



ONP and the Big Survey

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Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan

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Oakham NP Vision Statement

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



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What is Neighbourhood Planning?

- Neighbourhood planning gives **communities direct power** to develop a **shared vision** for their neighbourhood and **shape** the development and growth of their local area.
- They are 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**, and **grant planning permission for the new buildings** they want to see go ahead.
- Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for **local people** to ensure that they get the **right types of development** for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.



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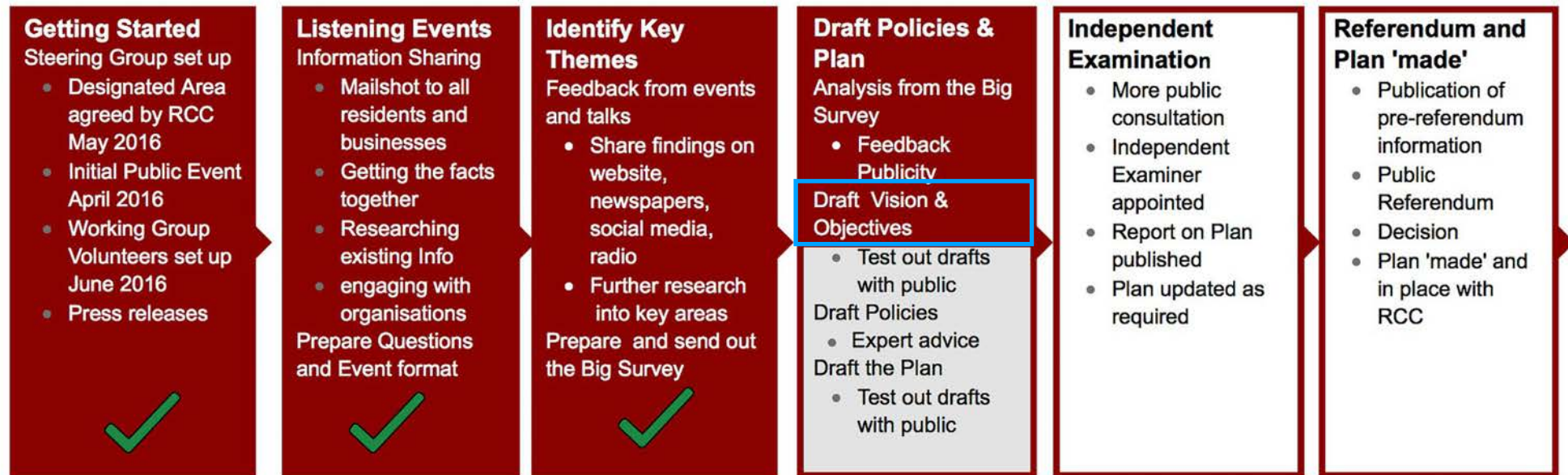
- **The Neighbourhood plan Steering Group was set up in the Spring 2016.**
- **It is a sub group of Oakham Town Council.**
- **The boundary was designated by Rutland County Council in May 2016 and encompasses the Oakham and Barleythorpe parishes.**
- **Consultation events held at Victoria Hall, TESCO, ALDI, The Farmers Market, Oakham Late Night Shopping and others.**
- **The Big Survey took place in the spring of 2017.**



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Where we are now

Your Neighbourhood Plan Journey



- Engaged **OpenPlan** consultancy to assist in the development of the **ONP policies and consultation**.
- Commencing the planning for the **Design & Character Assessment of the area**.



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In Summary.....

- **Neighbourhood planning is a right for communities introduced through the Localism Act 2011.**
- **It has to be based on extensive consultation and a strong evidence base.**
- **The plan has to align with the RCC Local Plan.**
- **It will be voted on by the residents of the Oakham and Barleythorpe parishes.**
- **It then becomes part of the Local Plan and policies within them are then used to determine planning applications.**
- **It has real 'teeth'**



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Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups

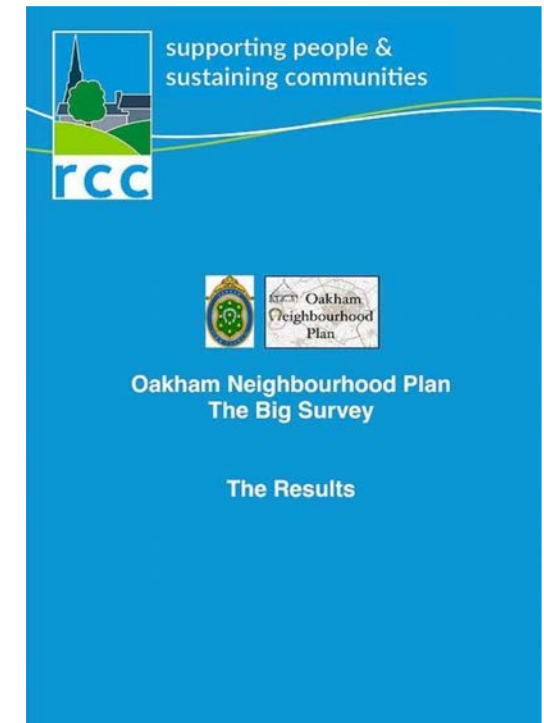
- **Businesses**
- **Community Services**
- **Heritage and Open Spaces**
- **Housing**
- **Sport and Leisure**
- **Town Centre**
- **Transport**



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Big Survey

- **5,500** Neighbourhood Plan Surveys were delivered by hand
- Also available to complete online.
- **1,592** households and businesses responded (**29%**).
- Responses uploaded by Neighbourhood Plan team.
- Analysis completed by the **Rural Community Council (Leic & Rutland)**
- Findings published in the Big Survey Report **June 2017**
- Details at - www.oakhamnp.org.uk/evidence-base





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About Oakham Town Centre

You said you like:

- historic buildings
- local independent shops
- friendliness of the area

You said you dislike:

- 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
- wider range of shops





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About Traffic and Transport

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
- a one-way system could solve congestion
- 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





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About Open Spaces and Heritage

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





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Your Voice Your Choice

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Your Neighbourhood Plan Journey

Getting Started Steering Group set up Designated Area agreed by RCC May 2016 Initial Public Event April 2016 Working Group Volunteers set up June 2016 Press releases	Listening Events Information Sharing Mailshot to all residents and businesses Getting the facts together Researching existing info engaging with organisations Prepare Questions and Event format	Identify Key Themes Feedback from events and talks Share findings on website, newspapers, social media, radio Further research into key areas Prepare and send out the Big Survey	Draft Policies & Plan Analysis from the Big Survey Feedback Publicly Draft Vision & Objectives Test out drafts with public Draft the Plan Test out drafts with public	Independent Examination More public consultation Independent Examiner appointed Report on Plan published Plan updated as required	Referendum and Plan 'made' Publication of pre-referendum information Public Referendum Decision Plan 'made' and in place with RCC
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Diary

July 2017
 Thank you to all those that attended the Big Survey feedback event at Victoria Hall on Sat 15th July. Here are the summary slides used at the event. The full survey results can be found here.

13th June 2017
 Your responses, views and ideas have been analysed and findings published in the Big Survey Report. All the comments from residents to the survey questions can be found here (note its 333 pages)

29th May 2017
 Thank you to the 1,592 households and businesses of Oakham and Barleythorpe who took the time to complete the Big Survey. This

Latest News

RCC OAKHAM TOWN TASK AND FINISH GROUP
 The Oakham Neighbourhood Plan working group have been invited to provide a representative to join RCC's Oakham Town Task and Finish Group. Paul Dowse has been nominated by the ONP Steering Group. A preliminary scoping meeting to agree the Terms of Reference took place on 9 March 2018.

Consultants selected to assist in the drafting of the Neighbourhood Plan
 The ONP Steering Group has selected Open Plan to support us in the delivery of the draft Oakham & Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan. The recommendation was approved by the Oakham Town Council on the 10th Jan 2018.

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Big Survey Documents
 29th May 2017

Thank you to the 1,592 households and businesses of Oakham and Barleythorpe who took the time to complete the Big Survey. This equates to a 29% response rate. This is a fantastic effort. The documents related to the survey are below.

- [Survey Report](#)
- [Survey Summary Slides](#)
- [Residents comments to Survey Questions](#)

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The Results

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