

Oakham Neighbourhood Plan Walkabout Planning Meeting – 7 April 2018

For each group, the facilitator needs to find a meeting room in or near the area to be visited. Welcome people to the room – 15 people? 8 groups? Short intro – how profile will be used in NP. Public rights of way, future developments.

Items required: map of area, luggage labels with string attached, pencils, post-it notes, stickers.

People work on the map, writing comments on labels, post-it notes and stickers and attaching them to the map. Then agree itinerary – about 1 hr to 1hr 30 mins and have the walkabout.

Overview

Age -	Modern residential, post-war, Georgian, etc
Land Use -	commercial, agriculture, etc
Layout -	plot size, open spaces, etc
Natural features -	green spaces, waterways etc
Open space & recreation –	public open spaces etc
Shop, services, recreation –	commercial premises, services etc
Landmarks –	meeting points, focal points

Barleythorpe

Define character area. – mostly residential, sports facilities, business, heritage, farming.

Put post-it notes on map to label buildings, or use numbered stickers. How important the facilities are to the public. What kind of businesses they are.

1. Age . Mostly 19th century with 21st century new estates. Horseshoe Close and Grooms Close. Some older.
2. Land use. Business, residential, agriculture, woodland, natural or semi-natural, stream, recreational
3. Layout. Mixed. Low density. Courtyard design. Some large plots. Some open onto pavements, some have front gardens, fences, walls. Ribbon devt along main road. Plot size and distribution – Main road houses have small plots, further back houses have large plots & gardens, less dense. Buildings are in centre of plots further back.
4. Natural features. Barleythorpe brook. Allotment gardens (at back of terraced houses on Main Rd onto Stud Rd. These act as a buffer zone from the new estate. Green belt (between Catmose College & Barleythorpe) You can recommend that there is no big devt on buffer zones.
5. Open space. Mark cycle paths & routes, parks, play areas (Leafield Park), path into Oakham North estate. Importance of green spaces? Allotments
6. Sporting facilities. Café, football club
7. Landmarks. Barleythorpe Hall, Clockhouse Court. Historic houses. What is important about certain buildings/views, etc.