

# **Waterside Campus: the Back Story**

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# Overview

- Background;
- Challenges;
- Key Success Factors.

# Background

- November 2011: Options analysis presented to Board of Governors;
- Project team asked to report back (in six months) against four key questions:
  - Can the University acquire the Waterside site?
  - Can the site be developed?
  - What will Waterside look like?
  - Is Waterside affordable?

# Can the University acquire the Waterside site?

Taylor  
Wimpey

AVON



VS



# Can the site be developed?





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# What will Waterside look like?



# Is Waterside affordable?

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon. George Osborne MP said:

“ I’m really pleased to see that the University of Northampton is proceeding with the Waterside Campus Project with help from the UK Guarantee Scheme and the Public Works Loan Board. Infrastructure projects that help to regenerate cities require huge financial commitments, and the UK is leading the way in finding innovative solutions to help these projects go ahead. This is an important part of our long term economic plan for Northampton.

# Is Waterside affordable?





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Information Memorandum dated 24 November 2014



## **WATERSIDE CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY PLC**

*(a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales under company number 9284830)*

**£231,500,000**

**3.302 per cent. Guaranteed Secured Bonds due 2054**

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**..and one final question...**

**Can we do it on time?**

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25 April: Handover of Senate Building

19 July: Handover of remaining buildings

1 August: Staff arrive

3 September: First students arrive



## Waterside News

Staff

31 July 2018

### Hello Waterside!

As a reminder, **staff can access the Waterside Campus from 1 August**, however please remember that **August is very much a 'set up' month for the University** and there are a number of works and system installations that are still ongoing. Please bear with us as we all collectively work to set up the campus for Students returning from 3 September.



# Key Success Factors



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- Very pro-active project management;
- Commitment to the project;
- Having effective advisers;
- Effective delegation from the Board to the Executive;
- Willingness to take risks (hopefully on a managed basis).

# Questions?