

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OAKHAM AND BARLEYTHORPE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP
held on 21st. November, 2018 at the King Centre, Barleythorpe at 4.00 p.m..

Present: Christopher Clark (CC) (chair), Paul Buxton (PB), Chris Marsland (CM), Janet Hughes (JH) and Michael Hinman (MH) (minutes).

Apologies: Nick Taylor (NT), John Nowell (JN), Adam Lowe (AL), Paul Dowse (PD), David Salkeld (DS) and Dave Blanksby (DB).

In attendance: Simone Landucci (SL) and John Bayes (JB) from Openplan.

Minutes of the Meetings of 26th. October and 30th. October
These were approved and signed (proposed: JH; seconded: PB).

Matters arising

CM advised the meeting that, due to activities elsewhere, David Blanksby would be leaving the group. CC asked that CM convey the group's thanks for all the work that David had completed for the Neighbourhood Plan, particularly the recently produced PowerPoint presentations.

Progress with the Plan

CC stated that the group needed clarification about the detail required in their submissions regarding the various areas covered from which Openplan would draw up policies. He praised DB's work on Barleythorpe and its Separation from Oakham, Green Spaces, Green Infrastructure and Views and asked that CM convey the group's thanks. The Background Section of the Neighbourhood Plan draft would benefit from the information contained in DB's PowerPoint document. Openplan could access more maps from Oakham Town Council.

SL then took the group through some of the plan development sections (4.1 – 4.12) for which they had supplied information:-

4.1 Residential Development Management – development of large estates already defined, mainly in the north western quadrant (i.e. Barleythorpe), should proceed. Rutland County Council had the power to control the amount of new housing on small sites and adjacent to them. The preference expressed in the group's Big Survey, was for up to twenty houses on windfall sites. The item needed to include bungalows for older people.

4.2 Housing Design – Rutland County Council advised that the design and appearance of housing be placed in general policy because the sites chosen might change. Information from walkabouts would be fed into policies for all neighbourhoods. Although it was beyond the group's remit to go against the Local Plan Review's standards for parking, it could support increasing the amount of parking stipulated per dwelling.

4.3 Site-Specific Design and Layout – it was beyond the group's remit to state that there should be no development northeast of Burley Park Way.

4.5 Town Centre – MH raised the point that whilst Tim Norton's premises lay beyond the town centre, it was thought that policy 4.5.10 was relevant because long-stay parking slots on that site would benefit the town centre.

4.6 Heritage and Character – MH would supply Openplan with a list of local buildings and structures which, while not listed, were deemed worthy of preservation.

4.7 Employment and Business Development – not addressed because JN was unable to be present.

4.8 Community Facilities – CC would provide Openplan with a list of community facilities.

4.9 Important Views – group members should check the submitted list for any omissions.

4.10 Local Green Spaces – CM and DB had included local green spaces on their submission. The inclusions of path paths and cycle routes also needed to be included. A list of these need to be included on the maps being prepared by Openplan.

4.11 Green Infrastructure and Recreational Facilities – PB and DB should seek to find details from maps online.

4.12 Separation of Barleythorpe from Oakham – PB said that, although it would be more central to have a primary school built nearer to the middle of the new estate, if it had to go on the field between the old hamlet and Catmos College playing field it could do so as an exception to the separation policy.

Action – CC stressed the need to complete our work with the utmost speed and asked everyone to read the information on Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan and Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan on Google Drive. People needed to make any comments upon all the proposals by the end of the month and send them comments to Openplan.