

### **Press release 3 – For w/End 25 March 2016**

#### **Oakham Neighbourhood Plan**

What is happening with your Neighbourhood plan?

We told you last week that your Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is ready to drive the plan forward, so what have we done so far?

Up until now the group members have been:

- Bringing themselves up to speed with what your Plan can and cannot address
- Agreeing their terms of reference with your Neighbourhood Plan's lead body, Oakham Town Council
- Setting up a framework for Working Groups that will carry out specific tasks during the development of your Plan.
- Developing the first working groups to work on communications, the Plan's necessary evidence portfolio and producing photographs
- Planning the first public engagement event

Perhaps not very exciting but essential foundations on which to build a successful Plan.

We are now getting close to the time when we need your involvement and the involvement of local organisations and businesses.

The first in a series of events will be held at the Victoria Hall on Sat 9 April between 10.30 and 13.00. During this time you will have the opportunities to meet informally with members of the Steering Group, see information concerning what the Plan is all about and how it will shape the future of your neighbourhood.

Equally important we want to hear from you, it's your Plan, your Community and your choice and in case all the talking makes you dry, light refreshments will be served.

We need your views on:

- Where should new developments be located?
- What types and styles of houses do you want to see?
- How important and where do you want to have green spaces?
- What community buildings and facilities are needed to encourage residents and visitors to use the town?
- What would make you want to visit the High Street?
- Do we meet the needs of our children and the elderly in terms of buildings and infrastructure?
- Where and how do you want to see businesses develop?

We are not expecting you to have all the answers or to know exactly what you want at this early stage. This is a starting point for the development of your plan that, with your involvement, we will build upon over the coming months.

Remember, it's Your Voice, Your Choice, use it or lose it.

If you want to get involved in any way please contact  
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