



Northampton College is **changing...**

We are delighted that the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation has approved our planning application for the complete redevelopment of our Booth Lane site, part of our £70+ million investment in the educational facilities available to enhance the Borough.

Getting ready...

Preparation work at Booth Lane has progressed well and all gas, electric, water and data has been re-routed successfully. Temporary steel-framed modular buildings have now been erected on site so that the first phase of demolition and building can start in January 2009.

Building works are expected to commence on 5 January 2009 with the demolition of the buildings facing St Gregory's Road. At the same time the installation of three large tower cranes will commence. We now have technical approval for the new roundabout on St Gregory's Road between our existing entrance and The Arbours School. This will allow for a greater flow of traffic around that area.

Features of the new site...

When it is complete, the site at Booth Lane will include;

- A vegetable garden with raised beds for access by learners in wheelchairs
- An ecological area around the stormwater basin creating a new home for wildlife
- Full size and five-a-side football pitches, tennis courts, gym and sports pavilion

Car parking at Booth Lane

The College will temporarily lose around 60 car parking spaces when the first phase of construction begins in January. We had planned to build a temporary car park to replace these spaces on the playing fields adjacent to Booth Lane. However, owing to unforeseen planning and subsequent Home Office licence requirements, this car park will not be ready for use until the end of February so we are continuing to look for alternative options. The College is hoping to lease some land nearby from Northamptonshire County Council which could be used for parking and possibly also for a dedicated contractors' compound offsite. It is hoped that arrangements for temporary car parking will be resolved early in the New Year.





Keeping an eye on progress...

We have invested in two webcams which are due to be installed on the building site at Booth Lane. These will be available for viewing for those who have internet access via from the College's website (www.northamptoncollege.ac.uk) from the New Year. Photos will be taken of the site each day to monitor any issues and track progress, and we have scheduled aerial photos to be taken from a helicopter and from the tower cranes during the course of the project.

Litter picking is being carried out by contract cleaners daily in the immediate vicinity of the college site. We are monitoring parking in the immediate local area and will try to resolve instances of inconsiderate parking where we are able.

We are pleased to host an office on site for the permanent use of the Police and will be keeping them informed of our plans and progress on the building works.



Booth Lane proposed site plan

Benefits of the Proposal

The transformation of Northampton College will deliver;

- An investment of over £70 million in the educational facilities available to the Borough.
- A pivotal contribution by Northampton College in helping to deliver the strategic economic growth and regeneration ambitions for the town.
- A modern, fit for purpose, learning environment for the local community that will help maximise participation and achievement and contribute to the necessary skills development in the town and Northamptonshire.
- High quality, well designed buildings that embrace the sustainability agenda and provide iconic public buildings.
- Better building layout in order to maximise usage of space at all sites.

Keeping you informed

Our College and Local Residents' Liaison Committee continues to meet bi-monthly to share information and the latest updates. This newsletter will be issued when there is more news to tell you. Our website will give you access to the webcams in the New Year along with any news on progress with the project. If you have any queries, you are invited to call our **New Build Hotline on 01604 736535** or email newbuild_NH@northamptoncollege.ac.uk

