***PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE***

***PARKS AND OPEN SPACES ON THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS***

***CLOSURE OF CHILDRENS PLAY AREAS***

***Dear resident***

 ***We have today sought advice from Rutland County Council on open spaces; particularly children's play areas, in the current crisis. Rutland County Council have closed children's play areas for which they have responsibility for a number of reasons. These include: reducing the risk of gatherings and concerns over safety should contractors not be able to carry out their regular inspection and maintenance. As you will know the Parks and Open Spaces are owned and maintained by the Oakham Heights Residents Management Company not by the Parish Council.***

***We have requested that the children's play areas be closed and suitable signage be provided.***

***The open spaces and footways/cycleways will remain open but all residents should observe the social distancing advice given by the government to avoid some of the behaviour, which took place across the country over the weekend.***

***I know that this move will cause disappointment but the important thing is for you and your loved ones to stay safe. Please treat these play areas as being closed with effect from now and*** ***let others know who may not receive these e -mails.***

***I wish you all well in these difficult times.***

***Christopher Marsland***

***Chairman***

***Barleythorpe Parish Council***