this email as the response to your consultation on the Local Plan. If you require it in hard copy please let me know.

I am responding on behalf of the Friends of Northampton Castle, with a formal membership of 20 but with facebook following in 700 plus range. The voluntary group has existed since 2011 and contributes to many NBC initiatives.

We note that the present stage of consultation addresses "soundness" and legal compliance. Though we appreciate that terms like "soundness" can have a very narrow legal interpretation, this response will use the common sense application of that term.

FONC believes that the addition of an Heritage Impact Assessment to the evidence base has benefited the Plan, but that this has not fed through entirely to the overall plan. The aim should be to "define a positive strategy to afford appropriate protection and .. make a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness" (Historic Environment Good Practice) not simply to add warning signs to areas of sensitivity. The lack of a strong strategy for the Historic environment of Northampton is particularly unfortunate in respect of Northampton Castle, where there are contradictory development versus protection and enhancement demands. The Northampton Forward proposals treat the Castle vicinity as town centre development opportunities, the Neighbourhood Plan for Spring Boroughs treats them as a chance to contribute to local character and distinctiveness. A strategic approach should be taking account of the whole of the Area 1 described in the HIA, including both the heritage assets on the east side of St Andrews Road and the development proposals for the Railway station and yards. There would then be an opportunity to reconcile the contradictions.

We would argue therefore that the plan's soundness is undermined by some contradictions and the lack of an overall and effective Historic Environment strategy.

regards,

On Fri, Aug 14, 2020 at 5:06 PM Paul Everard [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Dr Dickie,

The policies in the Plan were informed by the Heritage Impact Assessment, the conclusions of which were known prior to the Plan being considered by Cabinet. Members would have been able to look at the document and any other part of the Local Plan evidence base at that time. The final PDF of the document was made in June prior to its posting on the Council's website.

A one page response to the consultation is acceptable but it will still need to address the issues of legal compliance and soundness as set out in Government regulations.

Regards,

Paul

Paul Everard | Planning Policy & Heritage Manager

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From Tuesday 24th March 2020, the Planning Policy and Built & Natural Environment teams will be based from home. Wherever possible, please cc your message to the [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] email address as appropriate. This will allow us to respond to you if any of us are on leave or unable to work during this time.

From: Northampton Castle [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2020 11:02
To: Paul Everard [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Consultation Round 2

Dear Mr Everard

I am in the process of reading the Local Plan documents, in order to to respond on behalf of the Friends of Northampton Castle. I note that under the Evidence Base documentation there is a Heritage Impact Assessment dated June 2020 and conducted by Icení for the Council. Could you tell me whether this document was available to the Cabinet when it approved the Plan?

I am proposing to provide a one page only response rather than using your form. Could you confirm that this will be acceptable?

Could you also please confirm the closing date for the consultation?

Dr Marie Dickie OBE for FONC

On Fri, Jul 10, 2020 at 2:41 PM Paul Everard [REDACTED] wrote:

NORTHAMPTON LOCAL PLAN PART 2

PROPOSED SUBMISSION CONSULTATION ROUND 2

The Council is consulting for a second time on the Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission and the associated Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment. This public consultation is in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Round 2 was approved for consultation by the Council's Cabinet on 10 June 2020. A Statement of Fact and a Statement of Representation Procedure are attached for your information.

The local plan and its accompanying consultation documents can be viewed online and will be made available at the Self-Serve area of the Council's One Stop Shop. Visitors to the One Stop Shop must observe the procedures for health and safety associated with COVID19.

If you have any representations to make, please do so, preferably using the online survey, by 5pm on 24 August 2020. The consultation begins on 13 July 2020, and further information can be found by accessing the following link:

www.northampton.gov.uk/lpp2proposedsubmissionround2.

Yours