Welcome to the Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan Information Day

Victoria Hall
Saturday 15th July 2017

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The Journey

- Designated Neighbourhood Plan Area Agreed by RCC
- Public Consultation Events Held
- Big Survey Issued
- Big Survey Report Issued

Completed

- Draft Vision Statement Produced
- Big Survey Results Feedback
- Produce Objectives and Policy Statements for Draft Plan
- Test Draft Plan with Residents

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Vision

Oakham will become Rutland's thriving and vibrant county town. Its rural location, rich history and culture make it a destination for all.
About Oakham Town Centre

You said you like:
• historic buildings
• local independent shops
• friendliness of the area

You said you dislike:
• wider range of shops and too many charity shops
• difficulty in parking
• traffic in the town centre
• pavements being uneven and not wheelchair friendly

You have suggested:
• greener street scene
• wider and improved pavements
• more public seating
• reduced traffic and restricted delivery times
• more cultural events and festivals
**You said you like:**
- participating in a sports or leisure activity.
- taking part in walking, swimming, golf and cycling

**You said you dislike:**
- expensive gym membership
- swimming pool is not an adequate size and not clean
- lack of youth activities

**You have suggested:**
- sports and leisure should be subsidised
- more arts and a local cinema would be beneficial
- improvements to the swimming pool size and cleanliness
About Housing

You said you like:
• more 2-bed starter homes, family homes with 2 or more bedrooms, bungalows and supported housing.
• groups of 20 new houses spread across a number of sites
• off-street parking
• houses in keeping (design and materials) with character of the county.
• mix of affordable house design in keeping with historic character of Rutland

You said you dislike:
• three-storey houses and executive houses of 4 or more bedrooms
• Barleythorpe-style developments - too large, too dense, too few green spaces and inadequate parking
• further developments without adequate infrastructure - surgeries, schools, play areas etc

You have suggested:
• many suggested no development beyond the bypass
• preference for development of brown field sites first
• wildlife habitats to be protected
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You said you like:
• Zones A and B for development

You said you dislike:
• Development in Zones D and G
About Business

You said you like:
- types of employment offered by retail shops, tourism, leisure and crafts
- to encourage small businesses and facilities for young people, such as sports centres
- more retail clothing shops
- future employment/business development should be located in Zone B and Zone C

You said you dislike:
- Zone G least preferred area for employment/business development, although Zones E, G and H were only slightly lower
- few respondents felt that transport, storage and distribution should be encouraged locally
- charity shops

You have suggested:
- more land should be allocated to encourage employment or business
- better broadband speed would encourage new businesses to locate to Oakham/Barleythorpe, along with better mobile phone signal
You said you like:
- to use your car to visit the supermarket, sports/leisure or doctor/hospital
- many walk to the town centre shops, school, nursery and playgroup

You said you dislike:
- lack of short-term parking in High Street
- congestion caused by the level crossing closures
- train and bus timetable/frequency is seen as a barrier to use.
- cycle paths with glass, spikes & hedge cuttings

You have suggested:
- additional long-term pay and display car parking
- Oakham town centre needs a one-way system
- yellow chequer boxes at level crossings junctions
- electronic signs at the start and middle of High Street alerting traffic of level crossing closure
- more cycle lanes in and around Oakham
You said you like:
- Oakham Castle, the parish church and the Market Place
- to protect buildings of particular historic or archaeological importance
- Cutts Close, the castle grounds, public footpaths and bridleways.
- to retain the open countryside between Oakham/Barleythorpe and neighbouring settlements, particularly Langham.

You said you dislike:
- use of green sites for building

You have suggested:
- to preserve and maintain the general townscape in High Street and Oakham's other historic streets
- better signage & information
- marketing the town better
- improving the heritage trail
- free parking for visitors
You said you like:
• the pharmacies which are rated excellent and good by most people
• the library and museum, rated good by most people

You said you dislike:
• the doctors' surgery as extremely poor in terms of meeting the current and future needs
• lack of arts facilities (e.g. theatre, cinema, music)

You have suggested:
• investing in broadband and improving the mobile signal
• improving GP services which are overcrowded
• need for additional health facilities, including a local hospital
• need for a choice of education for secondary and post-16 students