

Oakham Neighbourhood Plan

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Open Public Event
Victoria Hall
Oakham

10.30-13.00

Saturday 9th April 2016

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What is a Neighbourhood plan?

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work.

They will be able to:

- choose where they want new homes, shops and offices to be built
- have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided
- grant planning permission for the new buildings they want to see go ahead

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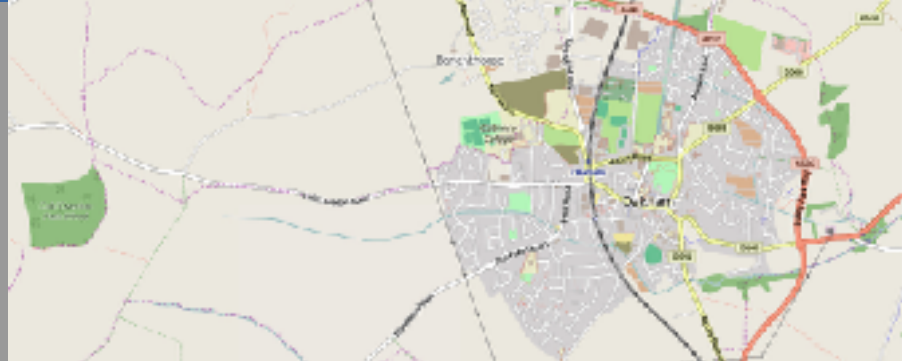
What can't the Neighbourhood Plan do ?

Some activities and development are already decided or not within the control of the Council so a Neighbourhood Plan can't :

- Prevent all future development or development where planning permission has already been granted by Rutland County Council
- State the type of shops or businesses that can be set up
- Adjust the level of services provided by Local Authorities i.e medical. education, social

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Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Oakham Town Council has formed a **Steering Group** drawn from the local community who expressed an interest at a public awareness events.



Liz Sanders,
Chairman
Ann Lewis,
Hon Secretary
John Nowell,
Oakham Town Partnership Representative
Michael Haley,
Oakham Town Council Representative

Frank Payne
Oliver Bird
Michael Hinman
Paul Dowse
Maureen Burns-Jones
Christopher Clark
David Salkeld

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Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Together, they will **develop a Neighbourhood Plan** for Oakham in full **consultation** with residents, businesses and interested parties.

This follows **Central Government Policy**, which is actively **encouraging communities** to take responsibility for the development of their environment.

The Neighbourhood Plan will become **legally binding** when accepted through a community referendum at the end of what is expected to be a 2 to 3 year process of research and consultation.

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Throughout the next 2-3 years, residents and businesses will be **consulted** about topics such as;

- the location and types of residential housing,
- areas for commercial and industrial activities,
- transport links,
- roads, the high street,
- schools,
- healthcare,
- leisure and community facilities,
- open spaces and environmental issues.

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Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Listening to what is important to members of the community is the most critical part of **developing our Neighbourhood Plan**

So the Steering Group will be inviting contributions from local groups, charities, businesses, places of worship, schools, medical practitioners, developers, environmental and planning specialists as well as residents.

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Neighbourhood Planning

Neighbourhood planning can help local communities to deliver real, tangible, benefits for their area.

By setting out how a local neighbourhood will meet its housing needs and develop adequate local facilities and infrastructure over the next twenty years, a neighbourhood plan can provide an important level of certainty for both developers and local residents.

Knowing how your community is going to develop is beneficial for everyone. It enables local services to be planned and delivered efficiently to minimise the impact of a growing population.

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What are the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan?

It's your opportunity to decide how Oakham will be developed.

- Protection of community green spaces
- Protection of important local buildings
- Restriction of development or change of use in the town centre
- identification of sites for housing developments
- identification of sites for community use i.e. school, health centres and leisure facilities
- Provision for businesses to set up or expand, providing local employment
- Management of traffic
- Improvement of bus routes
- Provision of footpaths and cycleways

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Neighbourhood Plan Topic Areas

The following topic areas for the Neighbourhood Plan have been suggested as a starting point, these will evolve based on your feedback.

- Housing
- Business
- Transport
- Town Centre
- Leisure & Tourism
- Heritage
- Open Spaces
- Community Facilities

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Perhaps you have felt powerless in the past to influence any development in the town, then this is a real opportunity for you to change that and be directly involved.

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Your chance to influence planning decisions and reflect our community's needs, vision, traditions, aims and values.

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If you want to know more or get involved contact

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