

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OAKHAM AND BARLEYTHORPE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
held on 1 August, 2019 at the Victoria Hall at 3.00 p.m..

Present: Christopher Clark (CC) (chair), Paul Dowse (PD), Joy Clough (JC), David Salkeld (DS), Janet Hughes (JH), Nick Taylor (NT) and Michael Hinman (MH) (minutes).

Apologies: Chris Marsland (CM).

In Attendance: John Bayes (JB) and Simone Landucci (SL).

Minutes of the meeting dated 23rd. July were agreed and signed with one correction.

Update on action and next steps from Open Plan following the 11th. July Meeting

Those present went through the Regulation 16 submission version of the Plan, which included alterations made in the light of the 11 July meeting and Rutland County Council's comments. Open Plan indicated what had been changed, and inserted further amendments made at the 1 August meeting.

Salient points were as follows:-

- > A discussion about ascertaining the estimated population for Oakham and Barleythorpe in the light of the village's enormous expansion since 2011 resulted in no change because the fact of the expansion was noted in the document and future 'hard' census data would appear in the Plan's revisions.
- > Following RCC's comments, Open Plan had inserted a paragraph which mentioned the Castle, Library and Museum.
- > Following RCC's comments, "adequate" facilities had been more specifically defined.
- > **NT** would send SL a paragraph about the Castle and Library as public services and venues.
- > RCC had wanted a greater mention of the problems of parking in the town centre.
- > **PD** would e-mail to SL a Vision Statement paragraph that had dropped out of the Plan.
- > RCC had had a sentence inserted about greater provision for electric cars.
- > Open Plan would see if we were allowed to stipulate that affordable housing be built first on an estate so as to remove a loophole whereby the developer could escape from an obligation to include it.
- > Open Plan had clarified the Town and Visitor section.
- > Open Plan agreed to explain the phrase "active frontages" when applied to shops.
- > Open Plan would add the Big Survey's housing development preferences map to an appendix.
- > Policy 6's title had already been expanded from 'Built Heritage' to 'Built and Cultural Heritage.'
- > A phrase was inserted to ask that any local list of heritage assets be kept up to date.

- > Open Plan had already inserted the need for Barleythorpe to have a primary school.
- > Open Plan had already inserted the need to promote culture in Oakham.
- > **NT** would send SL a bullet point about the desirability of the town having an arts centre.
- > Group members should send any further comments on the Plan to SL by 16th. August.
- > JB would add draft documents to the 026 Google folder.

Preparations for the Consultation Statement

- > JC had agreed to help JH with summarising the walkabouts.
- > PD had completed his account of events held at supermarkets. MH had largely completed his account of events held at the farmers' market, late-night Christmas shopping, the Big Survey information day and drop-in sessions held at the Library, Victoria Hall and King Centre.
- > CC had looked at the initial documents and added to information about markets. Illustrative pictures could be e-mailed to JB.
- > Events' posters and post-it note reactions could go into an appendix.

Next Steps

- > SL agreed to put copies of the revised Regulation 16 'Submission' draft onto the Google Drive - 026. CC asked that all members view the latest version and advise SL, by the 16 August, of any changes they wish to see incorporated into the final submission. CC added that it was vital that we all complete this task as we all need to agree with the plan before it goes forward to the next stage,
- > The finalised Regulation 16 version of the Plan would be passed to Oakham Town Council for it to approve with the accompanying documentation, and would then pass to RCC. CC will agree the date of the meeting with the Oakham Town Councillors, in September, for us to present the final documents. SL said that the Open Plan team would be available for that meeting.
- > RCC would run its own consultation for six weeks and then appoint an inspector. CC would ask councillor Gordon Brown how this would be done.

Any Other Business

- > CC would arrange a meeting with OTC to which Open Plan would be invited.