

The BIG SURVEY for Oakham and Barleythorpe is on its way to you!

Members of your Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group were at Aldi on Saturday 4th and at Tesco's on the 11th March. It was very encouraging that so many shoppers stopped to ask about the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan and everyone who spoke to us said that they would make time to fill in the Big Survey.

Every time the Steering Group hold an event to listen to people, the same issues are raised about infrastructure to support new housing, facilities, traffic congestion and parking to name but a few. At our recent Business Forum, representatives from different business sectors in Oakham were also very positive about the difference the Plan can make to future developments and the economic viability of the area.

Before we can build the Plan and Policies though we need to hear back from YOU about what matters most to you and members of your household.

If you are a resident or business operator in Oakham or Barleythorpe, you will receive a hand delivered copy of the Survey at your home or business in the week beginning March 24th. You will then have until the 14th April to return your views via convenient Drop Boxes or online using the link on our website www.oakhamnp.org.uk. Prepaid envelopes will be enclosed if you are unable to provide a stamp. Drop Boxes can be found at Oakham Town Council, Victoria Hall, Rutland County Council, Catmose Street, Oakham Museum & Library, Briar's Premier Store, Churchill Rd, Aldi, Hackmore Way, Co-op Stores on Braunston and Burley Roads, Berridge Taxi's, Long Row, Ellique Beauty, South Street, Lands End, Lands End Way, Wilko's and Oakham Tesco Store.

After all the responses have been read and analysed it will be the job of the Steering Group to create policies and proposals about the future development of Oakham and Barleythorpe based on what you have all said. You will have an opportunity to see these as they develop and once the Neighbourhood Plan has been completed and agreed it will carry statutory powers.

Over the next 2 weeks there will be reminders about the importance of completing the Survey, where to get further copies and when to return your questionnaire.

In the meantime take a look in more detail at some of the feedback and views received over the past months around the major topics affecting your community on www.oakhamnp.org.uk