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You've done what? ABL and the University of Northampton's new Waterside Campus

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Big changes – for everyone!

- Teaching & Learning
- Agile working (with no offices)
- Paperless
- No ownership of buildings
- 40% less floor space
- BYOD for students
- Parking

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Cheerleaders and Deniers

- Red lines from above
- Trickle down
- The role of students
- Selling the unsellable
- Moving before the move

Underpinning principals

- IT rich
- Adaptable
- Integrated
- Democratic

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Challenging Shibboleths: IT Rich

- We won't be able to support BYOD
- Students want more fixed PCs
- What about specialist software?
- Digital skills of students and staff are not yet universally embedded
- Academics (and students) won't support e-first – they want their books

Challenging Shibboleths:
Adaptable

- A campus needs a Business School/Library/Arts Building etc etc

- They need to know what space is for

- If it is always changing then they'll not find 'their space'

- "These new buildings seem to signify that the zombie hegemony of neoliberalism is still animated" Prof Rob Smith, WonkHE 13/2/20

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