

SURVEY OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA - ZONE 1 NE OAKHAM 17/7/2018 17.00 - 19.00

The photo below shows the three areas A, B & C walked as part of the Walkabout. It highlights the protected trees (green blobs), arboretum (lower right), public footpaths (red dots), allotments, Barleythorpe Brook and Oakham Canal.



Those who attended the walkabout were;

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- Derek Clark
- Gill Pontefract
- Tim Lee
- Kate Lee

Additional Notes taken by some of those on the Walkabout

- Notes*
- * More access from the bird Estate onto Ashwell Rd
 - * Bigger New houses. (decent sized front)
 - * More luminous Paths. (fairy light Street)
 - * Trees to be maintained (grown next to by).
 - * New builds need to accommodate off road parking.
 - * footpaths ^{or alleyways} need maintaining by the brooks.
 - * Another Entrance needed off Schofield Rd.
 - * ~~old swimming pool~~
 - * Brooke footpath by foxfield needs Dog Poop Bins.
 - * Also the same brook bit needs tidying up the waters stagnant & the very overgrown.
 - * Lots of potholes Ashfield.
 - * Dog walking area down Knightingale Rd needs maybe turning into a play area.
 - * Bus routes round the estates. (limited)
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- ESTATE TIME
 - Pavement (fairy lights)
 - Broken Street lights
 - Footpath
 - Bank of RPC farrow supposed to be cycle pathway
 - Spill houses ground.
 - ? play area
- Notes*

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- ① BRIDGE & MORE BROOK NEAR BRIDGE ON ASHWELL ROAD KIDS CLIMB OVER THE WALL AND DO ANSOULTS
 - ② PLAY AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF JAY CLOSE NEEDS MORE LIGHTING OR LUMINOUS FOOTPATHS
 - ③ SOME 3 BEDROOM BUNGALOWS PLEASE
 - ④ GOOD MIX OF HOUSES

Area A

Neighbourhood Overview

Neighbourhood Area	Area A - West of Ashwell Road up to the RPC factory site and railway line. North to the Burley Park Way A606. South to Barmstedt Drive. Includes Foxfield and Schofield Roads.
Age	Built 1980 - 1990's
Land Use	Residential Housing
Layout Type	<p>Mixture of Terraced, Detached and Semi Detached houses on good plot sizes with garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches and styles. Mixture of brick finishes and patterns used.</p> <p>Feeder roads wide enough for 2 way traffic. Roads narrow and foot paths disappear as you take avenues and roads that are dead ends. Limited number of bungalows on this estate which we know from the Big Survey elderly residents requires.</p> <p>Schofield Road and close roads off it have a higher density of housing but still of mixed types.</p>
Natural Features	<p>Barleythorpe Brooke runs from Barleythorpe to Rutland Water and cuts a west from Kilburn Road south east to end of Horn Close where it crosses under Burley Park Way (A606). Lines of Protected very mature Lime Trees (some associated with Springfield House now demolished) run along the canal and between Ashfield and Foxfield Way. The trees also continue south behind Springfield Way.</p>
Open Spaces (see photo P7, P8 & P9)	<p>Tree lined footpath (made up of protected trees) from Ashwell Road to junction of Springfield Way and Greenfield. Note - Luminous chips rolled into tarmac surface to illuminate path at night (photo P8). Old Open Air Pool site now green space West of Schofield Road and south of Barleythorpe Brooke stream (see photo P21)</p>
Services and Facilities	<p>Oakham town centre can be reached by car via the bypass or on foot/cycle via Ashwell and Kilburn Roads. Limited local bus service Oakham Hopper 146 calls at Foxfield Way, Springfield Way and Ashwell Road. The estates have some interconnected footpaths which link up with roads into town.</p>
Landmarks	<p>Historic Oakham Canal to the west of Ashfield Close. A public footpath runs alongside the canal from the end of Oakfield north to Burley Park Way (A606). This path is used by walkers some with dogs but there are no bins for waste. The footpath ownership is unclear but needs upgrading. The canal banks are lined by some protected trees which need maintaining and self seeded Ash trees by the bridge over Burley Park Way (A606) spoil the view of the canal looking south from the footpath on the by-pass.</p>

Walkabout	Survey Table	Area A		
Street(s)/Area	Buildings	Landmarks	Views & Vistas	Improvement Ideas
Ashwell Road (see photo P6)	No houses front onto Ashwell road in this part of the road most are side on.	Mature Tree lined road.	The mature trees either side of the road create a pleasing view along the road towards the A606	Foot and ideally car access to Ashwell Road from Plover and Wren Close should be provided given low levels of traffic on Ashwell road.
Springfield Way (see photos P12, P10)	Mixture of Terraced, Detached and Semi Detached houses on good plot sizes with garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches and styles. Roads wide enough for 2 way traffic. Roads narrow and foot paths disappear as you take avenues and roads that are dead ends.	None	Mature Trees along the middle part of Springfield Way which run either side of the footpath from the junction of Springfield Way and Greenfield Road towards Ashwell road.	Limited number of bungalows on this estate which we know from the Big Survey elderly residents requires. Use fluorescent chips in more poorly lit footpaths to aid walking on them at night. This has been used on the footpath between Ashwell Road and Greenfield Road.
Foaxfield Way and Ashfield Close (see photo P11)	Mainly Detached houses of varying sizes on good plot sizes with garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches and styles.	None	Lines of Protected very mature Lime Trees (some associated with Springfield House now demolished) run along the canal and between Ashfield and Foxfield Way. The trees also continue south behind Springfield Way.	A policy should be produced that clarifies how the protected and now very mature Lime Trees can be professionally thinned and pollarded. The trees whilst protected can be dangerous to residents in the adjacent houses. Protected trees owned by the council also need attention.

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<p>Schofield Road</p> <p>(see photos P17, P18, P19, P20 & P20A)</p>	<p>Schofield Road and close roads off it have a higher density of housing but still of mixed types. Feeder roads wide enough for 2 way traffic. Roads narrow and foot paths disappear as you take avenues and roads that are dead ends.</p> <p>The only entrance to Schofield estate is at the junction with the A606. The same junction has the entrance to RPC Factory.</p>			<p>Future house building must allow for cars to be parked off street. With smaller roads cars parked on the street block access for emergency service vehicles.</p> <p>The Schofield Road junction with A606 and RPC is dangerous. Could it be made safer? No opportunity seems to exist to create another entrance to the Schofield Road estate.</p>
<p>Oakham Canal</p> <p>(see photos P13, P14, P15 & P16)</p>	<p>Housing backs onto the canal.</p>	<p>Historic Oakham Canal to the west of Ashfield Close.</p>	<p>The canal is largely overgrown. The mature lime trees need pollarding and thinning to allow more light</p>	<p>Ownership and maintenance of the Oakham Canal footpath and trees needs to be clarified. The canal used to be a beauty spot but now is overgrown. The viewpoint from the bridge (P16) over Burley Park Way (A606) needs to be restored and the self seeded trees removed.</p>

Neighbourhood Overview Area B

Neighbourhood Area	Walkabout Area B - SE of Ashwell Road and W of Snelston Close, Wensum Close and Tolethorpe Close
Age	Built 1960's
Land Use	Mixed Social & Residential Housing
Layout Type	Mixture of Terraced, Detached and Semi Detached houses on good plot sizes some with garages and off street parking. Social housing (some now privately owned) - Mainly red brick terraced houses with flat facades, typical of many older social housing estates across the UK. Some have had solar panels fitted to the roofs. Some mature trees. Feeder roads wide enough for 2 way traffic. Residents also park on the grass verges and roads. Traffic calming uses raised block tables.
Key Natural Features	Barleythorpe Brooke runs from Barleythorpe to Rutland Water and cuts a west along Kestrel Road and behind Partridge Way, going under Burley Road and onto Burley Park Way (A606). Areas of mixed trees and grassed areas adjacent to Barleythorpe Brooke.
Open Spaces	Oakham C of E Primary School & English Martyrs have playing fields.
Services and Facilities	English Martyrs Catholic Voluntary Academy , Willow Crescent, Oakham LE15 6EH Willow Stores 61-63 Willow Cres, Oakham LE15 6EQ Oakham C of E Primary School , Burley Road, Oakham LE15 6GY Oakham town centre can be reached by car or on foot/cycle via Burley Way. Limited local bus service Oakham Hopper 146 calls at Woodland View, Willow Cres .
Landmarks	Large allotments off Burley Park Road and Willow Crescent (P22)
Ideas for Improvements	

Walkabout Survey Table Area B

Street(s)/Area	Topography	Street Scene	Open Spaces
Heron Road (see photos P1, P2 & P3)	Road slopes gently towards Kestrel Road and the Barleythorpe Brooke.	Residential winding road with smaller closes running off the main road. no speed humps.	Small grassed area between Jay and Robin Close (P3).
Nightingale Way	Road slopes gently towards Kestrel Road and the Barleythorpe Brooke.	Residential winding road. no speed humps.	Spire Homes own a triangle of private land off Nightingale Way used by dog walkers.

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Beech Road & Woodland View (see photos P22 - P27)	Flat roads.	Residential Roads. New social housing at the end of Beech Road replacing a row of garages backing onto the allotments.	Large allotments adjacent to Beech Road (P22)

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Heron Road (see photos P1, P2 & P3)	Mainly Detached houses of varying sizes on good plots with garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches and styles.	None	At the entrance to Heron Road, looking back across the A606 you have views across Oakham School playing fields	Formalise the small grassed area between Jay and Robin Close as a play area.
Nightingale Way	Mixture of smaller Detached and Semi Detached houses on good plot sizes some with garages and off street parking.	Barleythorpe Brook runs near the junction with Kestrel Road (see photo P5)		None
Beech Road & Woodland View (see photos P22 - P27)	Mixed private owned and social housing & - Mainly red brick terraced houses with flat facades. Some houses have had solar panels fitted to the roofs (housing association owned properties?). Some mature trees. New terraced houses with parking opposite built at the end of Beech Road (P23 & P24)	Old large tree at junction of Beech Road and Woodland View	None	None

Neighbourhood Overview

Area C

Neighbourhood Area	Walkabout Area C - - Alsthorpe Road Estate
Age	Built 1990's early 2000's
Land Use	Residential Housing
Layout Type	<p>Mixture of mainly detached houses on larger plot sizes, majority with single/double garages and off street parking. Some terraced and semi detached houses. Numbers of mature trees and hedges planted by David Wilson Developers.</p> <p>Mix of smaller starter homes along Snelston and Wensome closes. (P29)</p> <p>Different styles of houses with staggered frontages, bricks and finishes and different roof pitches.</p> <p>Feeder roads wide enough for 2 way traffic. Roads narrow and foot paths disappear as you take Closes and roads that are dead ends.</p> <p>The estate has extensive traffic calming speed humps, 14 on Alsthorpe Road alone. These create pollution and can damage cars suspension.</p>
Key Natural Features	The estate slopes towards the bypass from the middle of Alsthorpe Road. This section of the bypass that skirts the estate was designed to be set low in the landscape and benefits from banking and the use of a tree line to reduce noise and the visual appearance of the by-pass.
Open Spaces	<p>Arboretum and grassed spaces to the south east corner of the zone where Alsthorpe Road meets the Burley Park Way bypass. Also forms a noise bund and screening from the by-pass.</p> <p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath runs from the end of Woodland View east towards Burley Park Way (A606) and onto Rutland Water. Alongside the footpath is a green open space which runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606). The main sewers run under this green space towards the sewage farm across the A606 just off Stamford road.</p> <p>Small Play Areas were built by David Wilson on the estate at the junction of Normanton Drive and Alsthorpe Road, Hardwick Close and Pickworth Road.</p>
Services and Facilities	<p>Oakham town centre can be reached by car via the bypass and Stamford Road or Burley Road. On foot/cycle via cycle ways along the by-pass and Stamford Road.</p> <p>Local bus service Oakham Hopper has stopped running along Alsthorpe Road</p>
Landmarks	Arboretum, Hereward Way Public Footpath and adjacent green space corridor.

Walkabout Survey Table

Area C

Street(s)/Area	Topography	Street Scene	Open Spaces
<p>Alsthorpe Road</p> <p>(see photos P30, P31, P32, P35 & P37)</p>	<p>Road slopes gently towards Kestrel Road and the Barleythorpe Brooke.</p>	<p>Alsthorpe Road provides two points of access and egress from the estate onto Burley Park Way (A606). Busy road at peak times in morning and evening. Residential winding road with smaller closes running off the main road. Some trees and hedges to property boundaries. The estate has extensive traffic calming speed humps, 14 on Alsthorpe Road alone.</p>	<p>Normanton Drive Play area near junction of Alsthorpe Road and Normanton Drive (P32).</p> <p>A grassed green open space runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606). (P30,P31 & P35)</p>
<p>Gunthorpe & Pickworth Closes</p> <p>(see photos P33, P34 & P40)</p>	<p>Road slopes gently towards Burley Park Way (A606).</p>	<p>Residential winding road with smaller closes running off the main road. Some trees and hedges to property boundaries.</p>	<p>Play area at the end of Pickworth Close and in Hardwick Close (P40)</p>
<p>Hambleton Close</p> <p>(see photo P36, P38 & P39)</p>	<p>Road slopes gently towards Burley Park Way (A606).</p>	<p>Residential winding road with smaller closes running off the main road. Some trees and hedges to property boundaries.</p>	<p>At the end of Hambleton Close you can access the grassed green open space runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606) and arboretum (P38 & P39).</p>
<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath</p> <p>(see photo P28 & P35)</p>	<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath runs from the end of Woodland View east towards Burley Park Way (A606) and onto Rutland Water. Footpath slopes gently towards Burley Park Way (A606).</p>	<p>Tarmaced public footpath lit and lined with shrubs, small bushes and trees.</p>	<p>Alongside the footpath is a green open space which runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606).</p>

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<p>Alsthorpe Road (see photos P30, P31, P32, P35 & P37)</p>	<p>Mainly Detached houses of varying sizes on good plots with single and double garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches.</p>	<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath runs from the end of Woodland View east towards Burley Park Way (A606), cutting across Alsthorpe Road and onto Rutland Water. Alongside the footpath is a green open space which runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606). The main sewers run under this green space towards the sewage farm across the A606 just off Stanford road.</p>	<p>A grassed green open space runs from the end of Woodland View to Burley Park Way (A606). Its used by children and dog walkers. Bins for dog bags are located along the footpath.</p>	<p>Traffic Calming needs to be revised to reduce pollution and damage to cars from the non compliant speed humps built by David Wilson's. Alternatives may be raised brick paving tables or change of priority chicanes</p>
<p>Gunthorpe & Pickworth Closes (see photos P33, P34 & P40)</p>	<p>Mainly Detached houses of varying sizes on good plots with single and double garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches. Roads in the closes are narrower with bricked surfaces and often no pavements.</p>	<p>Play area at the end of Pickworth Close and in Hardwick Close.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Play area at the end of Pickworth Close and in Hardwick Close would benefit from additional equipment, lighting and use of fluorescent chips in more poorly lit footpaths to aid walking on them at night. This has been used on the footpath between Ashwell Road and Greenfield Road.</p>

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<p>Hambleton Close (see photo P36, P38 & P39)</p>	<p>Mainly Detached houses of varying sizes on good plots with single and double garages and off street and on street parking. Different styles of houses with staggered frontages and different roof pitches. Speed humps in road.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Traffic Calming needs to be revised to reduce pollution and damage to cars from the non compliant speed humps built by David Wilson's. Alternatives may be raised brick paving tables or change of priority chicanes</p>
<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath</p>	<p>Tarmac public footpath that is wide and well lit. Lined with bushes on both sides to encourage wildlife.</p>	<p>Hereward Way (E203) public footpath runs from the end of Woodland View east towards Burley Park Way (A606), cutting across Alsthorpe Road and onto Rutland Water. The main sewers run under this green space towards the sewage farm across the A606 just off Stanford road.</p>	<p>The green space along side the footpath provides a view towards the A606.</p>	<p>Could the Hereward Way (E203) public footpath be used as a cycle way? It is informally already.</p>