

Feedback from 'Out of Hours' group for young adults with disabilities or learning difficulties

This session was attended by half a dozen young adults who have given the following immediate feedback. They, and their parents, may be able to answer some of the surveys as well but this feedback should be taken into account too.

Future surveys need to be in Easy-read versions too. Can a way be found so parents can fill in just one survey which covers both their views and their children's rather than having to fill in each survey twice?

In terms of the 'Living in Rutland' theme the point was made that road space needs to be carefully considered when thinking about new housing developments. In some places already a lot of cars are now parked on the road or on pavements by the side of the road. It can be extremely difficult for any pedestrians, but especially those who may need a wheelchair or are visually disabled, to get by when cars are parked on verges and pavements to keep them off the road. Crossing the road also becomes much more difficult and dangerous.

Could Rutland embrace the PRIDE philosophy and celebrate people's differences? Though there is a march in Leicester it would be good to have one through Oakham too. At least publicly celebrating the LGBT History month (usually February) would show that we were inclusive and proud to be diverse. Stonewall organisation can provide a flag to fly from our flagpoles on County Offices.

Increasing the number of leisure facilities in Oakham needs to be carefully considered. It will make it more busy and crowded. This may take away from part of the charm of the town which is its safety, quaintness and quietness.

If we are to build a new cinema in Rutland it should be on the A606 towards Melton but is one really needed when there are cinemas in Corby, Stamford and Melton already, all quite close by?

A roofed shopping mall was asked for. Somewhere where all your shopping needs can be catered for under cover.

The graffiti in Rutland needs to be cleaned off, it is an eyesore particularly around the train bridges.

The streets being washed regularly (particularly in the summer) provides a much nicer, fresher, cleaner feel to any pedestrian area.

We need to use the Council facilities in Oakham to support mental health campaigns and hotlines. Especially now, when mental health is a key issue providing easier access to information, advice and guidance should be a priority.

We need more doctors in Rutland and their surgeries need to be bigger. This was a point echoed by the RDYF group. This is clearly an issue already in Rutland and we don't want it to get worse as Rutland develops.

Please could these views be added to the 'mix'?

Thank you.