

Moving along with the Oliver's Battery Plan

In March, we sent round our **first draft of the Oliver's Battery Plan (Abridged)** to every household in Oliver's Battery.

We pulled ideas together across the range of different **Threads** we'd been investigating and we shaped these into five broad **aims**. Here they are: -

- ***Aim 1 To develop the things we value about living in Oliver's Battery***
- ***Aim 2 To improve road safety***
- ***Aim 3 To improve local transport***
- ***Aim 4 To maintain, support and develop facilities and amenities***
- ***Aim 5 To develop sense of community and involvement.***

From these broad aims, we identified specific **objectives**, and from them, more detailed **actions**.

When you first read the draft Plan, it may look rather simple but the substance of the Oliver's Battery Plan is securely grounded in the views and opinions of our residents.

The aims, objectives and actions have sprung from the results and responses of the **Oliver's Battery Questionnaire**, from which we had a remarkable **73%** response rate. The questionnaire was written by a representative set of people from the community, after the first consultations to interested groups. Consequently, we can say with confidence that our Plan has been developed by Oliver's Battery residents and is an expression of community opinion.

All our work on the Oliver's Battery Plan is supported and advised by Winchester City Council's Community Planning Manager, Steve Lincoln, who has said our structure and processes of consultation and participation are in accordance with national good practice guidelines promoted by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), and similar to work undertaken by more than twenty other communities across the District.

We are writing the final draft of the Plan. Thanks to all of you who gave us feedback on the first draft. We are taking your comments on board as we develop our ideas. Our final Plan will need to be expanded, developed, illustrated and supported with extracts from the consultation data. We are currently in the process of tidying up and triple checking the data itself.

Although this is taking some time, we anticipate that the final Plan will be ready before autumn. In accordance with good practice, we first intend to present it to the Parish Council for their consideration and approval. This is an important stage, as although the Parish Council has supported our work, the Oliver's Battery Plan is independent from them. This is standard good practice when developing this kind of community Plan.

But above all, a community Plan such as ours stands or falls on people getting involved. We have some lovely ideas to develop our community - some of them, like the Film Nights and the Golf Club Supper Nights are running already, some ideas, like

developing a baby-sitting scheme, or running a newsletter, will need residents to help develop, implement and deliver any actions they are particularly interested in.

How can you help? We look forward to hearing from you

The Oliver's Battery Plan Team