

## Oakham Neighbourhood Plan 3 March 2016

If you live, work or have a business interest in or around Oakham you have a possible once in a lifetime opportunity to really influence how the town develops. Use it or lose it.

Your Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is ready to drive this forward. But to be effective the plan needs your views:

What do you like about your town?

What do you not like about your town?

How do you want the town to develop?

Inevitably the town will grow and the Neighbourhood Plan will shape this growth. We need your views to answer questions such as:

Where should new developments be located?

Does the town have the types and styles of housing you want?

What do you want from the High street and shops?

Where do you want to have green spaces and community facilities?

Do we meet the needs of our children and the elderly?

How do you want to see business develop?

As the town grows do you need to consider the impact on its schools, medical facilities, leisure facilities, traffic management, public transport, etc?

To drive the Neighbourhood Plan forward your views are essential. So that this can happen there will be a series of events and workshops that will include listening to your views and giving you feedback.

These will be open to residents, local organisations and businesses that have an interest in the Oakham neighbourhood.

The events will be supported by regular press releases, radio interviews, a Neighbourhood Plan web site, social media and news letters.

The first session will happen in early April – look out for further details.

The Localism Act has reformed the planning system to give local people the power to determine the development of the community in which they live. Your Neighbourhood Plan is the vehicle for this. It is not a consultation document. Once your Plan is completed and approved, Rutland County Council Planners are obliged to refer to it when considering all future development and planning applications.

We look forward to receiving your views.

If you'd like to get more involved with the Neighbourhood Plan please contact [enquiries@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@oakhamtowncouncil.gov.uk)