Survey

Good response to town plan questionnaire

More than 1,600 people completed the Oakham Neighbourhood Plan big survey representing over 3,500 residents in the Oakham and Barleythorpe area.

Liz Sanders chairs the volunteer steering group which is putting together the plan. She thanked everyone who had taken the time to return completed questionnaires.

She added: "We are very grateful for all the help we got from local shops and businesses in looking after the return boxes for us. And we also want to say thank you to our sponsors who paid for advertising space in the survey.

"We have taken a hands on approach to getting the survey finished and by doing as much work as possible ourselves we have succeeded in keeping costs to a minimum which saves taxpayers' money.

The response rate represents 30 per cent of households.

The next stage for the team in putting together the plan is to record and analyse the data received.

The results of this will help shape the development of policies for the future of Oakham and Barleythorpe.

Once the plan has been put together and approved via a town referendum, it will be used by Rutland County Council to shape how Oakham develops in the future.

Liz added: "Thank you for being involved so far and if you didn't take part there will be more opportunities for you to find out what is being proposed and to have your say in the coming months."

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