

Neighbourhood Plan Activity Planning Group Meeting, 27th. March, 2018 at Oakham Town Council

Present: Christopher Clark (chair), Peter Goodwin, Colin Dunigan, Michael Haley, John Nowell, Nick Taylor, David Salkeld, Janet Hughes, Paul Dowse and Michael Hinman (minutes).

Oakham Town Map Zones – Review and Discussion

Colin Dunigan said that he had taken the map which Paul Dowse and Michael Hinman had drawn and altered it to show the conservation area and had split up their map's larger areas to allow for different architectural character-districts.

Walking Routes – Overview and Agreement

C. Dunigan explained that the exercise was intended to establish good character traits within the architecture and planning of existing housing developments which would serve as examples for new ones; in order to understand the attitudes taken by members of the public, we needed to see what people identified with in an area. Open Plan would tell us on 7th. April what sort of things we should put into the neighbourhood plan based on what we saw during a walk around an area. We needed to take account of potential development sites within a given area. For this exercise we should stay within the overall character assessment area defined for Oakham and Barleythorpe rather than venture on to more distant greenfield sites. Our objective was to set out design-principles for the respective areas.

Walking Route Activity Timetable

Along with Open Plan representatives, the group would meet at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, 7th. April at Oakham Town Council to discuss principles and action and would walk around an area from 10.30 a.m.. Based on what Christopher Clark and CD would have agreed, the former would check with Open Plan if there was anything else that needed to be done before the meeting and would agree which zone should be explored on 7th. April. In practice thereafter, a group member or pair of members could take a zone and walk around it with interested members of the public. When we had a timetable for that, it might be publicised by means of letters in the *Rutland Times*, besides which C. Clark was trying to contact Kerry Coupe from that newspaper in order to explain what the group was about.

Neighbourhood Plan Policy and Objective Research

Although it was over-detailed, CC thought that Thame's neighbourhood plan was an excellent document from which we could learn a lot; he would ask Open Plan for a template of how to produce something similar.

Any Other Business

In reporting back upon a meeting of the Task & Finish Group which would report ultimately to RCC, Paul Dowse said that it had drafted terms of reference for a large brief. He would speak about the neighbourhood plan at that group's next meeting on 26th. April. He had met Joy Clough who had joined the Task & Finish Group as representative of the pressure group which objected to making Oakham High Street one-way. When the question was asked, "Where does the neighbourhood plan fit in?" P. Dowse said that was more strategic than the Task & Finish Group and that certain matters might be referred to it from Task & Finish.