

## Items from Big Survey that relate to Oakham Town Centre Improvement Scheme

The views of the residents of Oakham and Barleythorpe expressed as a result of the **Big Survey issued to 5,500 households and businesses** must be reflected in the Oakham Town Centre Improvement Scheme being proposed by Rutland County Council. **1,592 households and businesses of Oakham and Barleythorpe responded** to the Big Survey, a **29% response rate**.

The sections of the Big Survey that relate to the **Oakham Town Centre Improvement Scheme** are highlighted below. The full report has already been sent to the RCC Oakham Town Centre Improvement Scheme project team and is available in full at [www.oakhamnp.org.uk](http://www.oakhamnp.org.uk).

### Methods of Travel - Page 35

The majority, 1229 (93%), of respondents use a **car or van** within Oakham/Barleythorpe to visit the **supermarket**, followed by 799 (61%) of respondents who **walk**.

The majority, 1197 (91%), of respondents walk to Oakham town centre shops, followed by 710 (54%) of respondents who use a car or van.

#### ***Methods of travel***

Q23	Please indicate below what forms of transport you or your household mainly use to access the following facilities and services <i>within Oakham/Barleythorpe</i> <i>Please tick all those that apply</i>					
	Supermarket	Oakham Town Centre Shops	School, Nursery, Playgroup	Sports/Leisure	Doctors/Hospital	
Car/van	1229 (93%)	710 (54%)	216 (16%)	581 (44%)	990 (75%)	
Car-share	34 (52%)	20 (31%)	7 (11%)	29 (45%)	28 (43%)	
Bus	141 (57%)	172 (69%)	16 (7%)	29 (12%)	63 (25%)	
Taxi	26 (32%)	26 (32%)	3 (4%)	19 (23%)	44 (54%)	
Community transport	8 (19%)	11 (26%)	3 (7%)	5 (12%)	28 (65%)	
Bicycle	168 (50%)	215 (63%)	45 (13%)	207 (61%)	135 (40%)	
Motorbike/scooter	7 (30%)	16 (70%)	2 (9%)	12 (52%)	13 (57%)	
Mobility vehicle	15 (83%)	14 (78%)	3 (17%)	2 (11%)	9 (50%)	
Walking	799 (61%)	1197 (91%)	257 (20%)	508 (39%)	797 (61%)	

## Parking - Page 39

A majority, 767 (52%), of respondents agree that Oakham needs **additional long-term pay and display car parking**.

A majority, 710 (47%), of respondents **agree that Oakham town centre needs a one-way system** to reduce traffic congestion and **potentially enable additional parking**. 348 (23%) were neutral and 441 (29%) disagree.

### Parking

Q25 Please read through the following statements and let us know how much you agree or disagree with each one <i>Please tick one circle</i>				
		Agree	Neutral	Disagree
	A <b>park and ride scheme</b> is needed on the outskirts of Oakham for visitors and those working in town	574 (39%)	427 (29%)	476 (32%)
	Oakham needs a <b>multi-storey car park</b>	290 (20%)	211 (14%)	963 (66%)
	Oakham Town Centre needs a <b>one-way system</b> to reduce traffic congestion and potentially enable additional parking	710 (47%)	348 (23%)	441 (29%)
	Oakham needs additional long term <b>pay and display car parking</b>	767 (52%)	446 (30%)	252 (17%)

## Cycling - Page 45

The majority, 652 (46%), of respondents indicated that **more cycle lanes in and around Oakham would encourage them or members of their household to cycle more** within Oakham/Barleythorpe, followed by 510 (38%) of respondents who indicated that a map of cycle lanes and improved signage would also help.

Although 483 (36%) of respondents think that more secure cycle parking would encourage them or members of their household to cycle more within Oakham/Barleythorpe, 473 (35%) of respondents didn't think this would.

In relation to anything else, the key issues amongst respondents included having clean cycle paths free from glass, spikes & hedge cuttings that would encourage cycling, and having cycle hire to encourage the use of cycling to and from places.

### Cycling

Q29 Would any of the following encourage you or members of your household to cycle more within Oakham/Barleythorpe?				
		Yes	No	No opinion
	More cycle lanes in and around Oakham	652 (46%)	467 (33%)	313 (22%)
	More secure cycle parking	483 (36%)	473 (35%)	394 (29%)
	Map of cycle lanes and improved signage	510 (38%)	446 (33%)	380 (28%)
Anything else? <i>Please let us know</i>		104 comments		

## Traffic congestion - Page 47- 48

A majority, 647 (42%), of respondents indicated that they are **extremely concerned about traffic congestion** in relation to passenger and freight trains passing through Oakham's two level crossings causing delays to traffic, followed by 524 (35%) of respondents who were extremely concerned about access to Oakham town centre and/or medical facilities and homes to the west of the town.

### ***Traffic congestion at railway crossings***

<b>Q30 Passenger and freight trains passing through Oakham's two level crossings cause delays to traffic. Please indicate below on a scale of 1-5 if any of the following concern you where 1 is not at all concerned and 5 is extremely concerned</b>						
		1 Not at all concerned	2	3	4	5 Extremely concerned
	Traffic congestion	221 (14%)	134 (9%)	266 (17%)	264 (17%)	647 (42%)
	Access to Oakham Town Centre and/or medical facilities and homes to the west of the Town	304 (20%)	146 (10%)	275 (18%)	252 (17%)	524 (35%)
	A sense that Oakham as a community is divided by the railway crossings	573 (38%)	135 (9%)	223 (15%)	176 (12%)	405 (27%)

The majority of respondents indicated that **all the suggestions could reduce congestion** at the Melton Road and Brooke Road level crossings. 756 (53%) of respondents favoured yellow chequer boxes at the approach to the crossings to stop adjacent road junctions being blocked, closely followed by a one-way system in High Street and adjacent roads to reduce traffic flow and having electronic signs at the start and middle of High Street, alerting traffic of crossing closure with signed alternative routes via the bypass.

In relation to any other suggestions, some of the **key issues amongst respondents included on-street parking on High Street** and the widening of the roads would help to reduce congestion on the level crossing. Also, reducing the amount of time barriers are down and a sign to say how long the train will take would mean people can switch off their engines.

<b>Q31 Do you think any of the following suggestions could reduce congestion at the Melton Road and Brooke Road level crossings?</b>				
		Yes	No	No opinion
	Electronic signs at the start and middle of High Street alerting traffic of crossing closure with signed alternative routes via the bypass	643 (45%)	538 (38%)	255 (18%)
	One-way system in High Street and adjacent roads to reduce traffic flow	646 (44%)	553 (38%)	258 (18%)
	Yellow chequer boxes at the approach to the crossings to stop adjacent road junctions being blocked	756 (53%)	408 (29%)	269 (19%)
Any other suggestions?		316 comments		

## About Oakham Town Centre - Page 65

The majority, 1027 (71%), of respondents indicated that having a **greener street scene (trees / flowers) would help to improve Oakham town centre** as a place to visit, followed by 975 (67%) of respondents identifying **more and improved public seating**.

A majority, 754 (53%), of respondents did not think that the **pedestrianisation of High Street would help to improve Oakham town centre** as a place to visit.

### ABOUT OAKHAM TOWN CENTRE

Q39	Do you think any of the following would help to improve Oakham Town Centre as a place to visit?	Yes	No	No opinion
	Clearer and improved signage	460 (34%)	510 (37%)	401 (29%)
	More and improved public seating	975 (67%)	258 (18%)	225 (15%)
	Greener street scene (Trees/flowers)	1027 (71%)	243 (17%)	184 (13%)
	Wider and improved pavements along High Street	861 (59%)	443 (30%)	151 (10%)
	Improved crossing points along High Street	584 (41%)	609 (43%)	220 (16%)
	Reduced vehicle presence along High Street	886 (61%)	413 (29%)	150 (10%)
	Restricted vehicle delivery periods	929 (64%)	321 (22%)	201 (14%)
	Pedestrian priority along High Street	676 (48%)	545 (38%)	198 (14%)
	Pedestrianisation of High Street	484 (34%)	754 (53%)	182 (13%)
	More secure places to park motorbikes/scooters	314 (23%)	335 (24%)	740 (53%)
	Wider pavements to improve mobility vehicles/wheelchair access	633 (45%)	369 (26%)	418 (29%)
	Cultural events/festivals	905 (66%)	148 (11%)	319 (23%)
Any other suggestions? Please let us know		274 comments		