

# Neighbourhood Plan Review Proposal

Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan

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## Our proposal

We have identified below, and in the table, our initial recommendations and time/fee estimates regarding the main tasks that we would expect to undertake to support the work required to review the current Neighbourhood Plan.

The tasks reflect our interpretation of what is likely to be required, informed by our current understanding of the stage that has been reached in the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan and its current conformity to the latest Rutland Local Plan Review (March 2020).

Based on the information available to us so far, the approach we recommend is outlined below, as a 2-stage process.

### **Stage 1: Inception and Review: August 2020**

- OpenPlan will participate in an initial review meeting with the Steering Group to give an update about the current Neighbourhood Plan and its conformity with the Rutland Core Strategy DPD and the Rutland Draft Local Plans (July 2017 and March 2020).
- OpenPlan will work with Rutland County Council's planning team to undertake a "health check" review against the Rutland Draft Local Plan (March 2020). This will provide recommendations regarding any necessary amendments to the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

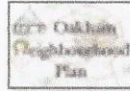
### **Stage 2: Modifying the Neighbourhood Plan and Basic Condition Statement: September 2020**

- OpenPlan will amend the Neighbourhood Plan (Policies, Policy Maps and Justification Text) to ensure the Oakham and Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan is in general conformity with the latest version of the Rutland Draft Local Plan (March 2020).
- OpenPlan will revise the Basic Conditions Statement, this demonstrates how the Neighbourhood Plan meets the statutory requirements set out within the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012. OpenPlan will be modifying the document, to evidence that the neighbourhood development plan is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Rutland Draft Local Plan Review (March 2020).

Throughout all stages, OpenPlan will attend (Zoom) meetings, as necessary, with the Steering Group. Although the proposal considers only the review of the Neighbourhood Plan, OpenPlan will assist the Steering Group through to Regulation 16 Consultation and Independent Examination.

Task	No. of days	
	OpenPlan @ £450 per day	
<b>Stage 1:</b> Inception and Review of the Neighbourhood Plan	1	
<b>Total for Stage 1</b>	1 day	
	£ 450 (Ex VAT)	
<b>Stage 2:</b> Modifying the Neighbourhood Plan	1	
Modifying the Basic Conditions Statement	1	
<b>Total for Stage 2</b>	2 days	
	£ 900 (Ex VAT)	
<b>Overall Total;</b>	3 days	
	£ 1,350 (Ex VAT)	





July 10th 2020

**Meeting via ZOOM :** Chris Clark (NHP Chairman); Roger Ransom (RCC); Steve Kemp & John Bayes (Open Plan) David Jones (Barlythorpe Parish Council); Adam Lowe (Oakham Town Council).

Oakham & Barleythorpe NHP was put forward to the Regulation 16 Stage ( see above). Since then the COVID-19 development has caused delays in referendums, also the public need access to hard copies, in the Council Chamber and Library, to examine the plan, clearly this cannot happen. Slowly the lock downs are easing off.

Roger Ransom has contacted Chris and myself to ask for some additional minor adjustments at this stage, this would not need to go back to Reg 14 as these are not substantial changes and would not alter any of the supporting documents.

The work which would take about three days for Open Plan to complete and would involve ensuring there was no conflict and the RCC Draft Local Plan 2019 and NHP alignment was easier for the public to understand.

The issues raised relate to the NHP justifications, which are from the Local Plan, reviewed July 2017, and where as it still captures the main issues the alignment to the Local Plan 2019 version sense check will re-cover:

Changes to St George Barracks  
Planned Development of Limits  
Affordable Housing Policy

A further concern raised by RCC; having two plans being considered at the same time could confuse the public, the meeting as a whole accepted this was a valid point and the minor adjustments would be a good use of time.

The recommendation; Open Plan and the NHP Committee action the work.

There would be a cost, currently there is about £300 left in the NHP budget, 3 days work would cost about £1500.

The Time Table being delayed due to the Pandemic and also the sensible approach suggested in allowing the RCC Local Plan to proceed first to the next stage, the revised NHP Time Table would look like this:

Aug - Sept 2020	Open Plan and NHP Committee sense check against the RCC Local Plan
Oct - Nov 2020	Public Consultation Reg 16 (so as not to clash with the Local Plan)
May - 2021	Potential to Adopt the Plan

Roger Ransom will also assist in reviewing the work as a further sense check and the RCC NHP Champion Cllr Gordon Brown has been very supportive of the Plan and the approach that this meeting was set up to discuss.

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