

I have seen Oakham grow over the last 30 years and it has changed a lot. The most disappointing thing for me as an architect and Oakham resident is that the Town Centre has not really moved on which Oakham really deserves. My biggest concern is if the town is going to further expand it will need a better provision of public services – the doctors surgery and the hospital are too small at present for example.

It is great to see that the Castle is being carefully restored and further new schools (Catmose, Harington, Burley Road and now Barleythorpe) being built to incorporate the growth of the town.

However there are few public facilities like theatre, cinema, youth club and other facilities for young kids as well as old people. It is shocking that the capital of Rutland does not have these facilities.

The lighting and landscaping plus the look of some buildings is poor in the High St and the car parking issues have not been really resolved. The bypass was completed over 10 years ago which has helped to reduce traffic in the Town Centre especially the High Street which gives us amazing opportunity to semi pedestrianise it or fully pedestrianise it.

My main question is where are the developer contributions from the housing development going to? There has been very little evidence that it is going towards the Town Centre.