

North Northamptonshire Retail Capacity Update

Clarification questions and NNJPDU response 28th February 2020

Question	NNJPDU response
<p>1. We envisage that there will be a need to consider the future provision of leisure uses within the joint authority area in order to determine future town centre strategies. Is this your expectation? If so, which principal leisure uses do you anticipate should be considered?</p>	<p><i>We are not expecting a full-blown leisure strategy for North Northamptonshire, but the appointed consultant will need to use their market knowledge to advise on what opportunities exist to secure investment in leisure and other town centre uses within NN towns. Point 3 of para 2.1 of the specification sets out “Recommendations on town centre strategies taking account of evidence of their current state of health and the opportunities that exist to accommodate a range of suitable development and support their vitality and viability”. Please can you advise on the principal leisure uses you feel should be considered and rationale for it as part of your tender response.</i></p>
<p>2. Requirement 1 of Section 2 of the Specification identifies a need to consider the catchment area for retail provision within the North Northamptonshire area by engaging with operators of the main retail developments. Do you know whether the operator of Rushden Lakes is happy to assist with this exercise?</p>	<p><i>Operators of the main retail developments have not been approached but we will provide letters of introduction on behalf of the appointed consultant (to be agreed at the inception meeting).</i></p>
<p>3. Do you envisage that there may be a need to undertake ‘on street’ surveys to better understand the role and function of key centres, how they are used in practice, and where people travel from to visit?</p>	<p><i>This seems useful but please can you advise as to your preferred approach and rationale for it as part of your tender response.</i></p>
<p>4. Finally, are we able to use our own tender response template to response to the ‘quality’ questions?</p>	<p><i>As set out in Part 1 (Information to Tenderers) para 3.3.7: Format of Tender Response submission “Tender Responses must comprise the relevant documents specified by KBC completed in all areas and in the format as detailed by KBC in Part Four”. Please use the response template provided.</i></p>