

Oakham Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Meeting the Public at Oakham Library, 1 September 2018, 10.00 -12.00

Michael Hinman and Janet Hughes spoke to 5 ladies

Issues raised

More social housing

Houses must look appropriate

More buses needed, especially later in the day

Arts centre

Mcdonalds (several youths have been killed on the roads travelling to Melton Mcdonalds)

Bowling alley (once planned for South St)

Castle and museum open daily

Tourist Information Centre

Signposts from Rutland Water

Weekly events in market place on Sundays

Cycle path on Uppingham Road

Earlier trains on Sunday. Later trains from Birmingham and Peterborough

Transport. There is a perception that it is no good, which stops people using it. For some people it is vital. A through bus to Nottingham would be good. The RF1 worker bus to Melton should be reinstated.

Housing - too expensive. Cheaper housing for old people needed. Why are we trying to attract commuters rather than people who will spend money in Oakham? Social housing should be built alongside other houses in mixed communities.

More schools

Better 16-19 education provision. We need a college for less academic young people.

County council is half-hearted on most things

No building on Brooke Road, it is important to keep the views of the countryside, one of the best views in Oakham.

All houses should access to the outside. Flats should have balconies so that the residents can go outside.

Unsafe pavements. A poor job has been done of repairing the pavements in Market St, and the damaged sign there was reported 2 years ago and has not yet been mended.

More hanging baskets. Lots of shops have brackets for them but don't have baskets

Boots and other shops are shabby, need painting. Victoria Hall needs renovating

Too many charity shops

Need shops for children's clothes, wellies, etc

Affordable ladies clothes shops, eg M&S, New Look

Aldi (Tesco?) is not allowed to sell clothes because it would be competition for High St shops, but customers would welcome it

Cutts Close needs better play equipment. It should have the best playground in Oakham. There should be a football ground there. The skatepark is not used because it is not challenging enough. More lighting for Cutts Close, especially for schoolchildren crossing in the dark.

Dogs should be on a lead. Problems with dog-walkers in Sculthorpe Road, they allow the dogs off the lead. Professional dog-walkers park in Sculthorpe Rd, as do Rutland Water visitors who don't want to pay car-park fees.

Put a board outside the library to advertise we are here on Saturdays. Protect historical buildings

New surgery

Stop pavement parking. Pavements are cracked and dangerous

Road workers have been heard to say that the roads will all be dug up next year

No to a one-way system

Westgate car park surface is terrible

South St car park has only been patched, needs doing properly

Town looks scruffy, people need to clean shop fronts

Too many lorries using Braunston Road

Shop rents too high

Clearer entrance to castle so that visitors can find it

Traffic needs changing (unspecific)