

EDGE HILL POLICY DOCUMENT

As an organisation set up to promote and lobby for the needs of the residents of Ormskirk, the strategy of **OCP** in relation to **Edge Hill University** is based on:

1. **Protecting the economy of the town**
2. **Protecting the interests of the residents.**
3. **Protecting the local environment**

It is necessary for **OCP** to recognise the range of impact that the University has on Ormskirk as an historic market town and consequently to have a clear policy statement with which the community may identify. **OCP** therefore has the following aims and aspirations:

- To be a voice for the majority of the community by seeking to work in partnership with **Edge Hill University** and **WLBC** .
- To ensure the recognition of the problems of Studentification within the town centre and residential areas and to resist any further expansion of the resident student population until and unless there is an independent impact assessment.
- To defend the semi-rural nature of **Ormskirk** by protection of the Green Belt from building and unnecessary light pollution.
- To address the increasing congestion and parking problems caused by the volume of traffic accessing the campus at peak times. These have become a serious inconvenience to residents and visitors giving a negative image to the market town and potentially damaging its prosperity.
- To work with the Community Safety Partnership and other agencies to address issues of anti social behaviour which are not acceptable to **Ormskirk** and damage the reputation of the University students regardless of whether they are involved.
- To receive formal notification of all Edge Hill planning applications in order to facilitate the opportunity to address the Planning Committee where **OCP** considers it appropriate to support or resist a proposal.
- To engage with students who accept responsibility within the community by their actions and activities thereby supporting the reputation of **Ormskirk**.