

Issues and Options consultation for the next Local Plan

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List of Acronyms

AONB	Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
CCG	Clinical Commissioning Group
CIL	Community Infrastructure Levy
HARAH	Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing
HLS	Housing Land Supply
HMA	Housing Market Area
LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
NTV	Northern Test Valley
OAN	Objectively Assessed Need
ONS	Office for National Statistics
PPG	Planning Practice Guidance [also known as NPPG – National Planning Practice Guidance]
PUSH	Partnership for Urban South Hampshire
SHELAA	Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment
SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment
SPA	Special Protection Area
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest

Overview of Document

This document provides a summary schedule of the comments received to the next Local Plan Issues and Options consultation held between 6 July and 14 September 2018.

The schedule also includes a response to each of the comments (with similar comments grouped together as appropriate). Please note that these responses are officer views only, providing thoughts in light of the comments on the potential direction of travel going forward, as preparation of the next Local Plan progresses. The responses are not a formal position of the Council, as they have not been approved by the Council or Cabinet.

The first stage, in preparing the next Local Plan the Issues and Options consultation aimed to get your views on the issues that face the Borough, and those that live and work in Test Valley will face, and the options for how best we deal with them. This includes how much development we should plan for and where it should go. The consultation was not about identifying possible sites for development at this stage. The consultation included issues covering housing, employment, the environment and infrastructure

Further details of the consultation are available on our website <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/next-local-plan-issues-options-consultation-questions>

The latest position on the next Local Plan is available on our website www.testvalley.gov.uk/nextlocalplan

Schedule of Respondents

Respondent Number	Respondent (Surname or Organisation Name)
10001	Ashley Parish Meeting
10002	Uglow
10003	Stallard
10004	Valley Park Parish Council
10005	Forestry Commission
10006	Charlton Parish Council
10007	Highways England
10008	Parrott
10009	Andover Ramblers
10010	Morgan
10011	National Grid
10012	Jones
10013	Dean
10014	Caruana
10015	Saunders
10016	Shah
10017	Gay
10018	Williams
10019	Wigley
10020	Glasspool
10021	Crosthwaite Eyre
10022	Southern Water
10023	Jones & Thorburn
10024	RSPB
10025	North Baddesley Parish Council
10026	CPRE Test Valley
10027	Theatres Trust
10028	New Forest District Council
10029	Hampshire County Council Public Health Team
10030	Grimsey
10031	Ratlake Farm Leisure Ltd
10032	Orchard Homes and Developments Ltd
10033	Timsbury Holdings Ltd
10034	Orchard Homes (Highwood Ltd)
10035	Gill
10036	Thrupton Parish Council
10037	English Rural Housing Association
10038	Gay
10039	Currie
10040	Cooper
10041	Rentplus UK Ltd
10042	Whiting
10043	Buss
10044	Wates Developments Ltd
10045	Thrupton Industrial Estate Andover
10046	Sport England
10047	Wildlife Trust

Respondent Number	Respondent (Surname or Organisation Name)
10048	Romsey & District Society: Planning Committee
10049	Historic England
10050	Steel
10051	Tippett
10052	Romsey & District Society: Natural Environment Committee
10053	Pratt
10054	Mottisfont Parish Council
10055	Bowling
10056	Thakeham Homes Ltd
10057	Vivid Homes
10058	Abbotts Ann Parish Council
10059	Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing (HARAH)
10060	Fluen
10061	Lynch
10062	Braishfield Parish Council
10063	Penton Mewsey Parish Council
10064	Prescott
10065	Barrington Brown
10067	Hampshire Swifts
10068	Environment Agency
10069	Bartholomew
10070	VIVID Homes
10071	Chapman
10072	Melchet Park and Plaitford Parish Council
10073	Tangley Parish Council
10074	Upper Clatford Parish Council
10075	Moldon
10076	Venables
10077	Bellway Homes Ltd (Wessex)
10079	Green
10080	Fairlie
10081	Evans
10082	Bryan Jezeph Consultancy Ltd
10083	Nursling & Rownhams Parish Council
10084	Trustees of the Captain Busk Grandchildren Settlement
10085	Wellow Parish Council
10086	New Forest National Park
10087	Cadier
10088	Hampshire County Council Property Services
10089	Gallagher Estates Ltd
10090	Owners of Spencers Farm
10091	The Trinley Estate
10092	Stokes
10093	Rowe
10094	CEG
10095	Romsey Future walking, Cycling & Transport Group
10096	Barratt David Wilson Homes
10097	Richborough Estates Ltd
10098	Eastleigh & Southampton City Council

Respondent Number	Respondent (Surname or Organisation Name)
10099	Hampshire County Council
10100	The Ashfield Estate
10101	Broadlands Estate
10102	Langford
10103	Hillier Nurseries & Garden Centre
10104	Broadlands Estate
10105	Ampfield Parish Council
10106	Michelmersh & Timsbury Parish Council
10107	Hutchinson
10109	Seaward Properties Ltd
10110	Stockbridge Parish Council
10111	Rownhams Promotions Limited
10112	The Faberstown Trust
10113	The Leckford Estate
10114	Ashfield Partnership
10115	Alfred Strategic
10116	Rowles Family
10117	Trustees of the Barker Mill Estates
10118	Gleeson Strategic Land
10119	Bellway Homes
10120	Gladman Developments Ltd
10121	Defence Infrastructure Organisation
10122	Taylor Wimpey Strategy Land
10123	A C English Developments Ltd
10124	Andover Town Council
10125	Hallam Land Management Ltd
10126	Bloor Homes
10127	Wynford Industrial Park
10128	Romsey Town Council Planning Committee
10129	University of Southampton Science Park
10130	Houston
10131	Persimmon
10132	NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group
10133	Taylor Wimpey
10134	Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
10135	Duke
10136	Simply Health
10137	Peel Land & Property
10138	Quarley Parish Council
10139	CPRE Hampshire
10140	Natural England

General Comments

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Congratulations on a succinct document. The document raises questions and allows for an easy way to respond to specific issues.
Response:	Noted. The positive feedback on the document is appreciated.

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	Valley Park Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation.
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10005	
Summary of comment:	<p>Forestry Commission is not in a position to input into the consultation process of Local Plans. Information provided to assist in assessing the appropriateness of sites for future development.</p> <p>Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 (published Oct 2016) - Section 40; National Planning Policy Framework (published March 2012) - Paragraph 118; The UK Forestry Standard (3rd edition published November 2011) - Page 24; Keepers of Time - A Statement of Policy for England's Ancient and Native Woodland (published June 2005) - Page 10; Natural Environment White Paper "The Natural Choice" (published June 2011) - Paragraphs 2.53 & 2.56; Biodiversity 2020: a strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services (published August 2011) - Paragraph 2.16. National Planning Practice Guidance - Natural Environment Guidance (published March 2014) - ancient woodland is an irreplaceable habitat. Standing Advice for Ancient Woodland and Veteran Trees (published April 2014) - the standing advice website provides links to Natural England's Ancient Woodland Inventory assessment guides</p>
Response:	The references are noted. The Council will need to have regard to legislation and relevant policy / strategy documents, this includes the duty on biodiversity and the approach to considering ancient woodlands.

Reference: 10005	
Summary of comment:	Renewable and low carbon energy - resilience of existing and new woodland is key to protect, improve and expand woodland in England
Response:	The comments in relation to this matter are noted. The Council will need to consider renewable and low carbon energy, as well as adaptation (and resilience) to climate change, in line with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10005	
Summary of comment:	Wood fuel and timber supplies continue to be an opportunity for local market growth whilst enabling active management
Response:	Noted, the NPPF actively encourages supporting a prosperous rural economy, the next Local Plan will seek to support all sustainable forms of rural enterprise

Reference: 10005	
Summary of comment:	Flood risk - planting of new riparian and floodplain woodland can help reduce/diffuse pollution, protect river morphology, moderate water temperature and aid flood risk management.
Response:	The comments are noted and it is recognised that there are a number of organisations working together to manage flood risk and catchments, which can have wider benefits in terms of water quality. National planning policy and guidance provides a framework for how local plans should consider flood risk, including through the promotion of sustainable drainage systems.

Reference: 10008	
Summary of comment:	The Test Valley Revised Local Plan map of Broughton shows my garden and countryside although it is part of the Blackbirds residential plot. Ordnance Survey had omitted the north west boundary because the fence was obscured by trees, they have now corrected their mapping. Please will you reinstate my garden rather than showing it as countryside.
Response:	Comments are noted. The approach to settlement boundaries and, if they continue to be used, the definition of the boundaries will be reviewed in future stages of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	An important part of the Local Plan is the approach to Rights of Way. As far as I can see this only receives passing reference in Para. 7.1
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to Rights of Way. Policy T1 of the adopted Local Plan provides the policy basis for considering Rights of Way, with additional text at paragraph 9.12.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The opportunity to comment on the Issues and Options consultation at an early stage whilst reviewing the Local Plan is welcomed
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10011	
Summary of comment:	The National Grid has no comments to make in response to the consultation

Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to engage with and consult the National Grid as the next Local Plan is prepared and would discussion on infrastructure availability and demand.
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	It would have been helpful if an online form had been available that contained the questions already laid out, where respondents could then enter their answers rather than typing out a document from scratch
Response:	Feedback on the approach to responding is noted and potential for alternative options for making this aspect of the process more straight forward for respondents will be considered.

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	Current plan policy SD1 is inadequate and does not satisfactorily address the issue. SD1 provides no definition of what the Council considers sustainable development or mechanism for prioritising it (applying the 'presumption in favour')
Response:	This policy in the adopted Local Plan (2016) was prepared in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (2012) and direction as to how local plans should address this matter. There will be an opportunity to review this through the preparation of the next Local Plan; however it would need to remain consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	OED definition of sustainable development differs from that used by the Council
Response:	The approach taken to this matter within the Revised Local Plan reflected the 2012 NPPF. This matter would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	New 2018 NPPF now contains the UN General Assembly definition of sustainable development and para 11 spells out presumption in favour. These definitions could provide guidelines to what the Council believes is 'sustainable'. The vast majority of current development (e.g. Abbotswood / Ganger Farm) would not meet any definition of sustainable development.
Response:	Sustainable development is a core principle which should run throughout the local plan. The new local plan will continue to reflect these principles through the presumption in favour of sustainable development, consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10019	
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Summary of comment:	The Council should now include policies within the new Local Plan that promotes real 'sustainable development'
Response:	Sustainable development is a core principle which should run throughout the local plan. The new local plan will continue to reflect these principles with the presumption in favour of sustainable development, consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	A key consideration in Test Valley should be the basic geography where there has been heavy development in both the North and South of the Borough
Response:	Noted. The availability of infrastructure, also accounting for recent and planned development would be a factor that needs to be taken into account, alongside other matters as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan and its distribution of future development provision.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The big issue is one of not how many new dwellings are needed but the type of new dwellings needed
Response:	Both the number and type of new homes will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, reflecting on national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Romsey is fed up with the lack of development on the Brewery site. Simply cannot have further green field development while it remains as it is
Response:	Noted, appreciate the frustration that the stalled development on the former Brewery site has caused. The Council is in ongoing negotiations with Stanborough Developments to see the development get back on track as well as exploring other alternatives. The site will ultimately play a part in the bigger picture surrounding the Housing Land Supply for Test Valley, so it is necessary to continue to allocate other sites for housing in the meantime.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	There is a complex task of balancing the quality of life expectations of existing residents whilst facilitating the demand for more housing in the Borough, so as to not damage the factors that attracted people to Test Valley in the first place
Response:	The preparation of the next Local Plan will need to consider existing communities, the need for additional development, and other matters. This will include taking account of the infrastructure needs of communities, accounting for how this is anticipated to change in the future, quality of life and the environment.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Andover was designated half a century ago as a London overspill town and had infrastructure to support 60,000 people; considerably more than the now nearly 40,000 population
Response:	Many factors, including infrastructure, are taken into consideration when decisions are made or where best placed to allocated development including new housing sites, as well as building for the future we must ensure to respect the past history of the places we live, work and enjoy

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	R&DS aspirations: protect greenfield and brownfield sites important to wildlife, create/maintain wildlife corridors, networks of green space linking between larger areas (SSSIs/SINCs), allow for a hierarchy of open spaces for recreation because nature reserve are not suitable for general recreation
Response:	Sustainability and the protection of the natural environment are going to play an important role within the next local plan aiming to ensure any new development not only protects but contributes toward the important green spaces that are found within the Borough

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Council should commit to extending workshops to include a significant number of residents, a series of open public meetings fronted by Cllrs. Ensure inclusion and demonstrate the Council isn't remote/insular and minimise criticism
Response:	There will be many opportunities for the public to have their say on the new local plan further along in the plan making process, this I&O consultation is the first part of an extensive and detailed exercise, this suggestion of an engagement workshop will be taken into consideration. The work of Andover Vision and Romsey Future will also feed into the preparation of the next local plan.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Consulting this way adds credibility, strengthens the evidence base and contributes to the sustainability appraisal
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Commit to work directly with, inform and listen to residents with the intent of making the process inclusive for those without internet access and little access to Council
Response:	Noted. The Council's Statement of Community Involvement sets out the approach to engagement and consultation on planning matters, through a variety of media.

Reference: 10056	
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Summary of comment:	NPPF para 35; to be found "sound" the plan should be: positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Regarding affordable rented housing and standard s106 wording; it's understood Council might suggest RPs cap rents as LHA in perpetuity for these properties
Response:	This is a measure that is under consideration and that has received some support from developing Registered Providers. The Council is considering a range of ways to ensure affordability in perpetuity and a level playing field for Registered Provider partners.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Slightly lower percentage rent increase to factor in possible LHA capping in perpetuity would have an effect on the affordable offer for homes to be for social rent/give a broader range of affordable options
Response:	Noted. The Council is consider a range of ways to ensure affordable housing delivered locally meets locally identified needs.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Useful to have a nationally agreed Mortgagee in Possession clause that suits everyone - something that regularly comes up as a sticking point
Response:	Noted. This would primarily be an issue for Government or other national housing bodies to prepare or co-ordinate.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Penton Mewsey Parish Council have concentrated their replies to certain questions as some require specific knowledge and information about the planning system and statistics which they do not have ready access to
Response:	Noted

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Understand need to review local plans and account for new requirements but the question remains what has changed since the adoption of the last local plan 2 years ago that requires new policies to address
Response:	There have been a number of changes in national planning policy and guidance that will need to be taken into account through the next Local Plan, including around the approach to establishing housing figures, planning for the mix of accommodation (including specialist accommodation), and the approach to town centres. There are also other national policy changes that may need to be reflected in the local plan,

	including a need to review the local plan every five years. There is also an opportunity to review how policies have been working through their implementation and whether changes are required. The Council also needs to maintain planning horizon into the future and the plan period of the current local plan's development provision ends in 2029.
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Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	We believe the current policies serve rural communities such as ours very well and require only careful policing and monitoring and perhaps strengthening in part
Response:	Noted. Preparation of the next local plan will include a review of the appropriateness and success of current planning policies.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Officer's understanding of rural issues should be improved, especially during this time of uncertainty with how Brexit might alter matters
Response:	Noted, continued training for offices and members is ongoing in order to enable all involved in the plan making process can full understand all the issues facing the Borough going into the next plan phase, this will include rural issues.

Reference: 10071	
Summary of comment:	Aware we need to build homes as there is a shortage, but we live in an area that is slowly becoming more crowded, built up, congested and noisier
Response:	Well-designed developments with appropriate densities do not need to result in crowded, congested and noisy living environments. The plan making process will determine what will be the best mechanism to determine the future locations for housing distribution within the Borough which could alleviate some pressure on particular areas.

Reference: 10071	
Summary of comment:	If we carry on building very large developments we will lose our green spaces and gaps and the whole area will become one concrete jungle and a lot have moved to the area to get away from this. Also each community will lose its identity
Response:	Well-designed development can contribute to creating and maintaining new communities at the same time as delivering new, desperately needed homes. Green spaces can be incorporated within and around these developments as well as developer contributions being invested in the improvement and protection of existing infrastructure close to the development which can include existing green spaces. The Council recognises the importance of community identity and the value placed on local gaps and this will be taken into account alongside meeting the need to make provision for future development requirement.

Reference: 10071	
Summary of comment:	We need to take into consideration the advantages of our green spaces and their benefits on the environment regarding pollution and wellbeing of individuals.
Response:	The new local plan will continue the legacy of protection and conservation of the Borough's green spaces that has been reflected throughout the current local plan.

Reference: 10071	
Summary of comment:	More cars come with more housing as there's more than one per household nowadays. More pollution creates more health problems
Response:	The Council is resolute in promoting sustainable development which could mean housing being located closer to existing centres which would see the need for car journeys reducing and possibilities of public transport provision increasing, hopefully resulting in air quality improvements

Reference: 10071	
Summary of comment:	I am not a NIMBY but appreciate the importance of green spaces and the benefits they bring with them and the countryside around Ampfield is important
Response:	Noted. The importance of green spaces and the value placed upon the countryside will be taken into account and considered alongside all other relevant considerations in setting policies and meeting development needs.

Reference: 10072	
Summary of comment:	Scant mention of the farming community which maintains the desirability of the area, concern that many of the proposed solution would involve concreting over the very landscape that makes Test Valley so attractive
Response:	Noted. The NPPF actively encourages supporting a prosperous rural economy, and the new Local Plan will seek to support all sustainable forms of rural enterprise, including agriculture and other land based industries.

Reference: 10072	
Summary of comment:	Would like to see greater emphasis on supporting the farming community and ensuring farmland remains as such. Once it's converted to other uses it is gone forever. Food production is essential
Response:	Noted, the NPPF actively encourages supporting a prosperous rural economy, and the new Local Plan will seek to support all sustainable forms of rural enterprise, including agriculture and other land based industries. National planning policy seeks to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land.

Reference: 10072	
Summary of comment:	Would like to see greater recognition of the part farming plays in maintaining the countryside, that the farming community

	needs support and that developing greenfield sites will gradually erode what makes Test Valley special
Response:	Noted, the NPPF actively encourages supporting a prosperous rural economy, and the new Local Plan will seek to support all sustainable forms of rural enterprise, including agriculture and other land based industries.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The footprint effect on the adjacent National Park in Wellow should be considered when planning for future development.
Response:	As a neighbouring authority, the New Forest National Park Authority will be consulted with throughout the plan making process. The Council will also take account of national park designation and its international nature conservation designations in decision making, in line with its statutory duties.

Reference: 10086	
Summary of comment:	The New Forest National Park looks to build on the existing cross-boundary working, framed by the Statement of Common Ground that will be required under the revised national planning policy
Response:	As a neighbouring authority, the New Forest National Park Authority will be consulted with throughout the plan making process. The Council will also take account of national park designation and its international nature conservation designations in decision making, in line with its statutory duties.

Reference: 10098	
Summary of comment:	We support the approach taken in identifying the key issues and options across a range of themes.
Response:	Noted, the support is appreciated

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	There is no reference to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan in the Local Plan documents, so if someone read them in isolation they would be unaware of the link between Test Valley and Hampshire County Council for this issue
Response:	The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is produced jointly by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities and can be found within the Development Plan, mineral consultation areas are also featured on the Local Plan maps but these are also kept under review by Hampshire County Council

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	Increases in housing will always contribute to increasing pressure on waste management and lead to the need to consider additional capacity which comes at a considerable cost

Response:	The Council is in continued contact with water companies to ensure there is a sustainable approach to water and waste provision
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Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Revised NPPF introduces new strategies, but continues promoting sustainable development as a key thread as well as needing to considerably boost housing supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the NPP as a whole

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	For plan making the NPPF requires LAs to plan positively i.e. aspirational but deliverable. Seek to meet the development needs of the area, be flexible to adapt to rapid change
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the NPPF as a whole.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Corporate Plan identifies four main priorities to make Test Valley a great place to live, work, enjoy & contribute. Also identifies an objective of ensuring the supply of homes reflects local needs
Response:	Noted. The local plan will seek to deliver the spatial aspects of the actions of the Corporate Plan.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Continue to recognise difference between north and south of the Borough; Test Valley has 2 clear centres: Andover and Romsey where approximately 46% of the population are concentrated
Response:	Noted. The next local plan will include a review of housing market areas and the distribution of future development requirements. Where appropriate, planning policies and proposals will reflect the differing needs of individual settlements.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan aspirations should recognise the sub-regional position and importance of Test Valley, especially in relation to housing provision and economic growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will liaise with our neighbouring authorities through the duty to co-operate, both individually and through the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire (PUSH).

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	An aspiration should be effective co-operation with neighbouring authorities; clear distinction in NPPF between strategic & local policies (ref para. 21, 25 & 26)
Response:	Noted, all neighbouring authorities will be consulted throughout the plan making process

Reference: 10101	
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Summary of comment:	NPPF requires prep of Statement of Common Ground to document cross-boundary matters. Should be undertaken throughout the plan-making process, so the plan is not insular and develops a sound spatial strategy to help deliver homes and economic growth in the sub-region
Response:	Noted, all neighbouring authorities will be consulted throughout the plan making process

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Planning is underpinned by the need to ensure that new development is sustainable. It is essential that new development is directed towards the settlements that can provide a sustainable location.
Response:	The Council is resolute in promoting sustainable development, including the distribution and location of new development, by settlement.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	The strengthened emphasis within the NPPF on Duty to Cooperate requires local authorities to demonstrate ongoing joint work through a Statement of Common Ground
Response:	Noted, all neighbouring authorities will be consulted throughout the plan making process in line with the duty to co-operate.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Local Plans should take all necessary steps to ensure all opportunities for taking any unmet housing need from neighbouring authorities have been fully considered, which may result in an increase in the figure from using the standard methodology. Will be necessary to ensure ongoing joint working at the earliest opportunity to ensure the Local Plan is positively prepared to meet the 'tests of soundness'
Response:	Noted, all neighbouring authorities will be consulted throughout the plan making process. To date no request has been made to the Council to meet unmet housing need from elsewhere.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Question the 0.25ha size threshold for call for sites exercise, denies opportunity for small-scale sites to come forward which may be more appropriate for villages and limits local planning authority's ability to take a proactive approach in identifying/helping bring forward land that may be suitable for meeting development needs and conflict with the NPPF. Suggest the threshold is removed or consider policy which would allow flexibility for such sites to come forward in accordance with national/local policies
Response:	The removal of the threshold will be taken into consideration for the next call for sites exercise.

Reference: 10120	
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Summary of comment:	Gladman are disappointed that it is anticipated it will take approximately 5 years to complete the preparation of the Local Plan. The importance of an up to date Local Plan is set out in both the old and revised NPPF.
Response:	The end date for the current Local Plan is 2029; even if the new Local Plan does take the projected 5 years this will mean the new Local Plan will still be current. The plan making process is not one which can or should be rushed as a thorough evidence base will be essential to ensuring the it is found sound at examination and delivers the best results for the residents of Test Valley

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	To support robust/effective planning for future development of Health infrastructure the West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) asks the Council to take all reasonable measures to ensure that suitable sites are identified to enable development of facilities to support the delivery of NHS care
Response:	As a statutory consultee, the WHCCG shall be engaged throughout the plan making process as well as the land/site allocation process

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	West Hampshire CCG commits to request the Council secures suitable contributions from developers under S106 agreements towards the total costs of developing health infrastructure
Response:	Noted. Contributions towards infrastructure will be sought where justified.

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	West Hampshire CCG requests the Council works to agree a policy on appropriate developer contributions related to all infrastructure including health under S106 agreements
Response:	Noted. The Council will work with infrastructure providers on the scope of infrastructure contributions.

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	West Hampshire CCG requests with regards to CIL that the Council accords a high priority when allocating funds to the development of health infrastructure
Response:	Noted. The Council will work with infrastructure providers on the scope of infrastructure contributions

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	There should be consideration of geodiversity conservation in terms of geological sites and features in the wider environment, if applicable
Response:	The conservation of the natural environment which is so significant within the Borough will continue to play an important

	role within the next Local Plan, including geological sites where relevance.
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Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should give appropriate weight to the role of soil, little mention in the I&O consultation. Should be valued as a finite, multi-functional resource. Development decisions should take account of the impact on soil
Response:	The conservation of the natural environment (including soil) which is so significant within the Borough will continue to play an important role within the next Local Plan

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should safeguard the long term capacity of best/most versatile agricultural land as a resource for the future. The local planning authority should ensure that sufficient site specific Agricultural Land Classification survey data is available to inform plan making
Response:	The inclusion of Agricultural Land Classification survey data will be taken into consideration. The Council recognises national planning policy to protect the best and most versatile agricultural land.

Chapter 1: Introduction

Paragraph 1.2

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	There has to be a level of job creation when planning thousands of new homes, unless the plan is to build dormitory towns, with all the added pressure that this adds to the infrastructure.
Response:	The comments are noted. The next Local Plan will need to consider needs for both housing and economic development (including jobs associated with this). This will need to be done in a way that is consistent with national planning policy.

Chapter 2: Purpose of the Issues and Options Consultation

Paragraph 2.7

Reference: 10047, 10140	
Summary of comment:	Use of robust environmental evidence will enable the Council to consider different development options against the key features of the natural environment both within and outside the Borough. The Borough has been supporting the LNP Ecological Network Mapping and hope this information informs the next Local Plan
Response:	Noted, thank you for highlighting this resource. It will be important to ensure that the most up to date data is sourced to support the evidence base for the new Local Plan.

Paragraph 2.12

Reference: 10126	
Summary of comment:	Circumstances where a higher annual housing figure may be appropriate include meeting unmet need in neighbouring Local Planning Authorities; where previous delivery has exceeded the minimum need identified; or where recent assessments suggest higher levels of need
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess the appropriate level of housing requirement to plan for in the next local plan, taking account of the Government's standard methodology, national planning policy and guidance and the evidence base. To date the Council has not received any request to meet unmet housing need from a neighbouring authority.

Chapter 3: Test Valley in Context

Paragraph 3.5

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley has the fifth highest house prices in Hampshire and are more than 10 times average annual earnings. ONS shows this has grown in the Borough in the last 3 years, affordability is therefore a key issue for Test Valley
Response:	The issue of affordable housing provision is one which is covered in the currently Local Plan under policy COM7 and this will remain a top priority through to the new Local Plan phase. The Government standard methodology for calculating the housing requirement, includes an uplift based upon an affordability ratio.

Paragraph 3.6

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	The inability for people to buy their own home is an even bigger problem in rural areas. Commuting patterns result in high reliance on private cars, but there are sites available and worth considering in settlements like Stockbridge which give more realistic walking/cycling/public transport options.
Response:	Noted, it will be important to ensure that appropriate levels of housing are delivered in the best possible areas which suit the needs of the residents of Test Valley not only now but also into the future. This will include rural settlements for both market and affordable housing.

Paragraph 3.7

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	It is to the Council's credit that affordable targets have been met; don't let up
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to seek to deliver the maximum amount of affordable housing to meet need, consistent with policy and viability considerations.

Paragraph 3.9

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	It would be appropriate for the Council to play a leading role in ensuring the identified requirement was capable of being delivered on the most appropriate sites.
Response:	Noted, it will be important to ensure that appropriate levels of housing are delivered in the best possible areas which suit the needs of the residents of Test Valley not only now but also into the future.

Paragraph 3.16

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley jobs pay 14% less than what Test Valley residents earn, presumably because of out-commuting; reiterate the point on building dormitory communities. Test Valley needs more jobs at the right pay level for future residents of the new housing. If the right employment space is provided, more high value jobs will reduce that disparity
Response:	Noted, it will be important to ensure that appropriate levels of housing and employment sites are delivered in the best possible areas which suit the needs of the residents of Test Valley not only now but also into the future to ensure the Borough is a great place to live and work. As Test Valley is a rural area, with larger settlements outside the Borough in relative proximity out commuting is not untypical and travel for higher salary levels elsewhere is also not an uncommon feature.

Paragraph 3.17

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	In order to ensure resources are deployed efficiently the local plan needs to demonstrate areas of greatest need. Large parts of Test Valley contribute to the rural economy which have very different needs to businesses in urban conurbations
Response:	Noted, it will be important to engage with all of those who live and work within the Borough to ensure they have the opportunity to have their views and interests represented within the new Local Plan. The Council recognises the need to take account of differing needs including those of rural areas.

Paragraph 3.19

Reference: 10044, 10112	
Summary of comment:	Commuting patterns are resulting in a higher reliance on private cars, car ownership levels in Test Valley are very high compared to the national average; the Local Plan should focus growth where car reliance can be minimised
Response:	Noted. In considering potential sites for development the local plan will take account of accessibility including opportunities for public transport, walking and cycling, although levels of car ownership and reliance reflect the rural and market town nature of the Borough.

Paragraph 3.21

Reference: 10044, 10093, 10134	
Summary of comment:	The evidence base is not up to date, given the significant shift of in-migration to the Andover area for work, but also out-commuting will have grown significantly since 2011 especially by train. The Local Plan should consider future growth in the

	context of commuter patterns and requirement for more employment space provision
Response:	It will be important to ensure that the most up to date data is sourced to support the evidence base for the new Local Plan, including travel to work and commuting patterns.

Chapter 4: Vision and Objectives

Paragraph 4.4

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	We would be surprised if this really was the case; we expect residents and businesses like Test Valley being the place it is and would like to keep it that way.
Response:	Noted, it will be important to get the balance right between planning for an ambitious future and protecting that character that makes the Borough such an appealing place to live, work and enjoy. There will be many opportunities for residents, businesses etc. to engage with the plan making process.

Question 1: What is good about living and / or working in Test Valley?

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Romsey is a compact market town with a soul, which is close to Winchester and Southampton and has good rail links to London, Salisbury, Bristol and Bath
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Romsey has the War Memorial Park, Market Place, Hillier's Garden, Mottisfont, Plaza Theatre, Cinema at the Town Hall, reasonable selection of cafes, pubs and restaurants, Waitrose and Aldi and local shops
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Good transport links to other areas, attractive countryside and easy to travel to larger shopping centres such as Salisbury and Basingstoke
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Pleasant countryside and landscape giving excellent leisure opportunities; generally roads are not too busy
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	High employment, transport access, rural setting, community, environment and scenery
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	High quality environment, relatively easy access to New Forest, coastline, country parks and AONBs
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Pleasant attractive environment, high levels of prosperity, easy access to London and other local cities, good access to airports, and an historic element which gives the area character
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The rural nature, access to the countryside and feeling of open space
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Well-located Borough, as evidenced through commuting flows (Fig. 11)
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is relatively unconstrained compared to neighbouring authorities; it has a buoyant economy which has the capability to grow further
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Visual attractiveness, access to local areas and further afield, good community spirit in towns/villages, education opportunities and reasonable employment levels
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is geographically well placed to benefit from proximity to the New Forest, the English South Coast, heritage cities such as Salisbury and Winchester, as well as work and leisure opportunities in Southampton and Basingstoke and good rail links to London
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is an area of outstanding landscape , has possibly the best chalk river in the country, and a better climate than most of the UK
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley has above average levels of income and educational attainment, with relatively few areas of significant social deprivation.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Countryside/rural/beautiful surroundings, people/friendly neighbours/ community, peace and quiet, railway and access to

	nearby towns, walks and access to the countryside, family connections, heritage, absence of development and absence of street lighting
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	High quality surroundings, living in rural communities with easy access to commercial centres, and living in pleasant towns with easy access to the countryside
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Relatively low crime rate, easy access to rural areas, excellent highways to cities and airports, perfect blend of countryside and urban areas, fairly good mix of light industry and rural agriculture
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Advantages of both rural and urban life; close enough to major urban infrastructure, but quality landscape nearby
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Good balance of what I need close to where I live
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Good balance of urban and rural areas
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Romsey town centre has retained its character. Some of our villages are extremely pretty and show the real history and character of Test Valley
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	An abundance of green space
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Good lines of communication: A303, A34, M3, M27, rail links and proximity to Southampton Airport
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
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Summary of comment:	Relatively affluent area, with reasonable housing and employment provision, good educational level which is improving
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Living adjacent to Southampton, and on entering Nursling and Rownhams from Southampton, the landscape transfers to one of a rural area
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Quiet enjoyment of the countryside alongside supportive and engaged communities, plus good access to a range of transportation options.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	A range of employment opportunities, public transport links to major economic centres, access to rural areas and a strong economy
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Relatively affluent area with low levels of unemployment and crime. Good educational levels which are improving.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Excellent commuter links (both road and rail) to employment hubs, as well as the diversity of the area from attractive towns to larger settlements with good leisure and retail facilities
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Romsey has a distinct town centre surrounded by greenbelt; a thriving community spirit; many active groups; low crime statistics; Employment opportunities in Southampton and other cities. Good transport but with good links to London, West and Midlands.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	A beautiful part of the country with good communication links. Test Valley should be congratulated on both the local plan and the way it consults with residents
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Quality of life; close proximity to major cities; easy access to retail and leisure; good road and rail networks; access to higher

	paid, varied employment; low crime rates; access to the countryside; accessibility to airports and seaports
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Friendly, thriving, small market town of Romsey set in very pleasant countryside
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	A relatively affluent area, reasonable housing and employment provision, relatively good educational levels
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Well positioned geographically and is near several cities, a good location for commuters, Andover just over an hour from London by train, making it an affordable option for homebuyers who cannot afford London prices
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Andover has a PO and several high street bank branches and cash points, such local amenities are fast disappearing, expediting the decline of local shops and small independent retailers. Need to ensure these services are encouraged to remain long term
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the town's characteristics.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Predominantly rural encompassing green landscapes of natural beauty making it a popular destination for those who enjoy the outdoors. Pleasant location for recreational activities, no current risk of overcrowding
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Congestion is minimal during rush hour
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Relatively affluent area, strong local economy, reflected in above average house prices and levels of home ownership/employment/income/education
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Attractive villages and countryside
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Natural environment is a key asset for Test Valley, an attractive place to live, work and visit
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the area's characteristics.

Question 2: What could be improved about living and / or working in Test Valley?

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Remove / provide alternative routing of north-south traffic on A3057 through Romsey, especially traffic of heavy lorries
Response:	The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the strategic road network (SRN) within the Borough

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Easier access to rail transport for those living outside Abbey ward and southern Cupernham and Tadburn wards (for most people Romsey station is beyond a reasonable walking distance and the A3057 leading to the station is frequently busy)
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the potential for improved access to the rail station by walking and cycling.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Journeys from Romsey bus station mainly go along two corridors (to Southampton and Winchester), whilst journeys north of Test Valley, such as to Stockbridge and Andover, are non-existent
Response:	Bus companies are public enterprises and unfortunately the Local Planning Authority has not got the influence to insist that services be introduced, if there was the demand where company could envisage making a profit from a route it would have been introduced

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Driving a car up the A3057 towards Andover from Romsey is narrow, windy and potholed
Response:	The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Car access to the M27 along the A3057 is currently reasonable but will become worse as new housing spreads along it
Response:	The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough.

Reference: 10012	
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Summary of comment:	Car journeys into Romsey are unviable during most of the way, where parking is at a premium
Response:	A parking study has been commissioned for Romsey and this remains an important topic for further investigation.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Facilitating better bus and rail services in Romsey must be a major consideration to attract people into the town
Response:	These services are run by private companies and do not come under the remit of the Local Plan

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	There should be better shopping facilities
Response:	The approach to planning for town centres has evolved significantly since the current local plan was published with changes in the way people use town centres and increasing pressure from online competition. The Government and NPPF have produced guidance on how to ensure thriving community focused centres and this will all be taken into consideration when the next policies on our town centres are written to ensure they remain successful and capable of delivering what the community require over that period.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The Council should drop their aim and practice for aggressive expansions of Andover and Romsey to satisfy government-imposed housing targets
Response:	Locations surrounding these major centres are considerably more sustainable than other locations within the Borough given their proximity to existing services. The new Local Plan will however be considering how best to distribute the housing requirement throughout the Borough during the next plan period.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Policing, road/verge maintenance, affordable housing stock, maximum use of brownfield sites
Response:	The Council is in the process of producing additional guidance for the delivery of affordable housing and maintains a brownfield register all of this additional work shall feed into the next Local Plan. Policing and road/verge maintenance do not fall within the remit of the Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Inadequate transport infrastructure, especially at peak times. Sparse and expensive railway network and inadequate public transport forces car use
Response:	The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Give village communities a greater role in deciding what is built in/done to their villages, improve the standard of architecture in any new development, ensure reasonable /efficient parish boundaries and gaps between settlements
Response:	Local communities are encouraged to undertake and produce their own Neighbourhood Plans which would give them amongst other things the power to decide what should be built in their local areas.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The road network north/south is slow
Response:	The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	In light of the NPPF (Para. 8b and 91c), the local plan should promote healthier lifestyles by ensuring new development provides affordable homes in sustainable locations with good access to economic hubs and large employment areas through sustainable travel
Response:	The Council strives to deliver sustainable developments which would be best placed to provide new homes; including affordable homes in locations which encourage alternative forms of transport and reduce reliance on the private car.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Where shorter travel distances are achieved the reliance on cars is reduced, particularly where development has good access to public transport and walking/cycling routes
Response:	The Council strives to deliver sustainable developments which would be best placed to encourage alternative forms of transport and reduce reliance on the private car.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Open space and community facilities should be enhanced or created to support healthy lifestyles
Response:	The new Local Plan will continue to promote the protection and enhancement of public open space throughout the Borough

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	The natural environment should be protected and enhanced and coherent ecological networks maintained and created
Response:	The new Local Plan will continue to promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment throughout the Borough

Reference: 10047	
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Summary of comment:	The above approach will help stop the decline in biodiversity, but also deliver health benefits for residents, enhance natural capital and have direct economic benefits
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of biodiversity and natural capital, including the economic and quality of life benefits this provides in addition to the environmental factors.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Improvement to communications (rail, bus, cycle, parking, etc.)
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected infrastructure network from safe walking and cycling routes to improvements in parking in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Employment opportunities need to be improved in towns and villages, further improving sustainability
Response:	Similar to housing allocations the Council will be investigating suitable, sustainable locations to allocate for employment use with the intention of encouraging a diverse range of new employers to the Borough

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	A major review of transport infrastructure is needed to address the inadequacies of road and rail networks
Response:	Most major transport infrastructure would come under the control of Hampshire County Council. Test Valley would support any review of the current transport infrastructure within the Borough to ensure the residents of the Borough benefit from improvements in provision

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	There is a need for a more comprehensive network of cycle ways and footpaths which are maintained to useable standard
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Volume/speed of traffic, insufficient speed restrictions/enforcement, absence of local shops/post office, poor broadband/mobile coverage, insufficient pavements, parking and traffic and lack of regular bus service
Response:	Ensuring sustainable communities will be one of the aims of the next Local Plan and alongside that will be the provision of local services to ensure fewer unnecessary car journeys. Unfortunately much of your list falls outside of the remit of the Local Plan, for example most major transport/highways

	infrastructure would come under the control of Hampshire County Council.
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Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Local health provision (access), traffic congestion and excessive use of country roads for non-local destinations
Response:	Ensuring sustainable communities will be one of the aims of the next Local Plan and alongside that will be the provision of local services to ensure fewer unnecessary car journeys. Unfortunately much of the list falls outside of the remit of the Local Plan, for example most major transport/highways infrastructure would come under the control of Hampshire County Council.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Improve local bus services, A303 westbound improvements should be made, all towns and cities are suffering from high street shop closures requiring a forward-thinking sensible approach
Response:	Ensuring viability of our town centres will be one of the aims of the next Local Plan which means taking some new approaches in the way we think about these areas to ensure they are fit for the next plan period. Unfortunately much of the list falls outside of the remit of the Local Plan, for example most major transport/highways infrastructure would come under the control of Hampshire County Council.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Public transport is poor, with the area suffering little investment away from London
Response:	The comments are noted. Opportunities to seek improvements to public transport will be explored in conjunction with new development. The Council has a limited role in relation to existing public transport, with some services dependent on their viability.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	House prices too high which is a reflection of the provision of the type of housing, and Test Valley have been too weak in providing affordable housing in the right places
Response:	The Council has been keeping to its affordable housing targets, but can always improve. It is therefore in the process of producing additional guidance for the delivery of affordable housing, this additional work shall feed into the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	There should be greater employment in the Borough, and less out-commuting, with a greater understanding by Officer's about new ways of working, including the enhancement of internet broadband

Response:	Similar to housing allocations the Council will be investigating suitable, sustainable locations to allocate for employment use with the intention of encouraging a diverse range of new employers to the Borough
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Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Sixth form / tertiary education should now be provided in Romsey
Response:	There will be studies taking place to determine whether or not there is a demand for services within certain areas, this is an subject which could be looked into further

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Assess the water source, enough to supply residents/business? Ensure its purity and waste water treatment plants are adequate to cope. River Test & tributaries should be seen as a whole system as an event in Andover could have an impact further down the valley
Response:	The Council is in continued contact with water companies to ensure there is a sustainable approach to water and waste provision

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Wildlife is a great asset, habitat and tree planting decisions have an impact, all of Test Valley needs to be managed for wildlife, there are many interested residents who could be engaged and make a positive difference
Response:	The new Local Plan will continue to promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment throughout the Borough

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	The Council should take a lead on reducing emissions which add to climate change and encourage renewable energy so many sites will need to be planned for. All aspects need to be supported: energy efficiency, renewable energy, transport and agriculture if we are to achieve the 80% reduction target
Response:	The preparation of the next Local Plan provides an opportunity to consider these matters in relation to new development. Emissions linked to the agricultural sector would generally be beyond the remit of the local plan. Consideration of climate change and promotion of renewable energy will need to have regard to national policy, including the NPPF.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Infrastructure of charging points/ability to charge cars at home on most efficient electricity plans will be required
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Local plan need to support prevention of plastic pollution on land and in rivers/sea
Response:	Whilst the Local Plan will play a role in the fight against all forms of pollution including plastic pollution; on the whole, waste management is an issue that is covered by Hampshire County Council.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Must be prepared for drought, floods or gales and make buildings, services and agriculture knowledgeable on how best to adjust
Response:	Adaptation for climate change, including the potential for increases in the occurrence of extreme weather events and flooding, will need to be taken into consideration through the preparation of the next Local Plan, in line with national planning policy. There will be other organisations, including the government, involved in increasing knowledge on how to adapt and increase resilience.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	The Council should demand more consideration on orientation of housing to use of sunshine for the positioning of solar panels
Response:	Noted. Orientation of properties to account for solar gain (including implications for the effectiveness of solar panels) would be one of the factors to take into account when considering the orientation of properties. In line with national planning policy, consideration will need to be given as to how the next Local Plan can support mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Using waste products for producing energy via anaerobic digestion is preferable to using crops grown for the purpose
Response:	Whilst the Local Plan will play a role in the fight against all forms of pollution including plastic pollution; on the whole, waste management is an issue that is covered by Hampshire County Council.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	There needs to be a means to where developers are penalised if work is left unfinished
Response:	While this might not be a Local Plan issue, if there is not already a means of ensuring developments are completed this is a subject which could be looked into for inclusion within planning conditions

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley could make more of its proximity of town and countryside by making it easier for people without transport to use both. Thought is needed as to how people in town can also

	enjoy the rural aspects if they have no transport as well as those in rural areas using the facilities in town
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys; with connections to green corridors to rural areas also being considered.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing provision, the ageing population, poor public transport and reliance on private transport
Response:	The Council has been keeping to its affordable housing targets, but can always improve. It is therefore in the process of producing additional guidance for the delivery of affordable housing, this additional work shall feed into the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	When development takes place the increase in population is not being matched by the provision of doctor and dental practices
Response:	As a statutory consultee, the WHCCG shall be engaged throughout the plan making process as well as the land/site allocation process

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Many bus services have been curtailed and so new development is not adequately serviced by transport facilities (e.g. the Bluestar 4 bus service between Romsey and Southampton is very infrequent)
Response:	The impact of decreased bus services especially for rural communities is certainly negative, however the Local Plan has little influence over the decisions of private bus companies

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Better, more flexible and innovative public transport option (e.g. a public or public/private 'uber' service).
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider ways of supporting sustainable modes of travel in conjunction with new development, in the context of national planning policy and the local transport plan (prepared by Hampshire County Council).

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The local economy should be supported, with opportunities to diversify.
Response:	Similar to housing allocations the Council will be investigating suitable, sustainable locations to allocate for employment use with the intention of encouraging a diverse range of new employers to the Borough

Reference: 10089	
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Summary of comment:	To support Andover's role as a major employer and location for business through developing homes in sustainable locations such as at Bere Hill
Response:	Through the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will need to be given to the level of housing required, including to support the local economy, and the most sustainable ways of achieving this.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Improve access to high quality green space; Andover lacks any Country Park provision, so the new Country Park at Bere Hill could provide this
Response:	The new Local Plan will continue to promote the protection and enhancement of the natural environment throughout the Borough whilst also improving access for residents to enjoy the countryside. It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys; with connections to green corridors to rural areas also being considered.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Planning policies are totally inadequate in addressing the increasing requirements of the ageing population; provision of care homes and nursing homes needed
Response:	Noted, further consideration of the needs of the aging population including additional consultation with these demographic and appropriate organisations will take place during the plan making stages.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Public transport could be improved by providing serviced related to the Council facilities in Andover and Romsey
Response:	The comments are noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan opportunities to promote the use of sustainable modes of travel will be considered, including public transport. The availability of public transport and the routes provided are dependent on a range of factors, including the demand for and viability of specific routes and connections.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Additional housing to satisfy demand which compliments local areas
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Improving Andover town centre to make it a shopper destination rather than an essential shop location.

Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities.
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Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Make better use of the smaller main line railway stations by developing around these areas as opposed to placing development on the edge of town
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Business rates placed on retailers are crippling their viability and need to be reviewed to allow Andover to thrive again
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities.

Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	There should be a mix of housing, meeting the needs of villages such as Abbots Ann to add vitality and viability to local communities
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Need more publicity on issues being addressed by Romsey Future; at peak times the north-south traffic along Alma Road causes congestion in the town centre; many retail premises are challenged by the growth of internet shopping; parking near the town centre is not adequate
Response:	The Council works very closely with Romsey Future and its Work-streams; the partnership acts a voice for the people of Romsey and has already achieved many successes and is working on many more projects including the South of Town Centre Masterplan. All of the points made have been raised by Romsey Future to the Council and are being closely considered.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Recycling could be improved by the provision of food collection bins, and enforcement powers are not always used
Response:	Noted, recycling levels are increasing within Test Valley and the Council hopes to help this figure continue to increase year on

	year. This will no doubt require more engagement with the public.
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Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Heavily congested roads; housing & rail is expensive; bus & coach travel is irregular or non-existent in rural areas; parking fees excessive in small towns; high streets are dwindling; better, cheaper, more efficient and reliable public transport is needed; more should be done to encourage commerce in struggling towns (reduction in business rates, incentives to attract manufacturing and reduction in parking fees); encourage more recycling; more support in preserving/enhancing the environment and conservation areas; more attention paid to community aspirations; better balance between interests of residents and businesses; community use of existing local facilitates
Response:	Comments are noted. Many of these matters are beyond the planning process to influence. As part of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the infrastructure, facilities and services needed to support new development. The approach to town centres will also need to be considered, including the role of retail and potential flexibility for other uses. Similarly, the environment will be a key consideration, including potential effects on heritage including conservation areas. There is an opportunity to build on the work of local initiatives (such as Romsey Future and Andover Vision) and community planning in preparing the next Local Plan. There will be further opportunities for communities to get involved in the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Better infrastructure to further better living/working balance
Response:	The availability of infrastructure to support new development will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	More really affordable housing aimed at local residents, adequate supply of social rent properties, better public transport network to counter private cars
Response:	The next Local Plan will be considering the provision of affordable housing – the way this term is defined is set out in national planning policy. The location of proposed development and options for promoting more sustainable travel options will also be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10136	
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Summary of comment:	Transport infrastructure needs improving to limit fuel emissions and reduce the carbon footprint, encouraging people to use environmentally friendly modes of transport
Response:	The promotion of sustainable travel options, as well as the location of new development and the provision of appropriate infrastructure to support it, will need to be considered through the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	If cycle routes/amenities were rolled out more widely it could be a legitimate, eco-friendly alternative for short distances
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Public transport to places outside the Borough can be time consuming, requiring train changes, meaning people prefer the car. Improved reliability/effectiveness of public transport infrastructure/services would encourage more users
Response:	The comments are noted. Such matters are challenging to try and address, often being beyond the remit of the planning process to influence. The next Local Plan will need to consider opportunities to promote sustainable modes of travel in conjunction with new development.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Focus on helping town centres thrive/adapt to meet changing needs of consumers. Chantry Centre is in a state of decline with empty units having a negative impact. Loss of M&S means no large retailer in the high street could discourage people from visiting the centre. Bold steps must be taken to repurpose vacant sites
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Support the BID, it has potential to help improve vibrancy of the town centre/benefit the community and make Andover more appealing to live and work
Response:	The Andover BID has now been passed and is now in its early stages, monitoring of its performance will continue to take place to ensure it is delivering benefits to the local economy and high street

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Focus should be on encouraging people to stay after working hours/outside the working week, making the centre a place to

	socialise/enjoy recreational activities/transforming it into a vibrant local community offering services that attract visitors living outside the locality
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Support plans for a Cultural Quarter to increase attractiveness, improve amenities and encourage business to settle in the area, helping stimulate the economy and creating jobs appealing to local talent
Response:	Noted, the support is appreciated

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Better levels of employment required, with better pay, to attract more young people to come into the area
Response:	Similar to housing allocations the Council will be investigating suitable, sustainable locations to allocate for employment use with the intention of encouraging a diverse range of new employers to the Borough

Question 3: What should the Local Plan aspirations be for the next 20 years?

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Maintain a vibrant selection of shops in Romsey Town Centre.
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Provide better access to Romsey Town Centre by foot, bicycle, public transport and rail so residents in new housing on the outskirts can access shopping and recreational needs
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Improve access to transport for residents at the periphery of Romsey to reach Southampton and Winchester easily by bus and rail. Improve access to rail services to facilitate in-and-out commuting to new housing estates and work centres on the periphery of Romsey.
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider opportunities to promote sustainable travel options (including walking and

	cycling routes) in association with new development, which may have benefits for existing residents.
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Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Aim to keep pace with online shopping, greater provision for electric vehicles in towns and at filling stations and more effort towards recycling
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities. The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Accommodate housing requirements with as little impact on the environment, landscape and quality of life as possible
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Match housing provision with real needs of individuals and communities rather than what will be most profitable
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Reduce the number of HGVs on non-trunk roads
Response:	The proposed aspiration is noted. There are likely to be limited opportunities for the next Local Plan to address this issue, however in line with national policy matters such as highway safety can be taken into consideration in relation to new development.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Preserve rural tranquillity and attraction whilst providing meaningful employment, affordable housing and allowing the elderly to downsize. Regeneration of town centres with adequate and attractive facilities
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan we will need to consider how to balance supporting communities and the economy with conserving the environment. This will include a review of the planning policy that applies to the town centres.

Reference: 10040	
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Summary of comment:	Landscape and biodiversity needs to be preserved and enhanced by positive management. Built infrastructure needs to catch up with rapid housing growth. Employment and housing need to be dispersed into smaller more numerous sites. Big allocations damage "sense of place"
Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the scale of growth and its location will need to be considered, including the pros and cons of different ways of distributing this. There will be further opportunities to comment on the next Local Plan as it is prepared.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Absorb the expected uplift in population with no detriment to the character of the area and as much local net benefit as possible from the increased population. Achieved through smaller schemes of sympathetically designed homes
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Aspire to provide low cost housing for rural communities and social housing where there is none
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The local plan should be ambitious and seek to plan more than the bare minimum level of growth to ensure existing and future communities can thrive
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to plan for an appropriate level of growth to support existing and future communities, whilst also taking account of other social, economic and environmental considerations.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The local plan should embed the economic growth plans of the area and ensure it supports a strong and competitive economy
Response:	Noted. National planning policy indicates that local plans should have regard to local economic strategies.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Development should be located in the most sustainable locations to ensure healthy and safe communities are achieved
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Whilst it is obvious to focus development on the two major centres, there are other, if not more, sustainable locations adjacent to the Borough boundary
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable locations where public transport is accessible, even if such locations lie outside of major centres, should be considered (e.g. southern Test Valley located close to Eastleigh and Southampton)
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Velmore Farm is located very close to major centres and is highly accessible via public transport Velmore Farm has excellent access to the countryside and presents opportunities to enhance local green infrastructure and accessibility to open space for residents, as well as can expand an adjoining existing business park
Response:	Noted, during the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement/consultation with residents and stakeholders

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Deliver truly sustainable development, protect the environment, deliver net gains in biodiversity and maintain or create coherent ecological networks
Response:	The comments are noted. The next Local Plan will seek to deliver sustainable development in a way that is consistent with national planning policy, including in relation to biodiversity and nature conservation. The Government has indicated it is looking to may biodiversity net gain a mandatory requirement.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Continue supporting the Local Nature Partnership's Ecological Network Mapping, followed by a change of approach where the network is protected from development and its impacts
Response:	The ecological network mapping prepared by the Local Nature Partnership will be relevant in the context of national planning policy on identifying, mapping and safeguarding components of ecological networks.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	The historic environment should be maintained or enhanced as it is deeply valued by members of the public, is important for our wellbeing and creates a sense of place.
Response:	The Council recognises the importance of the built and natural heritage throughout the Borough and shall continue to ensure Local Plan policies are in place to protect and enhance it

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Adopt a policy of Localism; this consultation is a very good start in seeking input at an early stage and recognising the differing needs of a diverse community in the Borough
Response:	The comments are noted. There will be further opportunities to input into the preparation of the next Local Plan. As part of the preparation process, we will take account of community planning.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	A priority in the South of Test Valley should be to preserve the market town of Romsey, and therefore to stop the process of bolting on large scale housing developments on the town's perimeter.
Response:	The comments are noted. The character of settlements, including Romsey, will be a consideration in looking at the scale and distribution of growth, and the approach to other planning policy matters in preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Romsey needs an opportunity to address infrastructure deficiencies brought about by the demands of the recent significant housing developments and increased population
Response:	The next Local Plan would need to focus on the infrastructure needed to support new development but this would be done taking account of existing capacity or lack of capacity. There is limited opportunity for planning policy documents to address existing deficiencies.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Treating Andover and Romsey as having the same needs is inappropriate; their geography and history dictates a more individual approach, unless Andover is to become subsumed by suburbia
Response:	Noted. The characteristics of different settlements will need to be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan in terms of whether overarching policies or more bespoke policy requirements are appropriate to address specific matters.

Reference: 10054	
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Summary of comment:	Local plan should retain open countryside and focus development so it does not encroach on surrounding areas. Accept some development may help strengthen rural communities, but ensure this does not undermine their sense of place
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, a balance will need to be struck in supporting an appropriate scale of growth and conserving the environment and valued characteristics of the area. This will include considering how we distribute the necessary growth.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	The type and design of development should be strongly regulated in the local plan; prevent executive homes and provide a better mix of dwellings that help to meet local needs. Affordable homes for rent/purchase is key
Response:	Housing need studies will be carried out as part of the next Local Plan and this will provide an evidence base for future housing requirements for the residents of the Borough into the future

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	The revised NPPF will apply for the purpose of examining plans. The aspirations should be to apply the presumption in favour of sustainable development as set out in paragraph 11(a) and (b) in the NPPF
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will be prepared having regard to the latest national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Give local people more influence over the local plan over the next 20 years
Response:	The Council intends to engage with the residents of the Borough throughout the plan making process to gather their opinions, ensuring that the policies within the plan reflect the aspirations of the residents

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	To maintain the qualities as outlined in Question 1
Response:	Noted. The local plan will seek to maintain the assets and quality of life which make Test Valley a good place to live and work, in setting policies and meeting development needs.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	To maintain the character of the towns and countryside, while recognising that means of living and working are dynamic and not set in stone
Response:	Noted. One of the challenges of preparing the next Local Plan will be balancing the required growth, and the way this is

	distributed, with conserving the environment, including the character of towns and the countryside.
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Reference: 10069	
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Summary of comment:	Achieve 80% reduction in emissions. Reduce the total amount of energy used and have plans in place to mitigate against the effects of climate change. All new planting needs to be of value to wildlife/nesting/food source
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Response:	The next Local Plan will need to be prepared in line with national planning policy, which advises that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, in line with the objectives and provisions of the Climate Change Act. National planning policy also seeks to protect and enhance biodiversity.
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Reference: 10069	
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Summary of comment:	All development should be required to show how it will ensure it is not adding to climate emissions through efficiency/renewable energy/design and planning stage. Waste heat should be used to heat interiors and combined heat and power plants encouraged. Need more industrial type plants close to housing for efficiency
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Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider mitigation and adaptation in relation to climate change in the context of national planning policy and guidance.
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Reference: 10070	
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Summary of comment:	The aspirations must align with the NPPF to enable delivery of sustainable development (Para. 11a and b)
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Response:	Noted, sustainable development is a core principle which should run throughout the Local Plan
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Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
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Summary of comment:	To make progress on the issues identified in question 2 and to avoid any retrograde steps
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Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to improve the quality of life for those living and working in Test Valley.
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Reference: 10083	
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Summary of comment:	Policies that accurately reflect an ageing population
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Response:	Noted, further consideration of the needs of the aging population including additional consultation with these demographic and appropriate organisations will take place during the plan making stages.
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Reference: 10083	
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Summary of comment:	Lots of retired people want to live in bungalows, but current policies effectively encourage the conversion of bungalows into houses
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Response:	There are no specific policies relating to bungalows within the current Local Plan, this could be a policy area to explore for the new local plan
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	In the same way that affordable houses are a requirement of new development, bungalows should also be a requirement in the policy
Response:	Noted, the evidence base will be updated, including on the future mix of housing by type to meet needs.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Enhanced facilities and amenities for all residents
Response:	The aim of the Local Plan is to enable to the residents to live and work in, contribute to and enjoy Test Valley

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Development should be guided to the most sustainable locations in the Borough, such as Andover.
Response:	Noted. As part of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration about the scale and distribution of growth so as to promote sustainable development in line with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Additional housing at Bere Hill could provide sustainable development with close proximity to transport links, existing services and Andover town centre
Response:	Noted. As part of the next Local Plan there will be consideration of the approach to distributing development, taking account of a range of effects that different options may have.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Increase housing provision based on a dispersed policy, to make housing more affordable and reduce the reliance on affordable housing
Response:	The comments are noted. The approach to distributing development will need to be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan, along with the approach to the provision of affordable housing.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Make clear the commitment to meet development needs in full through appropriate development in sustainable locations
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of the appropriate scale of development, taking account of needs, and how this is distributed. This will need to be done having regard to national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10091, 10093	
Summary of comment:	Meet the full objectively assessed housing need during the plan period to ensure development needs are met Meet the new housing demand which allows local to continue to live and work in the area they grew up
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan the scale of housing needed will need to be assessed, followed by consideration about whether it is appropriate to deliver this scale of growth when accounting for other considerations, which could result in higher or lower levels of development being planned for.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Spread development between all settlements creating less significant environmental and social impacts. This would help keep community assets viable.
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Increase the number of mixed type properties in all settlements to create communities as opposed to second home owners who do not engage in village activities
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	The next local plan needs to be visionary and comprehensive in considering how settlements can and should grow sustainably
Response:	Preparation of the next local plan will include a review of the housing distribution, settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries, together with the approach to development in rural areas.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Romsey town centre should be developed to reflect the increase in housing building in the surrounding areas
Response:	The viability of the town centres within the Borough is a matter of great importance and the Council has a number of projects underway to help improve these areas in the hopes of attracting visitors not just for shopping, but other leisure facilities

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield has produced 2 Village Design Statements (VDS). We would like the local plan aspirations to reflect the contents of the VDS'.

Response:	The VDS is a supporting document which should reflect the aspirations of the Local Plan. Ampfield Parish Council might want to consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan which once adopted would carry the same weight as the Local Plan
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Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	To work in partnership with local communities. Stockbridge is currently designated a 'key service centre' for several villages, and would welcome the development of a 'Stockbridge Future' plan to meet the needs of residents, users, businesses and visitors sustainably.
Response:	Stockbridge Parish Council might want to consider producing a Neighbourhood Plan which once adopted would carry the same weight as the Local Plan

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Build sustainably, giving consideration to the infrastructure required to support growth, and ensuring development is evergreen and scaling is appropriate. Development should be future-proof (broadband, electric vehicle charging points, etc.)
Response:	The infrastructure needed to support new development would need to be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. National planning guidance advises that planning policy should consider electronic communication networks, including broadband, and digital infrastructure, as well as ensuring adequate provision of spaces for plug-in charging.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Support a better, cheaper, more efficient and reliable public transport to reduce congestion, and encourage more environmentally friendly travel modes. Houses should be placed in areas with access to good public transport links.
Response:	The comments are noted. Access to public transport, as well as opportunities for walking and cycling to key destinations, would need to be taken into account when considering the location of new development. Some of the aspects mentioned in relation to public transport, such as its affordability, are beyond those matters that would be influenced by the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	Plan positively for the on-going vitality and sustainability of rural settlements through understanding and appreciating the challenges facing these areas and how the network of rural villages form sustainable communities
Response:	The aim of the Local Plan is to enable the residents to live and work in, contribute to and enjoy Test Valley

Reference: 10118	
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Summary of comment:	Meeting the housing need as a minimum and providing for the full range of need within the Borough covering different tenures and housing types for differing social groups
Response:	Noted, during the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement/consultation with residents and stakeholders

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Plan positively, local plan should identify its housing need using the most up to date methodology & meet the need through the allocation of a suitable number/range of sites. Locate development in sustainable locations to support communities through development and infrastructure
Response:	Comments are noted. The scale of housing need will be reviewed taking account of national planning policy and guidance, as well as working with neighbouring local authorities through the duty to co-operate. The next Local Plan would also consider how best to plan for this housing need, which may include through the allocation of sites.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	A vibrant town centre for Andover, grammar school, university, raising aspirations, 5G fibre internet, infrastructure of higher education
Response:	The next Local Plan will review the approach to town centres as well as seeking to ensure that appropriate infrastructure is in place to support new development, this will include electronic communication and digital infrastructure. In understanding the infrastructure needs, the Council would work with infrastructure providers, such as Hampshire County Council in relation to education.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Allow gentle growth renewal without compromising the natural environment. We should pass on Romsey as we know it now to the next generation
Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of how to balance planning for an appropriate level of growth with other social, economic and environmental matters.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Make progress on highlighted issues and avoid retrograde steps
Response:	Noted. The local plan should set a positive strategy to meet development needs in a way which minimises any adverse impact and maximises the benefits.

Reference: 10131	
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Summary of comment:	As a minimum meet the needs of the Borough and unmet needs of the HMA. Explore mechanisms of delivering community facilities/benefits through housing provision
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the scale of housing need will be reviewed taking account of national planning policy and guidance, as well as working with neighbouring local authorities through the duty to co-operate. The need for infrastructure, facilities and services to support new development would also need to be considered.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Should be based on NPPF requirements, specifically providing a positive vision for the future of Test Valley and a strategic framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities
Response:	Whilst the NPPF is in place to provide guidance from a national perspective it is necessary to prepare the Local Plan from a local perspective with community engagement to allow the residents of the Borough to have their ambitions realised with respect to social, economic and environmental needs.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Should be based on strategic policies which determine the pattern scale and quality of development. Should make provision for sufficient (affordable) housing alongside employment, community and social infrastructure, all informed by infrastructure requirements to facilitate future growth
Response:	Noted. All the matters identified will need to be considered taking account of the approach set out in national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Identify the number of new homes needed with strategic policies prepared to deliver the identified need, using the standard methodology. Essential the local plan is based on evidence which ensures a sufficient amount of variety of land can come forward in locations that will respond positively to genuine opportunities to deliver sustainable patterns of development
Response:	During the plan making stages the method of how best to designate the housing requirement throughout the Borough will be decided after engagement and consultation with residents and other stakeholders

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Improving local transport infrastructure, improving local amenities and vibrancy of town centres, improving local employment opportunities, promoting environmentally friendly initiatives/commit to sustainability and create healthy connected communities

Response:	The next Local Plan will need to be prepared accounting for the need for additional growth, including for housing and economic development. Alongside this, there will need to be consideration of social, economic and environmental effects, as well as infrastructure, facilities and services needed to support new development. The approach to town centres will also need to be reviewed in the context of national planning policy.
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Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Affordability, an aging population and increased pressure on local services leading to an imbalance in the labour market if left unaddressed
Response:	The comments are noted. The provision of affordable housing and accommodation for different groups within the community will need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Boost the supply of housing and ensure it is aligned with employment need. Increase housing provision to reduce affordability pressures and provide a wider choice to attract economically active residents
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the scale of housing need will be reviewed taking account of national planning policy and guidance, as well as working with neighbouring local authorities through the duty to co-operate. This will include consideration of factors such as affordability pressures and economic development.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Local plan aspirations should be to ensure housing/employment needs are fully aligned or it could stunt the economy, lead to unsustainable commuting patterns and an imbalances housing/labour market
Response:	The aim of the Local Plan is to enable to the residents to live and work in, contribute to and enjoy Test Valley

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Aim to improve the quality of new buildings at all price levels
Response:	There is currently a policy seeking High Quality of Development within the currently Local Plan, it is likely a similar/improved policy will be included within the new Local Plan

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Would like to see natural capital assets recognised in the local plan with aspirations to grow/improve these in the future
Response:	The protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural environment which is so significant within the Borough will continue to play an important role within the next Local Plan

Chapter 5: Living in Test Valley

General

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Ashley Parish perceived to be more democratic than larger neighbouring parishes.
Response:	Noted. This is not a matter for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10003	
Summary of comment:	Parishes are calling for new settlements, not expanding existing settlements.
Response:	There are a number of different options that have been presented in this I&O document regarding how to decide where the best locations are for allocating new housing within the Borough during the next Local Plan period, all feedback received will be taken into consideration

Reference: 10073	
Summary of comment:	The Parish Council is concerned that the emphasis on sustainability is negating any possibility of Tangley achieving any future development. According to the sustainability criteria adopted by the Council, none of the existing communities of Hatherden, Wildhern, Charlton Down or Tangley are suitable for development. The high price of properties in all of Tangley Parish indicate a strong market demand for housing.
Response:	Noted. The position of the settlements / communities within the Parish of Tangley within a settlement hierarchy and their suitability for development will be reviewed as part of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The Council has quite rightly identified the provision of housing as a key issue
Response:	Noted. Providing the right number of homes, in the right places and of the right mix to meet needs is one of the key challenges of the local plan.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The Council should reject any planning applications within the water meadows in Upper Clatford as this area is liable to flooding
Response:	Flood risk would be a factor taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. National planning policy and guidance establishes the approach to this matter.

Reference: 10023	
Summary of comment:	We moved to Upper Clatford because of the village location, conservation area and the great community feel within and between the surrounding villages. We moved from Bramley due

	to fields in front of our house being sold for development, spoiling the view without any consideration for the additional traffic and pressure on resources a growth in population would create. The Clatfords and surrounding villages have always been so traditional and quintessential, so why would developers seek to spoil this, other than to make lots of money. We would be devastated if the fields behind our property in Upper Clatford became developed; we were of the understanding we were in a Conservation Area with a Local Gap behind us. Upper Clatford is a village and residents work hard to pay the premium to live in such a lovely village. It should not be ruined by developers seeking to make money.
Response:	The comments are noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the scale of development needed and appropriate ways of distributing this. There will be further opportunities to comment on the next Local Plan as it is prepared.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The current housing market does not consider the needs of individuals who are not living in their own home (e.g. people with a physical disability), who may be living in residential care.
Response:	Noted. National planning policy highlights that local plans should take account of housing needs of different groups within the community, including those with disabilities. This will need to be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10028	
Summary of comment:	The key issue for New Forest District Council (NFDC) regarding the local plan relates to addressing objectively assessed (housing) need (OAN). NFDC Local Plan has been prepared under the previous NPPF (2012), with proposals to build 10,500 (525 per annum). Of this figure 1500 new homes are proposed within the Green Belt in the plan area. In November 2017 NFDC wrote to Test Valley Borough Council asking to consider what assistance the Council may be able to offer to meet the housing need NFDC are unable to meet, which could be 5000 - 6000 dwellings by 2026. The new standard housing methodology will be introduced from January 2019; under this method NFDC will need to build 965 dwellings per annum whilst acknowledging constraints exist on 86% of the District land. This further 400 dwellings per annum than previously considered. NFDC has strong evidence to support the view that it cannot meet its housing need, and are anticipating a 'shortfall' of some 8000 dwellings by 2026 (400 per annum). The revised NPPF (2018) states "neighbouring areas should also be taken into account in establishing the amount of housing to be planned for". Therefore Test Valley Borough Council, as a neighbouring area, should explore capacity within their plan area to address unmet housing needs arising within the New Forest District.

Response:	Noted. The Council will work with New Forest District Council in line with the duty to co-operate, including in relation to considering housing need.
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Reference: 10086	
Summary of comment:	The New Forest National Park is likely to have a modest unmet housing need when assessed against the best available evidence. The Authority is currently unaware of opportunities to accommodate the unmet need within the National Park elsewhere. The National Park Authority is requesting that TBVC and other surrounding authorities fully explore whether there is capacity in their plan to address the unmet housing need arising from the National Park to 2036.
Response:	Noted. The Council will work with New Forest National Park Authority in line with the duty to co-operate, including in relation to considering housing need.

Reference: 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The provision of housing to meet housing needs is a key task for the Council. The right number of homes, and where they will be located and how they will be delivered, will need to be addressed in the next Local Plan.
Response:	The comments are noted. As the preparation of the next Local Plan progresses, the appropriate scale of housing will need to be considered along with how this growth should be distributed. This will need to be done having regard to national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF supports the provision of small and medium sites and the next Local Plan will need to respond to that requirement
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with latest national planning policy, including the provision of small and medium housing sites.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	All Romsey sees is expensive housing with little affordable housing built. Developers always seem to try and reduce the affordable housing because it's not cost effective for them.
Response:	Larger scale housing sites that have been coming forward in Romsey, or are allocated, have been delivering an element of affordable housing reflecting existing planning policy requirements. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan the approach to affordable housing will need to be reviewed, taking account of national planning policy, this will include considering what level of affordable provision would normally be viable in conjunction with new development. There remains an option for developers to put forward that affordable housing is

	not viable on specific sites but this would need to be demonstrated through the planning application process.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para. 35a and para. 24 set out that local plans should incorporate unmet needs of neighbouring authorities where possible, and this possibility should be kept in mind when considering housing need
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the scale of housing need will be reviewed taking account of national planning policy and guidance, as well as working with neighbouring local authorities through the duty to co-operate including regarding any unmet need.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The proposed Whitenap development for 2020 has been "sold" as a new village, but since the rail network will not permit a new stop within the development it is more akin to suburban sprawl. The Whitenap development will put significant pressure on already heavily used roads around Romsey if residents do not have easy access to the rail network. The residents of the Whitenap development will no doubt look largely to Romsey for services apart from the limited retail of the convenience store within the "new village" settlement. The "bolting on" approach has gone too far; Romsey cannot develop infrastructure further without losing the local gaps which enable the town to retain its appeal and market town character.
Response:	The Whitenap development is intended as a new neighbourhood for Romsey which will be a part of the town, but also with its own identity. The transport implications have been taken into account in determining the allocation and will be assessed further in the context of future planning applications.

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield provides the perfect combination of a rural setting whilst being close to local amenities which are accessible by car, bus and train. There have been small and large developments in Ampfield including affordable housing and smaller properties enabling younger families or lower income families to live here. Although it is important more housing is provided in Ampfield over the coming years it must not be at the detriment of the wider community. There is a lovely village atmosphere in Ampfield and filling the area with further new builds will destroy the rural feel. I believe that the Council has approved developments in Ampfield that are sympathetic to the surrounding area and enhance surrounding properties/businesses and I hope this continues.

Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of the distribution of growth within the Borough, this will need to account for social, economic and environmental matters.
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Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge needs to expand for a sustainable future, expansion to the west is the only option due to constraints in other directions. Not rational to leave Stockbridge without further housing leaving existing stock unaffordable, lack of downsize choice/options for families and pressure on shops
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of the distribution of growth within the Borough, this will need to account for social, economic and environmental matters. This will need to be done in a way that is consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Large allocations on the edge of Andover to meet the northern housing market area for Test Valley isn't as sustainable as delivering homes in settlements with facilities already in place. Risk of not adding to populations results in facilities not having users to sustain them (NPPF para 78) New approach needed with a mix of options: continue plan allocations around Key Service Areas in conjunction with proportionate distribution to parishes, but based on sustainability and not just population.
Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of the distribution of growth within the Borough taking account of social, economic and environmental matters.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	NPPF supports expanding settlements with significant extensions where there is suitable infrastructure/facilities (para. 72)
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider the distribution of growth taking account of national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The Government's publication furthering its commitment to small and medium house builders shows it's not just the public who are concern with the current oligopoly of national house builders The NPPF and the housing white paper acknowledge communities need to accept more housing to allow future generations to have homes. This is true in rural areas where young people are forced to move out of rural settlements Rural settlements should be encouraged to accommodate new homes, including for elderly downsizers, which can enhance the

	environment, protect the viability or community facilities and settlements themselves
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will need to take account of national planning policy and guidance, alongside other considerations, when considering how to distribute growth.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	If rural villages are left with no new housing they facilities will become unviable, leading to people moving out of them
Response:	Noted. Such matters will need to be taken into account, alongside other considerations including national planning policy and guidance, when looking at the distribution of growth across the Borough.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	The Rural Coalition have highlighted that housing is a considerable problem, with little progress being made to provide housing for older people in rural communities nor affordable dwellings in small sites in rural areas.
Response:	The comments are noted. In line with national planning policy through the preparation of the next Local Plan there will be an assessment of the housing needed for different groups in the community, including older people and those who require access to affordable housing. The next Local Plan will also need to consider the appropriate scale and distribution of new development, including in the context of such assessments.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	Houghton is far too expensive for anyone to stay or move into the area, which does not make for an inclusive community and local facilities will suffer from this population decline.
Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will be a review of the approach to affordable housing, as well as the housing needs for different groups of the community.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	It is essential new families and individuals are encouraged to come to Stockbridge and Houghton to allow facilities to remain viable. There are a good variety of facilities in such areas. NPPF 2018 (para. 78) perfectly encapsulates the argument for expanding the population at Houghton to support the area and Stockbridge too. The Houghton Housing Needs Survey (2018) identified key housing issues in the area, such as a lack of suitable properties, lack of properties with the number of bedrooms required, affordability and inability to afford accommodation with sufficient bedrooms to meet needs. Those wishing to move out of Houghton are primarily families with children, although the majority want to stay in Houghton

	<p>and the surrounding Parishes and buy a house below £350,000 in the area.</p> <p>The survey illustrates that Houghton needs more housing to meet the existing demand for smaller homes which are not available in the area.</p> <p>The second group of people looking for new homes in Houghton are children who want to stay in the area but cannot find suitable, affordable accommodation. Therefore the housing stock needs to be increased to address this demand</p>
Response:	<p>The comments are noted. At present there are opportunities for the parish councils to prepare neighbourhood plans, for rural exception affordable housing schemes (policy COM8) or for developers to work with local communities to bring forward a community led development (policy COM9 of the adopted Local Plan). As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan the approach to such matters, as well as the distribution of growth, will be considered.</p>

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	<p>Council should not seek to impose prescriptive policies relating to matters which affect the development design process, such as those relating to self-build/mix & type of housing/density/internal space standards/open space standards/materials/highway layout & adoption standards. These could place an unnecessary burden on developers, encourage an inflexible approach that impacts on the delivery of mixed/balanced communities, particularly on large strategic sites where, if introduced, thresholds are likely to be exceeded. Standardised, prescriptive approach is not conducive to great place making, the NPPF's greater emphasis on achieving good design suggests a subject which should be reviewed</p>
Response:	<p>The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance, whilst also taking account of other considerations. This will include reviewing how prescriptive it is appropriate to be on different matters. There will be further opportunity to comment on draft policies as the preparation of the next Local Plan moves forward.</p>

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	<p>It is appropriate that the document includes a review of the current approach to distributing growth through the adopted settlement hierarchy (COM2)</p>
Response:	<p>Noted. A review will be undertaken on the approach to distributing growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.</p>

Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	<p>These representations relate to land east of Duck Street in Abbots Ann. The site is capable of delivering 50 sustainable</p>

	residential dwellings, as well as potentially a parking area for the primary school and other community uses.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Land South of Finkley Farm has been promoted by The Trinley Estate which was deemed unsuitable for development in the 2018 SHELAA (ref. 231) having in 2015 being deemed that a change of policy would be required to bring the site forward for development (ref. 300) There are no overriding physical constraints that would inhibit the delivery of land south of Finkley Farm, and therefore it should fall within appendix 4 of the SHELAA and be allocated for development in the next Local Plan.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	Land is promoted off Dunkirt Lane in Abbots Ann (SHELAA site 190). The above site has capacity of 63 dwellings, although is likely to be less when including access arrangements and landscaping setting. The SHELAA notes there are no designation constraints for site 190 and concludes that the site may be achievable and deliverable. However, it also states that the site is not "suitable" for development, without explaining why. A review of the local plan, including the settlement boundaries and review of the strategy for the rural areas, provides opportunity for the states of the above site to be reconsidered.
Response:	Noted. The SHELAA review is currently underway. All of those who have submitted SHELAA sites would have received an email to ensure that the details the Council have are up to date and with the offer to provide additional evidence in support of their submission. The Council will be reassessing all sites in the SHELAA as part of the next local plan process.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Fields Farm on the Eastern edge of Rownhams is proposed as a site for housing development (with an element of affordable included)
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	Broadlands Estates have brought forward 12 sites for consideration in and around Romsey comprised of; Football ground, Bypass Road; Lee Manor Farm, Lee Lane; Nursling Site, Lee Lane; Burnt Grove Field, Ryedown Lane; Land South of Bypass Road; Land as Burma Road; Land as Eastwood Court; Land at Pauncefoot Hill; Broadlands Homes Farm;

	Longbridge Farm; Skidmore Barns and The Old Dairy, Broadland Estate
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Gleeson has an interest in a site of 5.6 hectares on the south-eastern edge of North Baddesley, which could accommodate 30 new homes in a sustainable location which is unconstrained by potential technical obstacles.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The Trustees of Barker Mill Estates propose the Land at the Upton Triangle (Nursling), comprised on 4.5ha, as a site for residential development (30-40 dwellings).
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman are keen to discuss potential development at the following sites: Land at Flexford Road, Valley Park; Land at Halterworth Lane, Romsey; Land off Romsey Road, West Wellow; Land off Eldon Road, King Somborne; Land off Eldon Road, Charlton.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Bellway Homes is promoting land to the North of Andover, Enham Park, for a strategic-scale residential-led development for around 1000 dwellings.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	It is considered that the field North of Stevens Drove in Houghton would 'finish off' the settlement and give a more consistent boundary along the west of the village
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the scale and distribution of growth as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Paragraph 5.1

Reference: 10010, 10031, 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The content of 5.1 is supported. The provision of housing to meet the needs of the Borough is a key task of the Local Planning Authority. It is important to identify the right number of homes needed, how and where they are located and how they will delivered during the plan period.

	There are serious implications for the residents of Test Valley if enough houses to meet their housing needs are not provided.
Response:	Comments are noted. As indicated within this paragraph, through the preparation of the next Local Plan there will be consideration of the scale and distribution of growth within the Borough with further opportunity to comment on these matters in future consultation stages.

Paragraph 5.3

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	To calculate demand for housing, the Council should take into account the Duty to Cooperate, especially in respect of Southern Test Valley. A number of adjoining authorities who fall within the same housing market area may not meet their own needs (NFDC, NFNP, and Southampton, for example).
Response:	Noted. The Council is working with neighbouring authorities in line with the duty to co-operate, this includes through being part of and participating in the Partnership for South Hampshire.

Reference: 10032, 10033	
Summary of comment:	The Council should consider increasing its housing provision to influence the price of homes in the Borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the appropriate scale of growth, including taking account of national planning policy and guidance. The scale of growth proposed will need to have regard to social, economic and environmental matters.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Para. 5.3 is acknowledged, but although sufficient housing has been provided in the right places, Planning Inspectors have been overruling decisions and granting permissions. To continue delivering housing without taking account of the environment will not ensure net gains in biodiversity but will instead damage ecological networks and sensitive nature conservation sites. It is crucial all necessary evidence is gathered to ensure housing is delivered in the right places in a truly strategic and sustainable manner.
Response:	The comments are noted. As indicated, there will need to ensure that the scale of housing growth being planned for takes account of social, economic and environmental matters.

Paragraph 5.4

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	The 3 overarching objectives of sustainable development in the NPPF must be pursued in mutually supporting ways; the decline in biodiversity is evidence this is not happening.

	It is obvious in a borough with finite natural resources that development cannot continue without losses in biodiversity occurring.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance, including reflecting the overarching objectives of sustainable development.

Paragraph 5.5

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	The role of walking and walking in improving health and wellbeing should be recognised in the document
Response:	Noted. Paragraph 8.9 reflected on the need to promote more sustainable forms of travel, such as walking and cycling. This will need to be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan, also recognising the health and wellbeing benefits.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan can propose more homes than the standard methodology if there is an ambition for more employment in the Borough. It is fundamental that there will be employment growth within the emerging local plan
Response:	The comments are noted. As indicated, there will need to ensure that the scale of housing growth being planned for takes account of social, economic and environmental matters, as well as being prepared to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Paragraph 5.6

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The current housing market may not reflect the level of need of housing should there be economic growth. Furthermore not supplying enough appropriate housing for families could hinder economic growth.
Response:	The current adopted local plan housing requirement is based upon an economic scenario in order to support economic growth and aim to provide sufficient labour supply of working age to support this, alongside maintaining the existing level of out commuting. In preparing the next local plan and setting its housing requirement, the Council will take account of both the Government's standard methodology together with the need to support future economic growth. In this context it will also have regard to the Enterprise M3 LEP and Solent LEP emerging Local Industrial Strategies.

Reference: 10101

Summary of comment:	STV less self-contained due to strong relationship with south Hampshire and good transport links, resulting in more in and out commuting for employment and leisure/retail facilities
Response:	It is recognised that Southern Test Valley (STV) is part of the wider South Hampshire sub-region and that for both employment and higher order leisure and retail facilities residents look beyond the Borough boundary, particularly to Southampton. In this context the Council is a member of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) and contributes to its joint sub-regional spatial strategic planning work.

Question 4: Should the Local Plan's housing requirement be consistent with Government's standard methodology?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the housing requirement should be roughly in line with Government's standard methodology
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it should be consistent with standard methodology as easy to explain
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10031, 10032, 10033, 10044	
Summary of comment:	Yes, there are no exceptional circumstances to justify an alternative approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the figure calculated using the standard methodology.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Yes, otherwise in breach of policy and will have housing allocations imposed upon us. The Council needs to resist untrammelled growth influenced by South Hampshire & Solent economic drivers
Response:	Noted. Whilst the Council will take into account economic growth in neighbouring authorities and regions, it will seek to ensure housing allocations are proportionate to the needs and character of the Borough.

Reference: 10044, 10060, 10089, 10091, 10094, 10100, 10101, 10111, 10119, 10120, 10123, 10126, 10137	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it should be consistent as the methodology represents the minimum housing need for Test Valley at the outset
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	No, the calculation is flawed since it does not take into account the environment and whether housing delivery would adversely impact the environment
Response:	Noted. Whilst the calculation does not take environmental constraints into account, such constraints would be examined by the Council when determining whether to adopt the calculated figure or whether exceptional circumstances justify an alternative figure.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, otherwise there would be a risk of undermining the Council's position at appeals
Response:	Noted. The Council will only seek to adopt a different housing figure in exceptional circumstances where it can be demonstrated using a sound evidence base and methodology that an alternative housing requirement would be appropriate.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Yes, otherwise we breach planning law and housing allocations will be imposed by the Government
Response:	Noted. The Council could seek an alternative housing figure which, if determined using a sound evidence base and methodology, may not be in breach of planning law, but only where exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the standard methodology

Reference: 10056	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the local plan's housing requirement should be consistent with the standard methodology & the plan cannot be considered positively prepared if any neighbouring unmet need has not been taken into account
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Yes, little option but to comply. NPPF para 60, difficult to see how exceptional circumstances could be demonstrated in Test Valley to justify an alternative approach

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the figure calculated using the standard methodology.
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Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No, we should use a local plan, not the government's method
Response:	The Local Plan must use the standard methodology as the base minimum housing need figure. The Council then considers whether any exceptional circumstances justify an alternative figure being applied instead.

Reference: 10044, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it should be consistent
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Government's standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Greater emphasis should be given on a bottom-up approach led by demand at community level (perhaps NP can inform the process)
Response:	Noted. Parishes producing Neighbourhood Plans will be able to undertake their own Housing Needs Assessment to determine local housing figures which are in general conformity to Local Plan housing targets.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	See NPPF Para. 60, standard methodology is a starting point, need a full review of demographic and market signal evidence to determine whether there are germane to the housing requirement, as well as unmet need of neighbouring areas
Response:	Noted. The standard methodology provides the base figure when determining the housing requirement, which will then take into account factors such as demographics, environmental constraints, housing markets and unmet needs of neighbouring areas, amongst others.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Support standard methodology and believe local plans housing requirement should follow this approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Government's standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Yes, as if not will the Plan not then be rejected as not being in accordance with National Planning Policy?
Response:	The Council will could seek to adopt a different housing figure in exceptional circumstances where it can be demonstrated using

	a sound evidence base and methodology that an alternative housing requirement would be appropriate.
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	But it should reflect permissions already in place, and a more robust method to ensure permissions are developed in the required timescale
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure housing developments are deliverable and take into account permissions already in place.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	It should be a guide; Test Valley is different from other parts of the countryside and this should be a consideration
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account factors such as environmental constraints when determining which housing requirement will be sought through the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should support the Solent LEP's growth strategy by ensuring additional housing in STV is provided
Response:	The Council will take into account economic growth in neighbouring Local Authorities and regions when determining the housing requirement.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should accommodate the current apportionment of need from the Southampton HMA and make provision to accommodate some unmet need (such as through the Site at Rownhams Lane)
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account through the Duty to Cooperate unmet need in neighbouring Local Authorities.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Yes, this ensures the local plan reflects up to date National Planning Guidance and Policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will strive to ensure the next Local Plan reflects up to date planning policies and guidance as contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and National Planning Guidance.

Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	Yes, although local circumstances should be considered to decide if a higher housing number is required
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider local circumstances, such as historic, environmental and demographic factors when determining the housing requirement.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	No, the assumption in the HMA boundaries that ideally people will live and work in the same area are not valid

Response:	The Council will seek to review its Housing Market Areas to ensure the boundaries are as accurate as possible as based on evidence.
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Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	It should be seen as a minimum requirement. There are no exceptional circumstances that would advocate an alternative approach
Response:	The Council will examine whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the standard methodology housing figure.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	Due to the housing crisis in Test Valley (in terms of house prices) the standard methodology should be seen as a minimum
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether any uplift to the figure determined in the standard methodology is appropriate, taking into account environmental and economic constraints.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	It should reflect the needs of "local" residents and be consistent with local facilities (schools, roads, doctors, etc.)
Response:	The Council will seek to ensure the total housing requirement, as well as the spatial distribution of development, is proportionate to the character of the Borough and the needs of residents, taking into account existing and potential infrastructure.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	No, the Borough should be given autonomy to decide its own target, ensuring that housing is placed appropriately in line with local targets as opposed to government targets
Response:	The standard methodology provides the base figure with which to determine the Boroughs housing requirement. The Council will take into account factors such as local needs, environmental constraints and infrastructure when determining whether the Government target is appropriate.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Support the Government's standard methodology and believe that the Local Plan housing requirement should follow that approach as this brings an objective and consistent approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Government's move to standardise housing requirement calculation is welcome, should provide clarity to local planning

	authorities, communities and development industry as provides clear path to an annual requirement
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Yes, without any evidence to the contrary, the SM should be used as a minimum number
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference:10118	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it should be the minimum starting point. Test Valley is not unduly constrained by restrictive policies and has no exceptional circumstances to justify a different approach.
Response:	The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the housing figure determined using the standard methodology

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should calculate housing need based on the most up to date methodology, then meet this through identification of a suitable range of site in broad locations
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider what methodology would provide an appropriate housing requirement, as well as consider the best approach with regards to the size and spatial distribution of housing sites throughout the Borough.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Where demand currently outstrips supply duty to cooperate with neighbouring local planning authorities suggests the standard minimum should be increased. Also prepare the plan following the publication of the revised household projections/methodology
Response:	The Council will take into account unmet need in neighbouring Local Authorities through its Duty to Cooperate.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No, it is not fit for purpose
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for determining the housing requirement, but other factors will also be taken into account as relevant.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Yes, no point deviating from the approved methodology, to do so would risk the plan failing when reviewed by the Examiner

Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure its adopted housing methodology is robust to be considered sound once reviewed by the Examiner
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Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Yes, complying with standard method will ensure consistency with NPPF Para. 11; also required to identify land to help neighbouring local planning authorities unmet need
Response:	The Council will take into account unmet need from neighbouring Local Authorities when determining the housing requirement

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	To determine the minimum number of new homes needed, strategic policies should be informed by local housing need assessment using the standard methodology
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	NPPF states that local plans submitted after 24/01/2019 should use the standard methodology to calculate housing need unless exceptional circumstances justify an alternative approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Local plan housing requirements are entirely dependent on ability of Test Valley to attract decent jobs into the area. Otherwise will continue to have homes sold to people who commute to well paid jobs out of Test Valley
Response:	The Council will attempt to ensure local housing needs are met through the Local Plan.

Question 4A: Do you have any evidence to support your views?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	More weight should be given to provide for the additional housing requirements within brown field sites
Response:	Noted. The Council seeks to prioritise housing development on brown field sites and will continue to monitor and update the Boroughs brownfield register.

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	The division and differences between villages/hamlets/towns contributes to the character of Test Valley
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to retain the individual character of various settlement types throughout Test Valley whilst seeking to provide for local housing needs.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Housing requirement should be consistent with Government's methodology as there are no exceptional circumstances to depart from that approach
Response:	The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the housing figure determined using the standard methodology.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The Council should have regard to a range of other factors as set out in the NPPF (para. 59 - 65) as the Government's methodology serves as a starting point to arriving at a figure
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account a range of factors when considering whether to adopt the standard methodology figure or whether an uplift or reduction would be appropriate.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Higher target should be set for affordable homes as these are generally in short supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue seeking appropriate levels of affordable homes, taking into account local needs and deliverability constraints.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The Council has little option but to comply with the standard methodology. NPPF para 60 states it should be used unless there are exceptional circumstances; which Test Valley does not have.
Response:	The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the housing figure determined using the standard methodology.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	The latest CPRE report covers this aspect
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The government methodology only provides a number and not the mix of dwellings needed. Attention should be paid to providing more low cost housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to seek a range of housing types and sizes throughout the Borough, as well as seek appropriate provision of affordable housing.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para. 60 clarifies that the standard methodology is the minimum level of need which should be considered in a local plan

Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Governments standard methodology when determining the Local Plans housing requirement.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Para. 1 of the PPG clarifies that LA's should consider whether an increase to the minimum standard method figure is appropriate
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the housing figure determined using the standard methodology is appropriate, taking into account factors such as market signals and demographics.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para. 81a states the local plan should take into account all relevant strategies when considering to increase housing from the minimum figure to support economic growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will take all relevant NPPF and NPPG guidance into account.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The 2016-based household projections may be significantly lower nationally than the 2014 projections; this may lead to the national standard method figure being significantly lower than the Government aspires to deliver
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will take account of the latest position from the Government in calculating the housing numbers for local plans, as well as other relevant considerations, reflection national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Housing growth should be high enough to support economic growth and therefore be in excess of the minimum figure determined by the standard methodology
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the minimum housing figure is needed in light of potential economic growth opportunities.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Housing requirement should be governed by the amount of space available without negatively impacting the environment
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account environmental constraints throughout Test Valley when determining its adopted housing requirement figure.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	If sufficient housing cannot be delivered without impacting the environment then the requirement should be reduced, justified through a robust evidence base to demonstrate to the Government why this is the case

Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to develop a robust evidence base should it be determined that an alternative housing figure would be best appropriate for the Borough compared to adopting the standard methodology housing figure.
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Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Some LA's are already struggling to deliver their housing target, especially where highly constrained by important nature conservation sites.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account unmet need arising in neighbouring Local Authorities where appropriate.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Whilst mitigation schemes are in place to reduce impact of recreational disturbance in the New Forest, some features are already showing significant decline, showing such schemes are not working
Response:	The comments are noted. As part of the preparation of next Local Plan and the identification of the appropriate scale of housing development, there will need to be consideration of social, economic and environmental matters. This will include potential impacts on nature conservation designations including the New Forest. The Council is working with other neighbouring authorities to update its evidence base in relation to recreation disturbance of the New Forest in the context of new development; this will also inform the next Local Plan. The next Local Plan will be subject to a Habitat Regulations Assessment.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Government policy is not to accept local methodology unless it increases the housing number, see no need for this
Response:	Noted. The starting point will be the Government's standard methodology.

Reference: 10056	
Summary of comment:	Take into account NPPF paragraph 60
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of all relevant NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10056	
Summary of comment:	Difficult to see how exceptional circumstances could be demonstrated in Test Valley to justify an alternative approach, Test Valley is less constrained than its neighbours
Response:	The Council will consider whether any exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the housing figure determined using the Government's standard methodology.

Reference: 10056	
Summary of comment:	Duty to co-operate is the basis for strategic and cross boundary planning and is established in legislation; a process all local

	planning authorities must follow (NPPF paragraphs 24-27 & PPG paragraph 9-001-9-023)
Response:	The Council will take into account unmet need in neighbouring Local Authorities when determining the Boroughs housing requirement

Reference:10056	
Summary of comment:	If there are any unmet housing needs in the HMA it is incumbent on the relevant local planning authorities to identify where to deliver it, the document fails to give this consideration and the emerging plan will not be considered positively prepared
Response:	The Council will take into account unmet need in neighbouring Local Authorities when determining the Boroughs housing requirement

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	A local housing needs assessment should fully review the demographic and market signal evidence, as well as unmet need from neighbouring authorities.
Response:	The Council will seek to review the Boroughs Housing Market Assessment as part of the evidence base for the new Local Plan

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Figures are hard to understand: 588 dwellings p/a implies 1370 people per year at current density, but projected increase = 570 people p/a
Response:	The housing requirement in the current adopted local plan is 588dpa, however overall population change is also affected by other demographic factors additional to increase in housing numbers from new development.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	More thought needs to be given to those who have different needs: single people, elderly, single mothers, the disabled, those looking for rural housing. Some new estates lack health facilities, need adequate GP, dentist, child health provision. The hospital in Winchester is difficult to get to by public transport
Response:	The Council will seek to ensure a housing mix is available for people with varying needs, including smaller units, specialist care home facilities and homes suitable for disabled residents. Infrastructural requirements will also be taken into consideration when allocating land for housing and considering development applications.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	The subject of leaseholds, ground rents and services payments needs to be clarified locally. Test Valley should help make people aware of what they are buying and what extra clauses and costs are in place and help manage the process

Response:	The is primarily an issue between developers and landlords, and purchasers and tenants. It is appropriate for prospective purchasers and tenants to seek independent advice on such matters.
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Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley has a low level of constraints and so can meet the housing need within the wider South Hampshire area
Response:	The Council will consider whether any constraints would limit the amount of sustainable development which can take place within the Borough

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	An increase above the standard methodology is needed to accommodate for population projections and to meet the Councils economic growth aspirations
Response:	Noted. The Council will examine whether economic growth could be facilitated by an increase in the housing figure, or whether an increase in housing is needed due to projected economic growth.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	The 2014 Strategic Housing Market Assessment found affordable housing was significantly needed in the Borough, which will not be met through the current planned supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to seek affordable housing provision throughout the Borough, and will seek to review the Affordable Housing SPD in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Given the relatively unconstrained nature of the Borough and the sustainability of Andover, the local plan should seek to deliver significantly more new homes than the minimum figure
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider an uplift to the minimum figure if it is considered that development can be achieved sustainability and appropriately.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Methodology for calculating OAN based on anticipated 10yr household growth with uplifts relating to affordability (Ref: NPPF para. 60)
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	No exceptional circumstances in Test Valley to advocate use of an alternative approach. Only 13% of Test Valley is constrained by designations, & would not justify alternative approach to housing need assessment
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether any constraints would justify a departure from the minimum housing figure.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	The economically active portion of the population are attracted by the good East West road infrastructure in Romsey.
Response:	Noted. The characteristics of the town will be taken into account. The Council will review the distribution of future development, taking a number of factors into account including transport.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Overdevelopment in Romsey has resulted in flooding.
Response:	The evidence base to support the preparation of the next Local Plan is being reviewed to ensure it is up to date – it is anticipated that the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment will be updated. The next Local Plan will need to account for flood risk (current risk and how this might change in the future) in line with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	The acknowledgment of the Duty to Cooperate is welcomed. Southampton is unlikely to meet its housing need as well as Eastleigh and New Forest. Engagement with the Council's neighbours should be undertaken early and progress reported regularly to communities and stakeholders
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account unmet housing need in neighbouring Local Authorities when determining the housing figure.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Introduction of a new standard methodology is a radical reform in response to the national housing crisis, aimed at minimalizing delays in plan-making and ensuring LAs cannot duck potentially difficult decisions. There remains a degree of uncertainty, but this method will be used to set minimum housing need through future local plans
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to implement the housing figure determined using the standard methodology, unless it is considered that exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the calculated figure.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	See NPPF para 60; whilst it does not clarify what circumstances would be considered 'exceptional' to justify an alternative approach. The standard method should form the basis of calculating housing need within Test Valley, the absence of evidence to the contrary means this is considered an appropriate approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to implement the housing figure determined using the standard methodology, unless it is

	considered that exceptional circumstances justify a departure from the calculated figure
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Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Drive towards a standard method concerns the need to address affordability, where demand outstrips supply, inflating prices and worsening affordability. There is a need to consider and account for market affordability
Response:	The Government's standard methodology includes an adjustment factor (above household projections) to take account of local affordability (ratio of house prices to workplace earnings).

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Delivering the minimum can result in serious socio-economic consequences and can be avoided through identifying an appropriate housing requirement that meets affordable housing need and provides a supply that responds to net migration and matters of affordability
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the minimum figure is appropriate by considering, for example, local housing needs and whether economic growth could be facilitated by an increase in housing.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The Duty to Cooperate should be considered, especially in relation to Southampton, Eastleigh and New Forest, when determining the housing requirement
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account unmet housing need in neighbouring Authorities when considering the housing requirement.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	The SHMA (2014) notes that an increasing population and housing demand, alongside unaffordability, requires housing above the OAN
Response:	Noted. The Council will update the evidence base. The Government's standard methodology which takes account of affordability, will be the starting point for determining the housing requirements.

Reference: 10118, 10119	
Summary of comment:	The Duty to Cooperate, especially in South Hampshire, is a particular issue which the Council should address
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account unmet housing need in neighbouring Authorities when considering the housing requirement

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Based on historic trends the housing figure should exceed the SM on the basis that population growth is often underestimated.

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether the standard methodology figure best reflects demographic trends within Test Valley.
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Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Housing demand, under the current core strategy requirement of 588dpa, currently outstrips supply. Furthermore the inability to afford to buy a house is relatively high in Test Valley.
Response:	Housing demand can be driven by many factors, but it is considered that the current adopted local plan housing requirement is appropriate. It was tested through examination by an independent Government appointed inspector and found to be sound. The Government's standard methodology includes an adjustment factor (above household projections) to take account of local affordability (ratio of house prices to workplace earnings). The Council through its affordable housing policies aims to deliver affordable housing and to do so at the maximum level consistent with viability. The level of delivery of both affordable and market housing has been above target in recent years.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Once the Governments methodology is finalised, the Council should consider whether it should be uplifted (e.g. through the benefit of increased housing, or by taking into account unmet need from neighbouring authorities)
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the figure is needed, taking into account factors such as potential economic growth, unmet need in neighbouring Authorities and the social benefits of an increased housing stock.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman consider the housing demand to be in-excess of the standard methodology, given the Borough's proximity to nearby employment centres and local affordability issues
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the standard methodology figure is necessary and appropriate.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Need to produce up to date Local Housing Need Assessment, identifying minimum number of new homes needed with the standard methodology, only exceptional circumstances will allow a departure
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its Housing Evidence Base and Assessed Housing Need as part of the preparations for the next Local Plan

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	The present methodology indicative assessment provides need for 569 dwellings p/a, PPG intends that this is applied to the whole plan, current COM1 proposed 588 dwellings p/a

	indicating a need for development of a similar magnitude. Government have proposed to review this method
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to have regard to any changes in national planning policy and guidance as the next Local Plan moves forward. The Government's standard methodology is indicated to be a minimum, therefore other considerations will need to be taken into account in identifying the housing requirement.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Need to consider implications the OAN has in forming whether higher requirement would be more appropriate. Need to consider matters incl. current/future population, economic strategy/growth objectives, change in labour supply vs demand, affordable housing to be provided, unmet need of other local planning authorities, previous delivery rate
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the standard methodology figure is necessary and appropriate, taking into account such factors.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	STV is part of the Southampton HMA, Test Valley should consider whether it is able to identify land to help address unmet need of the Southampton HMA. Test Valley should meet a proportion of unmet need of Southampton HMA with less constrained land
Response:	The Council will take into account unmet need in neighbouring Authorities when determining the housing requirement

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Due to revised population projections this figure is expected to increase in Test Valley, until the ONS household projections are published it is not possible to precisely calculate the minimum figure
Response:	Noted. The Council will have regard to the latest national planning policy and guidance, as well as the recommended evidence base referred to within this in making an assessment of the appropriate housing requirement.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Suggests there is likely to be upward pressure on housing requirement for the borough compare to the current figure on 588 homes pa
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the house figure may be appropriate to the needs of the Borough

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	If evidenced demonstrated the Standard Method would not allow local planning authorities to meet planned jobs growth or lead to unsustainable commuter patterns, there would be a strong case to suggest the local plan would not meet

	presumption in favour of sustainable development and be rendered unsound
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether an uplift to the house figure may be appropriate to the needs of the Borough

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Still some uncertainty around the standard method, therefore Test Valley should not fundamentally rely on it until issues are addressed, but if it is utilised it should be treated as a minimum requirement and is a starting point to determine the number of homes to provide
Response:	Noted.

Question 5: Should the Local Plan increase its housing requirement to help support economic growth?

Reference: 10031, 10060	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for determining the housing requirement. Consideration will also be given to the need to support economic growth.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	No. Test Valley has a low rate of unemployment, economic growth can be accommodated within the current proposed increase in housing stock
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure that development is proportionate to demographic and economic needs.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	No. No need to increase housing requirement, standard methodology will imply a significant increase in employment/in-migration over and above that already implied by ONS household projections. Potential for significant economic growth is already built into the housing figures
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure that development is proportionate to demographic and economic needs.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No. Housing should result from economic growth not be used as an instrument to encourage it
Response:	Noted. Housing will be sought to be developed proportionately to economic growth

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but are there enough new business opportunities to be supported?
Response:	The Council will continue to support businesses being created or expanded within the Borough

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Develop in rural areas, as these have been neglected
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to support the rural economy and will be reviewing the policies within the Local Plan which apply to rural businesses.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	This should be informed by an up to date local housing needs assessment, but evidence (commuting flows) in the document suggests a clear basis for the local plan to consider an uplift for economic reasons to balance jobs and workers. There are substantial in-commuting flows, particularly in NTV
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its Housing Evidence Base and Assessed Housing Need as part of the preparations for the next Local Plan

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Increased housing supports economic growth and boosts a local economy. House building also employs directly and supports suppliers and sees increased expenditure for local shops/services
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Some additional housing is likely to be an added stimulus to the economy
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Yes. In order to sustain rural areas, which are losing facilities and the children of current residents unable to remain in their Village
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to promote sustainable development within rural areas to ensure businesses and communities can remain viable.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Building more and more houses will not necessarily increase economic growth
Response:	Noted. Housing development must be proportionate to economic growth, however the Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Yes. To encourage economic growth, population growth, and accommodate unmet housing need from neighbouring LA's

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider an uplift in the house requirement in by taking into account such factors.
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Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Given there is out-migration for employment, more employment sites are needed especially in retailing
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to encourage businesses to develop and expand within the Borough, both in rural areas and town centres

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Test Valley has an ageing population; more homes are needed to support the local labour force and encourage continued economic growth to tackle this
Response:	Noted. The Local Plan will seek to support the local force by encouraging businesses to develop throughout the Borough.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Lack of affordability could impact the retention of a strong local workforce and the ability of businesses to attract new employees. Therefore housing numbers should increase
Response:	Noted. The housing requirement adopted within the next Local Plan will seek to ensure that a sufficient amount of homes (including affordable homes) are developed to meet the needs of the local workforce.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Yes. It should be increased above the OAN to ensure it drives the economy; there is clear evidence that housing development has a positive impact on the economy
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, although other factors will also be considered. The Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Relationship between new employment floorspace & housing is key. Relates to labour supply to support employment growth to prevent unsustainable in-commuting which should be avoided
Response:	Noted. The housing requirement adopted within the next Local Plan will seek to ensure that a sufficient amount of homes (including affordable homes) are developed to meet the needs of the local workforce.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Recommend the Council increase housing policy numbers to account for continued employment growth
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, although

	other factors will also be considered, including the need to support the economy.
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Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Housing should be provided to support economic growth but not at the risk of adversely impacting the local character and form of existing settlements and areas
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure economic growth is appropriate to the scale and character of existing settlements and areas.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	The consultation "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places" states plan makers may put forward proposals that lead to a housing need above the SM as a result of increased employment
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account employment demand and potential growth when considering which housing figure is most appropriate for the Borough.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The Council should increase the housing policy above the standard methodology to account for continued growth as part of both its local and sub-regional commitments
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account potential employment growth within the Borough as well as in neighbouring authorities when considering its housing policy.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Not necessarily, as housing should be dependent on local needs
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, but other factors will also be considered.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Further employment allocations needed to not constrain growth, particularly in STV given the attractiveness of the area and its relationship with Southampton
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account potential growth in neighbouring authorities, particularly within the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire authorities in relation to Southern Test Valley. The evidence base on employment needs will be updated, including forecasts of future demand for land and premises.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	It is essential that due regard is given to any uplift in housing requirements to support its economic ambitions and those of the wider region

Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account potential economic growth when considering whether any uplift in housing above the standard methodology is appropriate for the Borough. The evidence base on employment needs will be updated, and account will be taken of the needs and aspirations of the wider region including the Local Economic Partnerships' Local Industrial Strategies as relevant.
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Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Increased housing supports economic growth and boosts a local economy. House building also employs directly and supports suppliers and sees increased expenditure for local shops/services
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the potential benefits of increasing its housing figure on local economic growth. The Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Planning system has an economic objective to achieving sustainable development. Objective aims to build a strong, responsive and competitive economy by ensuring sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure economic growth within the Borough is achieved through sustainable development.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Further employment allocations needed to not constrain growth, particularly in STV given the attractiveness of the area and its relationship with Southampton
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account potential growth in neighbouring authorities, particularly within the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire authorities in relation to Southern Test Valley. The evidence base on future demand for employment land and premises will be updated.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Yes. It is reasonable to consider an uplift in the housing requirement in order to support local economic growth.
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including the need to support economic growth.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Housing delivery should not be an impediment to achieving and maximising economic development potential
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure that the housing supply within the Borough provides for economic growth. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point

	for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including the need to support economic growth.
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Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Ref: NPPF para. 60,market signals should be taken into account when determining the minimum number of homes needed
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance as relevant.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Increase housing supports economic growth, do not only meet housing need but also do more to deliver/underscore jobs, additional housing has a role to play in supporting the economy
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the potential benefits of increasing its housing figure on potential economic growth within the Borough. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including the need to support economic growth.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No. Infrastructure not here to support/or jobs
Response:	Noted. Development within Test Valley will be targeted in areas where existing or potential infrastructure will be able to support new housing or employment.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Economic growth is adequate, ramping up the housing requirement is not necessary to support the local economy, especially not to support growth in Southampton, it would impinge quality of life in Romsey without residents seeing the benefits
Response:	Noted. The Council will not seek to increase its housing figure where it can be demonstrated that it would not result in sustainable development or disproportionately adversely impacts on residents or environmental assets.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Economic objective to sustainable development is focused on building a strong, responsive and competitive economy, Local Plans should ensure sufficient land of the right type is available in the right places
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to allocate sufficient land in appropriate locations is available to support economic growth throughout the Borough. The evidence base on the future demand for employment land and premises will be updated.

Reference: 10137	
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Summary of comment:	Yes. The Local Plan should increase its housing requirement to support economic growth
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including the need to support economic growth.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Extremely important that there is a choice of sufficient new dwellings to accommodate people moving to the area to work or force people to commute long distances or stifle employment growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure that a sufficient number of new homes are built to accommodate for commuting patterns within Test Valley and neighbouring authorities. Account will be taken together of both housing need and supporting economic growth.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Without the supply of decent jobs, there will be no demand for housing
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the relationship between employment opportunities and housing need.

Question 5A: If yes, do you have any evidence to support this?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should consider carefully where housing requirements should be placed.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the distribution of future housing development within the next local plan taking relevant factors into consideration.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley needs to retain workers, if extra housing helps this would be beneficial
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the balance between housing and job opportunities within the Borough, although the size of the settlements in Test Valley and its geographical relationship with larger surrounding settlements means that net out commuting is a resulting consequence.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF does not limit the provision of additional housing over and above that derived from the SD to meet economic growth.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account economic growth potential when calculating which housing figure would be appropriate for the Borough.

Reference: 10026	
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Summary of comment:	The housing target from the standard method will imply a significant in-migration of people into the Borough. The potential for significant economic growth is already built into the housing figures
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of the balance between housing and job opportunities within the Borough. Test Valley has experienced net in-migration in recent years, which is a factor to be taken into account in assessing the housing requirement. The Government's standard methodology is based upon household projections, which are derived from underlying population projections, including changes due to migration.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	No need for any additional housing for this factor, it is futile to make projections currently due to the fall in migration from the EU since the referendum and economic uncertainties linked to Brexit
Response:	The Council will seek to make use of the most relevant and up-to-date datasets when calculating its housing figure. The impact on net-international migration from the end of 'freedom of movement' is unknown.

Reference: 10031, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF does not limit the provision of additional housing over and above that derived from the SD to meet economic growth.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account economic growth potential when calculating which housing figure would be appropriate for the Borough.

Reference: 10034	
Summary of comment:	The Council will need to take into account the Duty to Cooperate, especially in STV
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account its Duty to Cooperate when calculating its housing figure.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Government policy is to build its way out of recession, balance to be achieved between maintaining growth and quality of life
Response:	Noted. Growth within the Borough must be sustainable to ensure development complements, rather than adversely impacts, the quality of life of residents or environmental assets.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	There are currently over 800,000 UK job vacancies which suggests a need to both expand and educate the workforce
Response:	Noted. The relationship between job vacancies and labour supply is a complex one. Account will be taken over the need to support economic growth and how the local plan policies can support skills and training opportunities.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Dangerous to increase the housing requirement beyond the guidelines, it will only be seen as more profits for developers, loss of green fields and impact of struggling communities and infrastructure
Response:	Noted. The Council will not consider increasing its housing figure where it can be demonstrated that this would have an adverse impact on the environment and local communities.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should support and facilitate a strong and competitive economy, using updated evidence on the link between homes and jobs
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the relationship between housing supply and economic growth. The evidence base will be updated with regard to future demands for employment land and floorspace. The needs for both housing and the economy will be considered together.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Failure to provide a housing target which supports para. 6.1 could lead to a housing target which contradicts section 6 of the Issues and Options
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors, including supporting economic growth will be considered.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley's current evidence base is not up-to-date to show no. of homes required to support growth; last study was done in March 2016 (TVEA)
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to update its evidence base in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	It is unclear whether the no. of homes needed to support job growth was determined, and whether this level of growth is sufficient to achieve the ambitions of the I&O
Response:	Noted. The current adopted local plan housing requirement was based upon an economic scenario. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement for the next local plan, however other factors, including supporting economic growth will be considered.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Any decision must be evidenced-base, taking into account the Ecological Network Mapping
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its evidence base in preparation for the next Local Plan. Date and mapping

	evidence on ecological networks will be taken into account as relevant.
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Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	They should be related but not at the risk of either factors adversely impacting the local character of existing settlements
Response:	The Council will seek to ensure sustainable development takes place which does not have an adverse impact on the environment and local communities.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should meet what is required by Government and no more
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement. Other factors will also be considered as relevant.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley could have every available patch covered with houses, were it not for planning restraints, such is the popularity of the borough to live and work
Response:	The Council will seek to ensure that sustainable development takes place which does not adversely impact the environment, whilst recognising the demand for housing within the Borough.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Where is economic growth to take place? Housing requirement to support it depends on where it is
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to identify which locations are best able to sustainably facilitate economic growth or additional housing need.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	An up to date local housing needs assessment would be needed to increasing the housing requirement to support economic growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to update its Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) as part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement. Other factors including supporting economic growth will also be considered.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	On the basis of Figure 11, there is a clear basis to consider an uplift to balance jobs and workers.
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement. Other factors including supporting economic growth will also be considered.

Reference: 10060	
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Summary of comment:	There are substantial in-commuting flows, particularly from NTV and Wiltshire.
Response:	Noted. Test Valley experiences cross boundary commuting, both into and out the Borough. This will be taken into account as relevant to meeting housing need, supporting economic growth and transport movements.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	Given that 20% of the Andover HMA population live outside the Borough, an adjustment is needed given the affordability constraints. Therefore the additional supply would address these signals.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account affordability constraints and commuting patterns when considering whether an additional supply in housing is appropriate. The Government's standard methodology includes an adjustment for affordability.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	More research is needed as to who is moving here; do they work locally or travel out? If travel time is reduced and less fuel used and facilities are used then local growth is valuable
Response:	Noted. Test Valley experiences cross boundary commuting, both into and out the Borough. This will be taken into account as relevant to meeting housing need, supporting economic growth and transport movements.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	20% of Andover HMA live outside the Borough and substantive in-commuting flows, an adjustment is required given pronounced affordability constraints
Response:	Noted. Test Valley experiences cross boundary commuting, both into and out the Borough. This will be taken into account as relevant to meeting housing need, supporting economic growth and transport movements.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Rural settlements should be allowed and encouraged to grow, making them more 'self-sustainable' in terms of facilities. All too often rural facilities close due to viability, the lack of 'chimney pots' and the economic pressures from national chains
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure sustainable development within rural settlements can occur and consider what is an appropriate level of development provision.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Given there is a small amount of net out-migration for employment, the emphasis should be on jobs
Response:	Noted. Test Valley experiences cross boundary commuting, both into and out the Borough. This will be taken into account

	as relevant to meeting housing need, supporting economic growth and transport movements.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Many parts of the borough might be classified as being in the economic periphery than centres of growth potential
Response:	The Council aims to maximise the economic potential and productivity of all parts of the Borough, whilst recognising their different characteristics. The contribution of both the towns and rural areas to the local economy is of significance and valuable.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	More housing in Andover could attract more skilled workers, which is a key demographic needed to ensure economic prosperity
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the relationship between housing development and economic growth.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The Council's current evidence base is not up to date to provide figures of housing numbers to provide economic growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base when preparing for the next Local Plan. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors including supporting economic growth will also be considered.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Difficult to comment when economic growth targets have not been set; should there not be some sort of estimate of how much growth is sustainable? Land supply is limited.
Response:	The next local plan will take account of the latest economic evidence base, together with the Council's Economic Development Strategy and the emerging Local Industrial Strategies of the Enterprise M3 LEP and Solent LEP, including any growth target or aspiration.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Rural areas account for 16.4% GVA and play a key part in meeting the goals set out in the Government's industrial strategy. Lack of affordable housing could impede efforts to achieve these objectives. Employers in rural areas can struggle to address skill gaps and find employees in the absences of sufficient labour, poor transport links and long commutes. Decline in working age can intensify the problem and is made worse by not providing homes for local workers
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure rural settlements throughout the Borough can achieve sustainable development, including the provision of additional affordable housing where appropriate and supporting rural businesses. The next local

	plan will consider what is an appropriate level of development provision for rural settlements.
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Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Housing numbers should also be influenced by the economic context and the aspirations for employment growth within Test Valley, may require a higher figure than the one given by the standard methodology. Additional growth should be welcomed as a means of supporting prosperity and driving the economy
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including supporting economic growth.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	High house prices mean people working within the Borough may be forced to live beyond it, or may only be able to afford a house in the Borough by having a high paying job in Southampton, Winchester or London
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability. The Government's standard methodology, includes an uplift for affordability. The Council will also continue to seek the maximum amount of affordable housing within policy and viability constraints.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Additional housing above the OAN is important to support sustainable economic growth, and reflects the NPPF para. 16.
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including supporting economic growth.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	High house prices mean people working within the Borough may be forced to live beyond it, or may only be able to afford a house in the Borough by having a high paying job in Southampton, Winchester or London
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability. The Government's standard methodology, includes an uplift for affordability. The Council will also continue to seek the maximum amount of affordable housing within policy and viability constraints.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Both the Test Valley Economic Development Strategy and the Solent Strategic Economic Plan emphasise the importance of housing delivery. As such the housing requirement should be increased to support further economic growth within Test Valley and the wider interconnected region.

Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including supporting economic growth. The Council will take into account potential growth in neighbouring authorities and sub-regions (such as the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire) when determining its housing figure.
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Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	For Andover, both its economy and housing market are relatively self-contained and the Plan should sustain this.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the characteristics of the town including the element of relative self-containment, in determining the housing distribution.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Economic aspirations will be one of the factors that will need to be taken into account in determining the housing requirement
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology will be the starting point for setting the housing requirement, however other factors will also be considered including supporting economic growth.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is characterised by an aging population, is forecast to slow in the proportion of people of working age. Economic Development Strategy highlights importance of availability of skilled/highly skilled labour
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the ageing demographic profile of the Borough and will seek to support economic growth and the development of housing to attract skilled labour into Test Valley. Local plan policies will also seek to support skills and training opportunities.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	42% of residents work outside the borough, emphasis should be on creating more jobs here. Some additional housing is likely to be a stimulus to the economy. Anecdotal evidence that some local planning authorities struggle to attract high-skill firms due to lack of executive level housing
Response:	Noted. Test Valley experiences cross boundary commuting, both into and out the Borough. This will be taken into account as relevant to meeting housing need, supporting economic growth and transport movements. The evidence base will be updated including on the issue of housing mix.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Local Plans are required to help meet economic aspirations of LEPs and should aim to provide requisite amount of housing to help support these aspirations

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider which housing figure would be most appropriate to facilitate sustainable economic growth taking into account the Local Economic Strategies and any targets or aspirations for growth of the LEPs.
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Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para. 80, significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth, taking into account local business needs and wider opportunities for development
Response:	Noted. The evidence base will be updated on employment needs including future demand for employment land and floorspace. The Council will consider how the local plan can appropriately support economic growth.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Economic vision should be consistent with wider initiatives as set out in LEPs to ensure the Local Plan facilitates the delivery of economic growth/prosperity
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the Local Economic Strategies and any targets or aspirations for growth of the LEPs.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Increased housing requirement will support additional retail/leisure jobs by providing housing for workers and through increased footfall and expenditure in local shops
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the economic benefits of housing development and population growth resulting from the increase in potential household expenditure for retail and leisure.

Question 6: Do you think the HMA boundary is broadly right?

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	No. Continuation of the current approach presents issues in terms of how the Council seeks to disaggregate the standardised methodology housing needs figures, which are derived at the local planning authority level
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10031, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The Council's approach seems based on the assumption that STV falls within the South Hampshire SHMA with the rest of the borough forming its own. However, commuting patterns (fig. 11) suggest the above is correct, although the NTV HMA may not necessarily be in the correct place.
Response:	Noted. The Council does consider Southern Test Valley to have a strong connection with the South Hampshire SHMA. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10032	
Summary of comment:	The Council's approach seems based on the assumption that STV falls within the South Hampshire SHMA with the rest of the borough forming its own. This is based on the PUSH boundary rather than an analysis of the various factors which inform the extent of a HMA
Response:	The scope of HMAs with the Borough was last reviewed in Test Valley SHMA 2014. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10033	
Summary of comment:	It is not clear how the HMAs were determined, with the STV HMA corresponding to PUSH boundaries rather than one based on analysis
Response:	The scope of HMAs within the Borough was last reviewed in the Test Valley SHMA 2014. The Council will review its HMS boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Yes. North and South are adequate to support sustainable growth without eroding the unique nature of the Borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Yes. It should remain as it is for the moment
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Test Valley clearly has strong links to Southampton and will be working with them to address their unmet housing need
Response:	Noted. The strong links between Southern Test Valley and South Hampshire is reflected through the area having its own HMA. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	A deeper analysis is needed, although the STV HMA should extend to Stockbridge
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051, 10058, 10062, 10063, 10085	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	No. This has been a long standing criticism of the Council
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	No. They are very skewed towards Andover, with no explanation given as to why
Response:	The scope of HMAs within the Borough was last reviewed in the Test Valley SHMA 2014. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	No. The boundary between North and South should be moved further North, to disperse some of the demand for housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Andover and Romsey perform different functions and so should be in separate HMAs. The current areas should be retained
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	No. They should be redressed to provide a better balance between Andover and Romsey and to better reflect the choices that people are likely to make
Response:	Noted. Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The stark differences in economic and functional dependencies between Andover and Romsey means they belong in separate HMAs. The boundaries should be retained.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Given the geography of the Borough, differences between north and south, and identified travel to work areas, division of Test Valley into two HMAs is correct and consistent to previous local plans
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The division of Test Valley into two HMAs is the correct approach

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Yes. They are basically correct and adequate for the needs of the population
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Yes. As long as Hampshire remains structured the same way, the boundaries seem reasonable. If it became unitary they should be reviewed.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan. There are no current active proposals for structural or boundary changes to local authorities in Hampshire.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	No. The current approach presents issues in how the standard methodology housing figure will be achieved, as the Council has been silent on this.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMA's in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	No. The current approach is inflexible, unjustified and potentially restrictive of sustainable development. It may also impede addressing un-met need through the Duty to Cooperate
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	A full review of the boundaries should be undertaken to ensure the plan reflects the most up to date spatial trends
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	The HMA should not treat the Borough in isolation but take account of the wider surrounding region which is clearly interconnected
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of cross boundary relationships.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Yes. We welcome the extensive ongoing collaboration between the PUSH authorities, given STV lies within the PUSH region. Meeting housing need in the area will be a key strategic issue

Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the relationship between Southern Test Valley and South Hampshire which will continue through the duty to co-operate.
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Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Support the Council in reviewing the current HMA boundary to see if they continue to be appropriate and the best strategy on which to calculate and apportion housing need
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Current HMA boundary recognises split between NTV & STV, draft methodology applies a district wide approach. Important to determine whether it remains appropriate to disaggregate between NTV & STV. 42% of Test Valley residents work outside the borough while Andover is a relatively self-contained employment area. Support clarification that STVs needs are met/identified through allocations proportionate to its economic role within PUSH
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan. This will take account of the relative self- containment of Andover and of wider relationships, including that of STV to South Hampshire.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No. Boundaries need reviewing
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMA's in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Characteristics of these areas are unlikely to have changed significantly, but the spatial approach to distributing development needs further consideration
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMAs in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Division between NTV & STV HMAs needs to be rebalanced, the housing market around Romsey must include Blackwater and, in all probability, almost all of the area up to Stockbridge
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMA's in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	HMA boundaries should be redressed to provide better balance, currently appear very skewed towards Andover
Response:	The Council will review its HMA in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Current HMA based on travel to work areas from 2011 Census and considered robust. No evidence to suggest there has been any significant change to warrant a review of the boundaries
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Current HMA is consistent with the evidence base of the current local plan, it should be updated to ensure the HMA boundary remains appropriate
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Existing HMA boundary was considered appropriate in 2013 SHMA, no evidence confirming its level of containment. This position should be reviewed and evidence as part of the emerging local plan as housing market areas do change
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Unless you bring good quality jobs to Test Valley, the current HMA boundaries are sufficient
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Question 6A: If not, how and why do you think it should be changed?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	I do not know
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	No views
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	National Planning Policy is clear that local authorities should determine a housing requirement figure for their whole area, taking into account their own and neighbouring housing need
Response:	Noted. The Government's standard methodology for calculating the housing requirement is based on a district wide approach. Account will be taken of any unmet housing need for neighbouring authorities as appropriate.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Merging both HMAs into one would reduce the time taken to produce the plan as the evidence base would not need to be disaggregated, and reflects the general thrust of national policy to simply plan making

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA boundaries for the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Seems broadly right in that it reflects the realist of the situation. However the precise boundary seems to be a relic of old country structure plans.
Response:	The scope of HMAs within the Borough was last reviewed in the Test Valley SHMA 2014. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	A needs analysis of the current and future housing market is needed to ensure a policy adequately reflects housing need, with flexibility to cater to unknown need
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA in preparation of the next Local Plan

Reference: 10031, 10032	
Summary of comment:	It is not clear on what evidence the HMAs were determined on, so it is difficult to provide an informed response to the question
Response:	The scope of HMAs within the Borough was last reviewed in the Test Valley SHMA 2014. The Council will review its HMA boundaries in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10032	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should undertake a detailed study to establish more definitively the boundaries of the HMAs
Response:	The Council will seek to review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10033	
Summary of comment:	Timsbury should be placed in the STV HMA, due to its proximity to Romsey and its economic and social links to the town.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10033	
Summary of comment:	The boundaries should be reviewed considering the factors which inform HMAs (commuting patterns and educational catchment areas). Such factors suggest STV should be its own HMA.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan including commuting patterns and other relevant factors. The Council recognises the relationship between Southern Test Valley and Southern Hampshire.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Current HMAs reflect reality, a review is needed to test that contention
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	It will be important to define the HMA within Test Valley acknowledging the overlaps between Eastleigh's and Southampton's, and not treated as an island. Para. 24-27 of NPPF emphasizes cross-boundary working to maintain effective cooperation on strategic matters
Response:	The Council will take into account commuting patterns and flows between the Borough and neighbouring authorities and wider relationships when reviewing the HMA.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Council has a Duty to Cooperate and so should link across HMAs to ensure housing and economic needs are met in a sustainable way
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of wider relationships in reviewing its HMA for the next Local Plan. Engagement will continue with neighbouring authorities under the duty to co-operate including on housing and economic needs.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Share the concerns of parishes regarding the creeping urbanisation of STV and the spread of Southampton onto greenfield sites, enabling developers to avoid using city brownfield land. The HMA boundary should reflect that objective
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Review the HMA boundaries to ensure they meet the definition and include the results evidence base
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	STV is a suburb of Southampton
Response:	Noted. The STV HMA recognises the interrelationships between this part of the Borough with Southampton and the wider South Hampshire sub-region.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	Any decision to maintain the current HMA, or to propose a variance, should be supported by evidence
Response:	The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	The latest Wiltshire SHMA concludes Andover's HMA cover the Ludgershall/ Tidworth Market Town, accounting for 16,200 (19.1%) of the HMA within Wiltshire

	<p>Para. 5.5 of Wiltshire's SHMA identifies Andover's HMA has a separate HMA in the context of the NPPF, as Ludgershall is within the Andover commuting zone and within Andover's functional HMA</p> <p>Wiltshire's SHMA made use of deleted 2007 CLG guidance which supported sub-regional HMAs being based on local authority administrative boundaries. This is contrary to the PPG that makes clear the functional HMA must form the basis and this should not subsequently be approximated as it is expected LAs would work together to coordinate their approach</p>
Response:	The Council will take into account commuting patterns and flows between the Borough and neighbouring authorities when reviewing the HMA, including those between Andover and Wiltshire.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	The Andover HMA is the only functional HMA surrounding Swindon and Wiltshire and covers 3.5% of Wiltshire's population
Response:	The Council will take into account commuting patterns and flows between the Borough and neighbouring authorities when reviewing the HMA, including those between Andover and Wiltshire.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	It is considered the Market Town of Ludgershall / Tidworth is functionally connected to Andover. It is therefore inappropriate to ignore opportunities for cross-boundary working with Wiltshire Council.
Response:	The Council will take into account commuting patterns and flows between the Borough and neighbouring authorities when reviewing the HMA, including those between Andover and Wiltshire.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	I'm encouraged that you are open to ideas about boundaries for HMAs, but recognise that sustainability is more than just accessibility by road
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan. This will take account of a variety of factors and evidence.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	They should reflect modern HMAs (e.g. Braishfield should be in the same HMA as Romsey Extra, as it has the schools, roads and capability to expand)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Other settlements in the NTV HMA, but close to Romsey, can accept their quotient of new housing without detriment

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the distribution of housing between HMA as revised, together with the distribution within HMA to individual settlements including for rural settlements, beyond Romsey.
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Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	The local plan will be evidenced by a local housing need assessment and the requirement to assess needs based on HMAs, any decision to maintain this geography, or propose a variance should be supported by evidence
Response:	The Council will review its Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Parishes to the North of Romsey relate more to Romsey than Andover (Braishfield, Michelmersh, Awbridge, Sherfield English for example)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review is HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	They should provide a better balance between Andover and Romsey to reflect the choices people are likely to make
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the HMA for the next Local Plan. The Council will consider the housing distribution between the revised HMA including Andover and Romsey.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Planners tend to look at existing developed areas to make them more concentrated, meaning services either cannot cope with additional demand or it is not in place.
Response:	The Council will take into account existing infrastructure when considering additional housing, whilst ensuring it does not become overburdened through additional use.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	In the Northern HMA Andover should not deliver 91% of housing. This would leave other settlements with little prospect to grow and become sustainable.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to distribute growth to sustainable locations through the Borough. The Council will consider the housing distribution between the revised HMA including for Andover.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Important to recognise strategic relationships between STV and neighbouring LAs forming identified travel to work areas & PUSH initiatives
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account the strong relationship between Southern Test Valley and the neighbouring Local Authorities and wider South Hampshire sub-region.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Many people in Romsey and environs rarely go shopping in Andover due to poor north-south road infrastructure and closer facilities being in Winchester, Southampton and Salisbury
Response:	The Council recognises the lack of direct transport connections between the two main settlements in Test Valley. Account will be taken of wider relationships, including with settlements outside of the Borough.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	The South area should be expanded to include all villages as far as Stockbridge
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield, whilst in STV, should have a similar connection with Winchester as well as Southampton
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan. Account will be taken of wider relationships, including with settlements outside of the Borough as relevant.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	A simplified approach which no longer has a North South split could reflect the standardised methodology and National Policy which seeks to simplify Plan making. This approach would reduce time taken to prepare the Plan as the evidence base relating to housing and employment needs would no longer need to consider disaggregation
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan. This will include whether a single HMA for the whole Borough should be used. The Government's standard methodology for setting the housing requirements is based on a district wide approach.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	The strategy should take account of key drivers within the housing market areas, especially the importance of Southampton as a key centre and so focus delivery on southern part of Borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan. Account will be taken of wider relationships, including with settlements outside of the Borough as relevant, including the relationship with Southampton and the wider South Hampshire sub-region.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	If the current approach continues, then a thorough review of the boundaries must be undertaken to provide the necessary up to date evidence and justify the approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10126	
Summary of comment:	The HMA boundaries are probably correct, the issues however is the 70:30 split of housing between the North HMA and South HMA
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan. The housing distribution between revised HMA will be considered.

Paragraph 5.8

Reference: 10019, 10077	
Summary of comment:	The new Local Plan should make a clear distinction between sustainable and unsustainable development, prioritising sustainable development Need to ensure new development is sustainable, direct development towards settlements that can provide sustainable locations
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to implement and encourage sustainable development throughout the Borough including on the location of development.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Romsey has been and will be swamped with new development, the infrastructure is incapable of dealing with much more growth
Response:	Noted. Current and potential infrastructure will be taken into consideration when determining whether Romsey is able to facilitate sustainable development.

Reference: 10068	
Summary of comment:	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is a key part of your evidence base. Will need to be updated to ensure it is fit for purpose and should be used to inform Sustainability Appraisals and the sequential test in accordance to NPPF para. 155, directing development away from areas at highest risk of flooding. NPPF para. 157, all plans should apply a sequential, risk based approach when locating development accounting for current and future impacts of climate change avoiding where possible flood risk to people and property
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to update its Strategic Flood Risk assessment in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Focus within NTV to deliver 91% of housing in areas around Andover and 9% in the rural area is unbalanced/wrong approach leaves other settlements little realistic ability to grow
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the strain additional housing can have on rural settlements, whilst recognising the need to provide such housing to ensure the vitality and viability of such settlements. The distribution of housing between reviewed HMA and between individual settlements will be considered.

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Necessary to understand implications of the wider HMA and the role of local planning authorities surrounding Southampton as the principal urban area; Romsey represents a place that many aspire to live in. Romsey is a key location for inward migration into Test Valley and a place many in Test Valley relocate to, this will need to be taken into account in forming the housing requirement and supports the approach taken to date of a specific housing requirement
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account wider relationships with neighbouring areas, including the relationship between Romsey and Southampton and the wider South Hampshire sub-region.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Would welcome clear criteria for development allocations and for the Local Plan to identify land where development would be inappropriate, because of its environmental/historic value, seeking to allocate land with the least environmental/amenity value. Local Plan development strategy should seek to avoid areas of high environmental value. SA and HRA need to provide sufficient evidence to justify site selection process.
Response:	Noted. The Council will update its evidence base in preparation for the next Local Plan, including on planning constraints.

Paragraph 5.9

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	There has been a trend to provide mass housing sites in excess of 100 units, building them without any regard to infrastructure required to service the increase in population this brings. Whilst such large housing sites are fulfilling the Council's housing responsibilities, this method is causing additional problems
Response:	Noted. The Council takes into account existing and potential infrastructure when allocating sites. The distribution of housing and the range and size of allocations will also be considered.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Development should reduce the need to travel
Response:	Noted. The Council is committed to planning for sustainable travel (evidenced through policies T1 and T2 within the current Local Plan)

Reference: 10068, 10076	
Summary of comment:	Support promotion/regeneration of PDL across the Borough, providing appropriate uses in appropriate places.

	Agree development should be distributed in a way that reduces need to travel, promotes regeneration of PDL, promotes/retains services and supports rural areas
Response:	Noted. The Council encourages quality development on previously developed land, as well as sustainable development in rural areas.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Reducing need to travel could lead to increasing the built area footprint, over-riding this is the need to distinguish between urban and rural
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of housing and choice of sites for allocations the Council will look at all the relevant factors for sustainable development.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge is an important centre with demand for housing, both strategic in nature and to meet an accepted affordable housing need; current approach will not deliver this need
Response:	Noted. Stockbridge is identified as a Key Service Centre within the current Local Plan settlement hierarchy, able to facilitate strategic employment sites and strategic housing allocations, amongst others types of development.

Reference: 10077, 10084	
Summary of comment:	Focus on large sites in Andover/Romsey does not meet the upcoming challenges; NPPF seeks to distribute development/reduce need to travel. Development should promote/retain existing services/support rural areas, focusing on Andover does not do this
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to distribute development where it can be sustainably accommodated throughout the Borough. This will include a review of the distribution of housing to the rural area.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Increased development in rural areas could never reduce the need to travel; evidence from existing households show at least two cars per household.
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of housing to the rural area, this will include the issue of transport.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	National planning policy seeks to distribute development to reduce need to travel, promote and retain existing services and support rural areas. In addition to those round Andover and Romsey, development allocations should be made at more sustainable settlement in or adjoining the borough.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to distribute development where it can be sustainably accommodated throughout the Borough.

	This will include consideration of the issues of transport and sustaining rural facilities and services.
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Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Support a new spatial approach that recognises housing led growth still focused on the two main settlements should also deliver a sustainable future for other locations identified as sustainable and relatively constrained locations for future growth in the evidence base. Ref: para. 72 supports expanding settlements with significant extensions judges to have suitable infrastructure/facilities
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to distribute development where it can be sustainably accommodated throughout the Borough.

Paragraph 5.10

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	Brownfield sites of wildlife value need to be distinguished from wildlife "deserts", some sites formally used as tips/gravel extraction have scrubbed over and become valuable for BAP species. Need a strategy to protect both green/brownfield sites from destruction prior to biodiversity surveys being undertaken. Greenfield sites can be exploited for gravel extraction, making them brownfield sites which can then be built on. Greenfield sites need more protection from being too easily turned into brownfield
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the biodiversity interest of sites.

Paragraph 5.11

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	We are concerned the way some prospective developers promote land which does not take account of the ecological value of the land or its role and potential within ecological networks. The SHELAA should be evidenced based, using up-to-date information, including the LNP Ecological Network Mapping, to be truly sustainable. If the existing approach continues it will likely lead to the fragmentation of habitats and severance of ecological networks and not deliver net gains in biodiversity. The SHELAA should adopt a new approach where only sites which lie outside the identified ecological network are promoted, and those within it are protected.
Response:	Noted. The Council will update its SHELAA in preparation for the next Local Plan. The considering the potential allocation of site for development account will be taken of ecological networks.

Paragraph 5.12

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Emphasis accorded to affordable rural housing throughout the document is supported.
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The provision of homes within rural villages should be a key part of a future strategy to address issues of availability, affordability range and choice for residents
Response:	The Council will seek to provide housing in rural areas where this can be sustainably facilitated (especially in relation to the provision of affordable housing)

Reference: 10076, 10084	
Summary of comment:	Housing in rural areas is becoming increasingly unaffordable for those on lower incomes. Suggest defining "lower incomes" with an evidence base, this is otherwise subjective Rural areas tend to have more expensive housing whilst residents have lower wages, making the earnings to purchase price ratio even worse.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises affordability as being a key issue in Test Valley, particularly in the rural area, and will continue to seek to maximise the provision of affordable housing through development schemes.

Reference: 10053, 10113	
Summary of comment:	Small pockets of rural housing where there is a local need, and where it will help sustain local schools/shops Existing settlements would benefit from the identification of additional opportunities for small-scale growth to help sustain villages and their facilities in the long term. Housing in rural areas is becoming increasingly unaffordable for families/young people and there is a lack of supply for those who wish to stay through downsizing
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to provide for sustainable development in rural areas, especially in relation to affordable housing and employment opportunities.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	There are a limited number of sites that might be suitable for residential development, particular concern is development encroaching into the countryside, it should be sympathetically planned and integrated within the settlement boundary. Find the imposition of a quota unacceptable and would increase speculative greenfield applications

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the existing settlement boundaries (and the types of development permissible in principle within them) in preparation for the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Increase in number of people 65+ with no option to downsize in the immediate area due to lack of supply, therefore stay in/under-occupy large family homes
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to improve the type and mix of housing throughout the Borough to meet the future needs of households, including to facilitate downsizing.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	This statement is evidentially incorrect as housing in rural areas is unaffordable to only some families. Housing seems to sell quickly in Wellow and to households with families. This statement is overly simplistic; housing for young people in rural areas is a challenge not only due to affordability but also due to the facilities residents expect to have reasonable access to which are not found in rural areas.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to provide for sustainable development in rural areas, especially in relation to affordable housing and employment opportunities and the provision of services.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The ability to promote downsizing will have big implications for rural areas and larger centres where supply options do seem to be addressed by companies building blocks targeted at older people.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to improve the type and mix of housing throughout the Borough to meet the future needs of households, including to facilitate downsizing.

Paragraph 5.13

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	For rural settlements to flourish there is a need to avoid them becoming centres of aging population. Encouraging younger people into villages selected for development is helped more by the availability of high quality housing in middle and upper price brands, attracting younger people who might be residents of London or nearby cities.
Response:	The Council recognises the social and economic issues facing young people wishing to remain in rural areas, and will continue to make provision for housing and employment opportunities in rural areas.

Reference: 10076	
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Summary of comment:	Beneficial to maintain a mix of different age groups within the community. NPPF aspires for people to live in communities where they have a connection; could be achieved by allowing older people to downsize by building appropriate housing for these needs and releasing their larger homes
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of facilitating mixed communities. The Council will seek to improve the type and mix of housing throughout the Borough to meet the future needs of households, including to facilitate downsizing.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	More people leaving villages to find affordable accommodation elsewhere could adversely affect longstanding family and social connections and undermine the identity of settlements
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises affordability is often a key issue facing rural communities.

Paragraph 5.14

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Rural settlements rely on market towns but are becoming increasingly unaffordable for families and young people leading to unbalanced communities, affecting services/facilities
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises affordability is often a key issue facing rural communities.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	This may be substantially unattainable given the challenges of funding.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to maximise the provision of affordable housing within policy and viability constraints.

Paragraph 5.15

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Current plan strategy relying on community led plans & rural exception sites to meet rural need does not address the issue in a significant way. There are no made NPs and none due in the near future
Response:	Noted. Whilst the Council encourages community led plans and rural exception sites, other methods or providing housing in rural areas may be more appropriate or significant in certain cases.

Paragraph 5.16

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The provision of homes within rural settlements should play a key part in the future strategy. The provision of rural homes should address issues of availability, affordability range and choice for residents.

Response:	Noted. The Council recognises affordability, alongside the type and mix of housing, is often a key issue facing rural communities
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Must consider the impact on the local environment, particularly in areas close to SSSI's and National Parks (e.g. NFNP and Blackwater corridor)
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of environmental designations and planning constraints.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	We support this objective
Response:	Noted.

Paragraph 5.17

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge is a sustainable location to expand
Response:	Noted. Stockbridge is identified within the current Local Plan as being a Key Service Centre, able to accommodate strategic employment and housing sites alongside other types of development.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Identification of the limitations of the present policy in distributing development is also welcomed, however the alternative options identified, do not give sufficient discussion of the implications for affordable housing, including rural exception sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach including to rural exception sites.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Ensure compliance with NPPF para 77, further guidance within options should set out Local Plan expectations around provision regarding affordable housing & encourage the use of affordable exception sites; particularly where shaped by NPs, community groups or PCs
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach including to rural exception sites.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Housing in villages complies with sustainable development more than small unit housing in town centres
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that sustainable development can occur in rural areas.

Reference: 10052	
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Summary of comment:	Settlement boundary policy does not appear to work in practice, several sites have been given consent in areas designated countryside. Boundaries appear to creep outwards because a site adjoins an existing one.
Response:	Whilst the settlement boundary attempts to identify where development can be most sustainable, development outside settlements boundaries can also be sustainable provided it adheres to the relevant policies set out within the Local Plan.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Distribution of development in rural areas is a sensitive issue. Current strategy needs amending to allow appropriate development in even the smallest villages. Inappropriate development would be refused. Parishes which don't participate in community led development should not be penalised.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how to best distribute development throughout the Borough to ensure the vitality and viability of urban and rural areas.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Need time for new communities to integrate and locations on the edge on Andover/Romsey are actually less sustainable than other possible locations
Response:	Noted. All relevant factors in relation to sustainable development will be taken into account regarding settlements and the location of sites. The new neighbourhoods at Andover and Romsey have been planned to integrate with the existing settlement and make appropriate infrastructure and transport provision, building upon existing available facilities.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley needs to focus on a more dispersed approach, with the examination of villages and smaller settlements to see which would benefit from some new development. The objectives should be to achieve a great mix of housing sizes, types and tenures to encourage a diversification of populations within villages, and encourage growth within them to support facilities and services. Growth of settlements on main routes will maintain and improve the existing poor transport links.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how to best distribute development throughout the Borough to ensure the vitality and viability of urban and rural areas.

Reference: 10080	
Summary of comment:	Lockerley is suited for further expansion; the village has seen limited growth in recent years and has lost services. The village would benefit from the stimulus of growth, both small scale employment and residential

Response:	Noted. The Council will review how to best distribute development, including the potential of Lockerley.
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Reference: 10082	
Summary of comment:	New development in villages should accommodate small scale employment and new residential development including self and custom-build sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether a specific self and custom-build policy should be included within the next Local Plan in order to meet its statutory duties with regards to the self-build register.

Reference: 10081	
Summary of comment:	Michelmersh and Timsbury is suited for further expansion; the adjoining settlements are located on the main route from Romsey to the North, and having had limited growth recently could benefit from the stimulus of growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how to best distribute development, including the potential of Michelmersh and Timsbury.

Paragraph 5.18

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Rural villages/settlements rely on market towns, but are becoming increasingly unaffordable for families/younger people and also lack downsizing opportunities through lack of supply
Response:	The Council recognises affordability is a key issue in rural areas, especially with regards to young people.

Paragraph 5.19

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Inequality in Parish meetings as these cannot participate in proposing a Neighbourhood Plan. Parish Meetings have attempted to designate Neighbourhood Plan areas but have been refused by the Council (e.g. Ashley).
Response:	Because Ashley is a Parish Meeting and not a Parish Council there is a different process required for the designation of a NP area. For further assistance please contact the Neighbourhood Planning Officer.

Reference: 10003	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution to parishes could cause parishes with NDP's to alter their documents to facilitate the new housing requirements. If parishes which have completed (or are preparing) NDP's are exempt from proportionate distribution it would place an unfair burden on parishes without NDP's to accept housing requirements
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how best to distribute development throughout the Borough to ensure sustainable

	growth can be facilitated. Appropriate consideration will be given to the relationship between, those parishes designated as neighbourhood areas and those which currently are not.
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Reference: 10006	
Summary of comment:	Charlton PC have a Neighbourhood Plan in gestation this will produce a housing needs survey, therefore at this time we cannot in the manner in which we would prefer. Once our NP is enforced we will be better placed to comment with relevant evidence.
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Proposals for parishes to request a housing requirement to be included in Neighbourhood Plans is supported. Parishes should be encouraged to consider whether some extra development in necessary to remain viable. Viable communities are likely to be proactive in different social and economic area.
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to support Parishes in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Neighbourhood plans/community led schemes are good ideas but the level of expertise and detail required for successful plans is beyond a lot of communities. Joint parish schemes can become political. Community engagement is critical but difficult
Response:	Noted. The Council will support Parishes in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans to address such issues should they arise.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution allows parishes to grow as they want, but must depend on available facilities, not just proportionate distribution.
Response:	Noted. Existing and potential facilities and infrastructure will be taken into account when assessing the merits of community led schemes.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Support proposal for parishes to request a housing requirement to be included in NPs subject to residual requirement not being distributed to parishes
Response:	Noted. Appropriate consideration will be given to the relationship between, those parishes designated as neighbourhood areas and those which currently are not.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Current strategy of relying on community led planning and rural exception sites to meet needs in rural communities is clearly not addressing the issue, a step change is needed. No 'made' NPs in the Borough, so not many sites coming forward from the

	community and only 9 delivered under rural exception sites. These methods are insufficient to address these challenges
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that there may be alternative methods to provide increased numbers of housing within rural areas appropriately.

Paragraph 5.21

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	All housing requirements should not be met on a pro-rata basis. Development has to be fitting with Parishes and not be inappropriate. Hamlets are not mentioned within the Local Plan and are located in the countryside; these should be taken on a case by case basis.
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess how best to distribute development through the Borough which is appropriate to the scale and type of development already present in rural areas.

Reference: 10003	
Summary of comment:	Opposed to proportionate distribution to parishes as villages will become urbanised and coalesce into larger settlements. Proportionate distribution to parishes will cause development to be long drawn out and resisted (larger, single sites are more achievable). Proportionate distribution will meet strong opposition from residents, Parishes Councils and the newly elected Borough Councillors in 2019.
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess how best to distribute development through the Borough which is appropriate to the scale and type of development already present in rural areas.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	If proportional allocation of housing was applied in Upper Clatford, it would result in a 300% increase in housing which would threaten the characteristics of the village. The conservation area, settlement boundary, green spaces and SINC in Upper Clatford would proscribe proportional allocation of housing within Upper Clatford.
Response:	Noted. Potential development within Parishes would take into account such constraints to ensure it is appropriate to the character of the area.

Reference: 10026, 10058	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution would result in distribution unrelated to local need and potentially harmful to the character and identity of many villages. National policy requires development be distributed in a way that reduces need to travel.
Response:	Noted. Potential development within Parishes would take into account such constraints to ensure it is appropriate to the character of the area.

Reference: 10026, 10058	
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Summary of comment:	The future of rural villages needs to be considered from the point of view of their social and economic health and the amount, type and location of development that's needed. Policy should not view villages primarily as a potential repository for meeting housing targets out of scale with the needs of the village.
Response:	Noted. Potential development within Parishes would take into account such constraints to ensure it is appropriate to the character of the area and scale of the settlement.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution across Parishes does have some merit, but could lead to anomalies parishes with different population levels; leading to either no development or an unseemly rush to be first in the queue
Response:	Noted. Potential development within Parishes would take into account such constraints to ensure it is appropriate to the character of the area and scale of the settlement. The next Local Plan will consider when during the plan period deliver should be assumed.

Paragraph 5.22

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Parish Meetings do not have the legal ability to produce a neighbourhood plan and so for the Borough to assign a percentage of housing, however small, is unreasonable.
Response:	Noted. Potential development within Parishes would take into account such constraints to ensure it is appropriate to the character of the area and scale of the settlement, plus the ability of the parish to undertake a neighbourhood plan.

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	There needs to be a fairer distribution of new homes and employment opportunities in Test Valley. Over the past 20 years there has been too much development in Southern Test Valley.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how best to distribute development throughout the Borough to meet the needs of residents and employers.

Paragraph 5.24

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	CPRE supports a policy of major development areas as extensions of existing urban areas where optimum use is made of infrastructure and services investment and public transport encouraged
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how housing development will be distributed, including potential urban extensions.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	<p>Under this method the Council would decide on allocations but doesn't describe a rationale. Support a policy of major development areas well related to existing areas and optimum use is made of infrastructure/services/investment/public transport. More sustainable than dispersal.</p> <p>Support distributing development across the borough based on identification of major development areas, making use of existing infrastructure, complimentary infrastructure investment, utilising brownfield sites, promoting public transport and developing rural communities determined by their needs</p>
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether the use of strategic sites provides the optimum method of providing sustainable development throughout the Borough.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	This seems against the Localism Act 2011 and calls into question the purpose of Neighbourhood Plans.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the guidance on this issue within the NPPF and NPPG.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	New communities need time to integrate and any further peripheral expansions of Andover will be less sustainable than other possible locations
Response:	Noted. All relevant factors in relation to sustainable development will be taken into account regarding settlements and the location of sites. The new neighbourhoods at Andover have been planned to integrate with the existing settlement and make appropriate infrastructure and transport provision, building upon existing available facilities.

Paragraph 5.25

Reference: 10003, 10004, 10012, 10026, 10043	
Summary of comment:	<p>Strong support for "New Garden Villages" as they could provide new housing without requiring proportionate distribution to parishes (which is opposed).</p> <p>New villages should be created, particularly in the central parts of Test Valley.</p> <p>Serious consideration should be given to the 'new town' approach, as there is limited growth from filling up villages.</p> <p>New village might be a viable option in some locations but should not be considered without long term, robust, sustainable transport links and a reliable estimate of job creation.</p>

	Approve of the concept of garden villages, they should be places near good roads with easy access to the main road network
Response:	The Council will review options with regards to New Garden Villages, taking into account the challenges associated with the creation of new settlements.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	New villages are likely to generate a need for wastewater treatment options from Southern Water, which would be assessed once a final location is determined.
Response:	Noted. The Council will work alongside bodies such as Southern Water to ensure development does not place a significant burden on existing infrastructure.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution/new villages - not wrong, but cannot be relied upon to deliver enough housing in a timely manner to meet requirements (next 10 years)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review options with regard to community led development and new villages concerning the potential timescale for delivery during the plan period.

Paragraph 5.26

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Expressing a need for contingency sites may lead to more sites than is needed
Response:	Noted. Contingency would be used were a shortfall to arise in delivery in the future.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The contingency measures should not be used as a means of avoiding the full OAN and should be a genuine contingency that can respond quickly to under supply.
Response:	Noted. Contingency would be used were a shortfall to arise in delivery in the future.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Support the extension of urban areas alongside parishes to request a housing requirement to be included in a NP or other community led process
Response:	Noted. The Council will work alongside Parishes seeking to include a housing requirement within their Neighbourhood Plans.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	In small rural communities a view needs to be taken on the difference between small development (up to 10) in a sustainable location vs. an app for 1 large dwelling in a large garden

Response:	Noted. The provision of small scale development would be made through either an allocation, or by means of a provision figure being identified through a policy. Individual single dwellings would not come forward through specific provision in the local plan.
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Question 7: Are there any other approaches to distributing development across the Borough that we should consider?

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Houses generate road traffic from residents and services. Consider the flows of traffic and whether some areas are more suitable for development than others
Response:	The Council will be reviewing its transport policies in preparation of the next Local Plan which may have implications on the suitability of sites for development.

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	One housing option adopted some years ago was to build small estates in and around towns and villages, constructed in partnership with local authorities. These provided small increases in population, caps on prices and a points system was used which ensured eligibility was not dependent on the ability to put down a deposit first.
Response:	Noted. This is not an option for delivery of development which likely to be available.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The RSPB believe that the least impact from recreational disturbance on SPAs will arise if the greatest possible proportion of new housing allocations are located as far away from them as its strategy permits
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to take into account SPAs when considering the location of development in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	The Council should recognise the lack of development in the middle of the borough, where suitable housing and facilities can be built where currently excellent infrastructure exists
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of future development, including the potential scale of development for the rural area, taking account of infrastructure provision.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	Development in the middle of the borough would link the two key North and South areas creating new jobs and increasing affordable housing for young people as defined by the County Councils Network (CCN News 2017)

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of future development, including the potential scale of development for the rural area, taking account of infrastructure provision.
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Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge has an excellent town centre with multiple facilities, but lacks social housing. The area has good transport links to Salisbury, Winchester, Andover, Romsey and to London.
Response:	Stockbridge is identified as a Key Service Centre within the current Local Plan which is able to facilitate strategic housing and employment sites, amongst others.

Reference:10026	
Summary of comment:	CPRE supports an approach to identify major development areas adjacent to existing urban areas to make use of existing infrastructure and infrastructure investment to maximise the potential for brownfield sites and promote public transport.
Response:	The Council will continue to take into account existing and potential infrastructure when allocating sites.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Development in rural communities should be determined by the needs of the local residents
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the views of local residents when considering potential development, and will continue to encourage communities to engage with the planning process through the creation of Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Development Plans, for example.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate development allocations
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to distribute development taking account of sustainable development principle and the scale of existing settlements, their character and infrastructure.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	In selected rural settlements development should be more community led with numerical limits in order to exploit all suitable development opportunities. Consider making funds available to PCs to help bring the best architectural talent to the villages
Response:	Noted. The Council supports the delivery of community led development.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Housing distribution could be affected by the state of the roads; a factor considered by developers about where to invest in sites. The plan should include a commitment by Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council to repair all highways to a safe acceptable standard

Response:	Noted. Current transport infrastructure will be taken into consideration when allocating sites in the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Large scale development is not the way forward anymore, small pockets of infill development more acceptable. Garden village is also a good idea
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to distribute development taking account sustainable development principles and over the range and size of site allocations.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Each town and village should receive proportionate growth in sustainable locations
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to distribute development taking account of sustainable development principle and the scale of existing settlements, their character and infrastructure.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Council should focus future growth in the most sustainable locations outside the 2 major economic centres
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure sustainable growth can be facilitated in rural and urban areas throughout Test Valley.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	New development should be located in sustainable areas with good access to public transport and facilities within cycling and walking distance
Response:	Noted. In considering the location of future development, Council will take account of the provision of sustainable travel opportunities.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	<p>Velmore Farm is located near major centres in Eastleigh and Southampton, with good access to facilities, services, transport infrastructure and employment</p> <p>Velmore Farm should be considered as a site for future growth to support the Borough's needs</p> <p>In the context of NPPF para. 103, Velmore Farm is a sustainable location near major centres, with good access to transport links</p>
Response:	Noted. In considering the location of future development, Council will take account of the provision of transport links and sustainable travel opportunities.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Romsey accommodated a significant amount of the Borough's growth in the last plan period

Response:	Whilst there have been a number of large developments around Romsey, there were also allocations within the current plan around other settlements within the Borough. The reason is that they, like Romsey, (taking account of the settlement hierarchy), have the existing facilities and services to accommodate the growth. In preparing the next Local Plan the Council will consider the both the housing distribution and size of potential allocations, in making provision to meet the housing requirement. This will include the option of a more dispersed strategy and of smaller scale allocations.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The local plan should maintain a rolling housing land supply; the NPPF also introduces the Housing Delivery Test focused on completions rather than supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to ensure it has a 5 year housing land supply.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	The local plan should continue with the location allocation approach but there should be a more even distribution across the Borough, rather than concentrate development in Andover and Romsey
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of new development, including a potential wider distribution across a larger number of settlements.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Development should be distributed taking into account the Local Nature Partnership's ecological network mapping and ensure biologically rich areas are linked up
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the ecological network.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	No; the consultation offers several approaches. However, no more large-scale bolt-on developments to Romsey
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of new development, including the range and size of allocations.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution is the way forward
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to distribute development taking account of sustainable development principle and the scale of existing settlements, their character and infrastructure.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support dispersal of residential development to towns and villages by voluntary agreements or a new village if a suitable location can be found. Do not believe the local plan practice of

	imposing development on particular areas is the right way forward
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to work with communities to ensure appropriate development in appropriate locations is achieved.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Consider options for co-siting solar farms and new housing and commercial development
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its policies in relation to environmental conservation and renewable energy sources in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Support distributing development across the borough based on identification of major development areas, making use of existing infrastructure, complimentary infrastructure investment, utilising brownfield sites, promoting public transport and developing rural communities determined by their needs
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to distribute development taking account of sustainable development principles and the scale of existing settlements, their character and infrastructure.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	In regards to brownfield sites, the NPPF promotes the effective use of land (117 and 118c). The Test Valley Part 1 of the register identifies 9 sites offering 673 homes. It is noteworthy that SHELLA site 31 is wrongly not included on the brownfield register
Response:	The Council will continue to encourage sustainable, high quality development on brownfield sites. The SHELAA will be reviewed in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	SHELAA site 31 should be allocated for housing. Although SHELAA31 is a brownfield site in employment use, it is 1.8 ha and largely used for storage meaning the loss would be negligible on the employment base in the locality.
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of new development and potential development allocations, sites submitted for inclusion the SHELAA will be assessed.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Factor in village infrastructure (school, shop, pub, clubs)
Response:	Existing infrastructure and facilities will be taken into consideration when considering how best to distribute development throughout the Borough.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	A purely numerical approach ignores issues of availability of services, esp. public transport; overuse of country roads; proximity to employment. These issues should be addressed
Response:	Existing infrastructure and facilities will be taken into consideration when considering how best to distribute development throughout the Borough

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The old fashioned approach to place undue demands on Romsey and Andover has not worked
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to the distribution of new development and the range and size of allocations, including for Andover and Romsey.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Community-led provision may not work because of NIMBYism; a capacity-led approach should be taken
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to work collaboratively with communities in preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Evidence led distribution, see NPPF para. 77 and 78. To ensure a sound plan it must understand the needs and function of rural communities; therefore appropriate for the Local Plan to give full consideration of: assessing evidence of local housing need, understanding levels of development required to support a thriving rural economy, assess land available (SHELAA), assess implications of delivery in locations restricted by the NPPF, assess the dual role settlements provide in services/benefits to neighbouring settlements
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of local housing need, the rural economy and infrastructure, in determining the distribution of future development.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan must be informed by understanding local population/housing challenges and local services and what development is required to maintain/enhance them
Response:	Existing infrastructure and facilities will be taken into consideration when considering how best to distribute development throughout the Borough

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Reliance on present market-led/infill/redevelopments within settlement boundaries is insufficient in isolation to make a real difference to rural communities due to the limited scale of sites meaning no control exists to ensure delivery of the right types of housing through windfall development
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of housing development, including to the rural area and the

	appropriateness of allocation or provision of a housing figure to be accommodated for rural settlements.
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Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Support strategy that encompasses a variety of site types and sizes to meet NPPF para. 20; identify appropriate/sustainable strategy for pattern/scale of development and help reduce travel. Need to rebalance this strategy
Response:	The Council will continue to encourage a variety of housing types and sizes are developed in sustainable locations.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	There should be a revised proportionate distribution to parishes where Key Service Areas are given a proportion of distribution that is weighted in accordance with how sustainable the settlement is and not just on existing population, need to look outside the 2 main settlements
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution including to the rural area. This will take account of the character and size of settlement together with their infrastructure.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	A purely target led approach will lead to Andover and Romsey expanding without a plan for the economic growth of their town centres
Response:	Noted. The Council is undertaking masterplanning exercises for both town centres to best place them for the future.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Housing development in rural areas is being overlooked
Response:	Noted. The Council will review how best to ensure appropriate housing is developed in rural areas which would benefit rural communities.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Modern 'estate' volume housing should be strongly opposed in rural areas
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of housing development to the rural area and the potential for housing allocation or provision of figure to accommodate the Council will take account of the character and size of rural settlements.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Self-build and custom house builders are best placed to deliver the right type of housing in rural areas
Response:	The Council will consider introducing a self and custom-build policy within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10081, 10082	
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Summary of comment:	The failure to provide more housing in rural villages has created enclaves of great wealth and expensive housing and an ageing population, whilst the less wealthy rely on affordable housing. This has led to services such as shops, schools and community facilities suffering gradual decline
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that, in some areas, increased housing numbers would address issues of affordability and help ensure the vitality and viability of rural communities.

Reference: 10081, 10082,	
Summary of comment:	Every settlement and village needs to be assessed to examine its potential to accommodate more development
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing its Settlement Hierarchy in preparation of the next Local Plan to identify settlements and villages which could appropriately accommodate sustainable development.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	The policy of dispersal should be implemented immediately to accommodate future demand for housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution including to the rural area. This will be an issue for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge needs a large increase in dwellings to sustain it, alongside Houghton (but on a smaller scale)
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of housing development to the rural area and the potential for housing allocation or provision of figure to accommodate the Council will take account of the character and size of rural settlements and the provision of infrastructure. Consideration will also be given to the sustainability of rural settlements and how this can be supported.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	It is unclear how focusing growth in Andover and not supporting a greater distribution will provide support for rural areas or retaining their facilities
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that, in some areas, increased housing numbers would address issues of affordability and help ensure the vitality and viability of rural communities.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	Larger sites need to be allocated in the villages and the settlement boundaries need to be increased to allow the villages to grow and remain sustainable
Response:	Noted. In considering the distribution of housing development to the rural area and the potential for housing allocation or provision of figure to accommodate the Council will take account of the character and size of rural settlements and the provision of infrastructure. Consideration will also be given to

	the sustainability of rural settlements and how this can be supported. The approach to settlement boundaries will be reviewed including the manner in which they are determined.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	An assessment of facilities available in settlements could be undertaken, as well as the potential and minimisation of travel for access.
Response:	The Council will review its Settlement Hierarchy in preparation for the next Local Plan which will include inspecting the type and quality of facilities in settlements.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Facilities-led housing, rather than house-led facilities, should be the primary driver of where new development is located.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to link housing with appropriate infrastructure provision, taking account of both existing and new infrastructure.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Developed should be focused on the largest settlements to be sustainable and retain existing services. Bere Hill provides an opportunity to develop more housing in Andover.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy, including the approach to the distribution of housing and allocation of site for new development, taking account of infrastructure.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	The failure to provide housing in rural villages has created enclaves of great wealth and expensive housing and an ageing population; every settlement needs to be assessed to examine its potential to accommodate more development
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that, in some areas, increased housing numbers would address issues of affordability and help ensure the vitality and viability of rural communities

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	Future development should be as close to Southampton as possible, due to proximity to employment and transport infrastructure, as well as to accommodate unmet housing need in the area
Response:	The Council recognises the cross boundary relationship between STV and Southampton and the wider South Hampshire sub-region. Account will be taken of infrastructure and any unmet housing need.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	A new garden village in STV would not be a freestanding sustainable place. Instead development in Nursling and Rownhams would be more spatially sustainable.

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the distribution of housing and choice of allocations for new development in line with sustainable development principles. The merits of garden villages is one of the options alongside extensions to existing settlements.
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Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	The new Local Plan should allocate the proposed Site in Nursling and Rownhams for housing, despite the SHELAA incorrectly deeming it unsuitable (ref ID210)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the SHELAA. The classification of sites takes account of current planning policies.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	The local planning authority should retain control of delivery of key housing sites of 100 units in key settlements. Smaller allocations where controlled growth should be encouraged should be controlled through Neighbourhood Plans
Response:	Noted. The balance between strategic allocations (and their size) to be made in the next Local Plan any and provision identified for neighbourhood plans to deliver will be considered as part of the approach of how to appropriately deliver the housing requirement.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	The development of a new extended neighbourhood on the north-east of Romsey would be the logical next step in its organic growth. It would complement Ganger Farm and Abbotswood and could deliver 400 homes with 40% affordable
Response:	Noted. In considering potential allocations for new housing development, the Council will take account of the relationship with existing and current development as relevant.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	North-South split should be continued, reflecting characteristics of both areas and importance of sub-regional/cross-boundary relationships
Response:	The Council will assess whether the current North-South split best reflects the geographical realities of the Borough. The Council will review its HMA for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Development in the south should focus on links with surrounding settlements particularly Southampton & existing movement patterns
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the important links Southern Test Valley has to neighbouring areas such as Southampton and the wider South Hampshire sub-region.

Reference: 10106	
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Summary of comment:	More focus on brownfield sites, and lobbying the government to penalise developers with large inactive land banks
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to update its brownfield register.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	The Defence Infrastructure Model Reform identified a number of Ministry of Defence sites which are underutilised. Test Valley should work in tandem with the Ministry of Defence to establish the availability of Ministry of Defence brownfield sites.
Response:	Noted. The Council will engage with MoD as a statutory consultee and major landowner in the Borough.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	We would warn against proportional distribution as this would not take account of development constraints and could result in unsustainable patterns of growth
Response:	Noted. Environmental constraints (both natural and historical) will be taken into account when considering the suitability of sites for development.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Parishes can engage in Plan making through Neighbourhood Plans ; housing should not be imposed on them through proportional distribution
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance on the provision of housing figures for neighbourhood areas.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	The focus on larger settlements is welcomed, as they are often more sustainable. The settlement hierarchy should be updated as this evidence is a key driver in the spatial distribution of development
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess the settlement hierarchy in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Nursling/Rownhams is a highly sustainable location for growth having access to services, facilities and employment, and so more focus should be on the area in the next Local Plan. It should be categorised as a major centre as part of Southampton
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess the settlement hierarchy in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference:10112	
Summary of comment:	Focus within NTV area to deliver 91% around Andover with only 9% in the rural area is the wrong approach and unbalanced

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution for the next Local Plan including the balance between Andover and the rural area.
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Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Andover would be expected to take to take a significant share as the main settlement in the north, but it is wrong to leave other settlements with little realistic ability to grow and remain sustainable, Support a strategy that encompasses a variety of site types and sizes (ref: NPPF para 20). Rebalancing the strategy to include a larger proportion of other sustainable settlements would address spatial, delivery and transport objectives
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess which strategy would best deliver housing for residents of the Borough, including inspecting the suitability of smaller sites and rural areas capable of facilitating sustainable development.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	To meet the OAN more growth is needed in the rural areas. Growth here will also support and sustain rural facilities and services
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises appropriate growth in rural areas can aid in sustaining rural services and communities.

Reference: 10117, 10118	
Summary of comment:	A combination of approaches may be appropriate The mixed approach is appropriate and should encompass a variety of site types and sizes in a range of locations
Response:	Noted. In considering the housing distribution and identification of allocations for new development, this will include having regard to the number and size of allocations and the range of locations

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	We would warn against proportional distribution as this would not take account of development constraints and could result in unsustainable patterns of growth
Response:	Noted. The review of the housing distribution will take account of the character and size of settlements and their infrastructure.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	The overarching aim of the plan should be to identify the most appropriate locations for sustainable development and not to restrict such opportunities through the imposition of a rigid distributional approach
Response:	Noted. The distribution will be considered in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10118, 10119	
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Summary of comment:	Urban extensions should be considered, including large scale extensions at the main settlements and smaller extensions at the key service centres
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess which strategies would provide for high quality development throughout the Borough, including the possibility of extensions to urban areas.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	The site controlled by Gleeson provides a sustainable location for residential development of a scale appropriate to North Baddesley, identified as a Key Service Centre
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy, distribution of housing and choice of allocations for new development in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10119.	
Summary of comment:	A range of spatial approaches should be employed, encompassing a variety of site types and sizes. Larger sites have the capacity and likely critical mass to deliver the associated infrastructure requirements that come with new development.
Response:	Noted. In considering the housing distribution and identification of allocations for new development, this will include having regard to the number and size of allocations and the range of locations. Account will be taken of the ability of sites to deliver infrastructure.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Whilst it is supported that major settlements should continue to play a key role in future development, this should not be at the expense of ensuring that the housing and employment needs of other settlements are met.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to distribute development appropriately throughout the Borough seeking to balance meeting overall needs and new development appropriate for individual settlements.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	It is essential that the needs of the sustainable rural settlements across the Borough are assessed and meaningful growth apportioned to them to ensure their ongoing vitality and viability
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role development can play in ensuring the viability and vitality of rural settlements.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	It is important to consider existing services and facilities in a settlement when assessing their suitability for accommodating new growth. Daily needs are important with a primary school, shop and access to public transport being key considerations.
Response:	Noted. Existing facilities and other infrastructure will continue to be taken into account when reviewing the settlement hierarchy.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	There may be an ability through development to improve some of the key services and access to public transport, and this should be considered in any settlement hierarchy to ensure such facilities are maintained.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the potential for improvements to transport and other infrastructure provision associated with new development. However, the starting point for the settlement hierarchy will be the provision of existing infrastructure.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman suggest a balanced approach is the most appropriate strategy for distributing development. Whilst urban areas should provide a focus for growth, focusing too much on them creates a real risk that the continued vitality of these rural communities is threatened.
Response:	Noted. Council will seek to distribute development appropriately throughout the Borough seeking to balance meeting overall needs and new development appropriate for individual settlements.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	The current settlement hierarchy is ineffective and should be revisited. Gladman have undertaken their own desk-based assessment of the settlements in rural Test Valley and would be willing to share these results with the Council.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Support testing a range of strategies for distributing development borough wide to determine a appropriate strategy. Allocating sites next to existing large settlements is an appropriate strategy
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for the housing distribution and choice of allocations, including extensions to larger settlements.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Look at building affordable housing in villages
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its affordable housing policies to ensure development is able to maximise the number of affordable housing on and off site.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Andover should continue to be the focus of new development and because of its distinguishing features compared to Romsey it is better situated to accommodate an increased proportion of new development over the long term

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for the housing distribution and choice of allocations, including extensions to larger settlements and between Andover and Romsey, which is also subject to a review of HMA.
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Reference: 10126	
Summary of comment:	None of the distribution options in the I&O document refer to sustainable development criteria; they seem to be based more on political options rather than sound planning criteria. May not be possible to create a new village in the south HMA strategic growth is possible to provide comprehensive development and infrastructure benefits
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the issues which can arise through the creation of new settlements which will be assessed when considering the option.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Evidence based mixed approach would be the most appropriate, development should not require the creation of vast new estates or prevent villages from having development. Desires/needs of residents should guide development strategy
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of distributing development appropriately throughout the Borough to benefit residents living in rural and urban areas and to provide for the sustainable development of individual settlements.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Long term failure to provide housing in rural areas has created enclaves of great wealth/expensive housing/ageing populations. Less wealthy have to rely on affordable housing through rural exception sites. Shops/schools/community facilities suffer gradual decline due to increasing elderly populations
Response:	The Council recognises the affordability of housing as being a key issues especially within rural areas, and will review its affordable housing policy to ensure it continues to maximise opportunities for affordable housing development. The Council will also review the housing distribution.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Every settlement and village needs to be assessed to examine its potential to accommodate more development, small allocations around the edges enable villages to sustain the services/facilities they have as new families move in
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy in preparing the next Local Plan, alongside its policy on settlement boundaries, to ensure development can be directed towards the most sustainable locations.

Reference: 10131	
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Summary of comment:	Use the SHELAA to identify suitable, available, developable land then explore ways of delivering infrastructure to support development and existing communities
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to update its SHELAA to identify locations for sustainable development.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Given affordability issues in NTV HMA and STV located within Southampton HMA look to make these areas the focus of additional development
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its MHA and housing distribution for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	New development must include mixed use housing/leisure/business and commercial buildings to ensure some encouragement of self-containment of live, jobs and leisure to reduce the need to travel and provide vibrant centres day, night and at the weekend
Response:	The Council recognises the important of mixed land use, especially with regards to reducing the need to travel, and will continue to encourage its development where appropriate.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution would meet the requirement of the Localism Act but is unlikely to deliver significant levels of development due to lack of suitably located/sized sites and a general resistance to housing in some communities
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the appropriate level of development which is assumed to be delivered by community led mechanisms.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	May be some communities seeking growth to support community vitality, this is to be welcomed although is unlikely to deliver significant growth and needs to be combined with other approaches
Response:	The Council recognises that the type and scale of development within rural areas, whilst contributing to the ongoing vitality and viability of settlements, must be proportionate to the character of such areas. The Council will consider the appropriate level of development which is assumed to be delivered by community led mechanisms.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Principle of proportionate distribution is logical, works well for sustainable settlements, but others with large populations but constraints on growth would lead to development on unsustainable sites

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. Account will be taken of the character and size of settlement and the provision of infrastructure.
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Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Allocations in previous local plans have been successful in delivering significant/high quality residential development over and above planned targets, alongside supporting services/community uses
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether strategic allocations provides the optimum methods of providing growth throughout the Borough. The ability of allocated sites to deliver infrastructure will be taken into account.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Support the principle of garden settlements but unlikely to be suitable for Test Valley. Priority is for garden towns of 10,000+ units; such a settlement would not be required
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the issues associated with garden settlements as an option including potential size and deliverability.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	No obvious location for a new settlement as it is meant to be freestanding but with good road/transport links, unclear how such a settlement would align with the Council's economic aspirations, focused on maintaining Andover's role as a key employment/retail centre
Response:	The Council recognises the challenges associated with creating a new settlement, which will be assessed when considering the option.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Recommend a continuation of the current strategy, focussing development on existing main settlements through additional allocations, supplemented with community led development via NPs in parishes wishing to see growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether strategic allocations provides the optimum methods of providing growth throughout the Borough. The Council will consider the balance between strategic local plan allocations and what level of housing delivery is appropriate through community led mechanisms.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Creation of garden villages has great attraction; problem would be to find suitable sites that would not swallow small communities/attractive landscapes. Sites alongside A303/A34 seem sensible, but suffer from noise pollution
Response:	The Council recognises the challenges associated with creating a new settlement, which will be assessed when considering the option

Question 8: Do you have any other comments on the approaches suggested in this document?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	A flexible approach when assessing the merits of rural settlements for development should be taken, including their definition for planning purposes
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the character and size of settlements and their infrastructure.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution to smaller parishes whilst supporting all parishes to develop individual NP's is acceptable. This ensures organic growth which is sensitive to the needs of existing communities.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and take account of the NPPF and NPPG guidance on the provision of housing figures for neighbourhood areas. The Council encourages and supports the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	In constrained areas, development should be considered near to existing transport links. This will allow infrastructure to be incorporated into sustainable designs, and that appropriate facilities support communities
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential infrastructure when assessing the suitability of sites for development.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	For Test Valley to decide the most appropriate sites for housing and take advantage of 'windfall sites' would not meet the Councils aspirations to work more closely with communities within the Borough and recognise their different needs.
Response:	Noted. The Council will prepare the next Local Plan collaboratively with the communities, including on the provision of housing.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	For Romsey and Andover new development is increasingly out-of-town; for town centres to remain viable they must be easily accessible from outlying areas
Response:	The Council will review its town centre policies in preparing the next Local Plan to ensure their vitality and viability. The Council is undertaking masterplans for both town centres to best place them for the future.

Reference: 10012	
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Summary of comment:	The clear 'green space' between Romsey and North Baddesley and Nursling and Rownhams should be maintained
Response:	Noted. In considering potential allocations for new development, account will be taken on local gaps and the relationship between individual settlements.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Any new railway stations/halts must be built on land close to the railway lines and include sufficient space for parking and bike storage
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider what rail transport improvements can be made, working with Network Rail and the train operating companies.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Do not allow what happened at the Romsey Brewery site to occur on other sites
Response:	Noted. The Council has been engaging with the landowners to being the remaining development forward.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Take account of the ability for community and infrastructure to support development. Large parishes should not be penalised for getting larger. Parishes should not be able to veto development
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to take into account existing and potential infrastructure when allocating development sites. Account will be taken of the character and size of settlements and their infrastructure.

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	Mass housing developments currently under construction or at appeal will exasperate issues relating to amenities which already exist
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to deliver infrastructure alongside housing development when this can be secured.

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	As housing prices increase due to market trends, more young people will migrate out of the Borough, even if they have grown up and wish to remain in Test Valley
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises housing affordability is a key issued which will attempt to be addressed in the Local Plan.

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	Whilst it may be easier to meet housing need by providing one or two large sites, this creates a catalogue of other problems that will incur additional expenditure to the local community
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the range, size and location of proposed allocations for new development in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10014	
Summary of comment:	Smaller, better planned developments built with existing infrastructure, local people and business taken into consideration provide a better approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the range of allocations for new development by size and location. Account will be taken of infrastructure.

Reference: 10015	
Summary of comment:	Romsey continues to be the principle town within Test Valley and will continue to attract inward migration. Romsey should continue to be the focal point for future growth via the Local Plan, to deviate from such a spatial strategy would be a detriment to the town
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution including for Romsey.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	Does not support a proportional allocation of housing amongst the parishes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of the character and size of settlement and infrastructure.

Reference: 10022	
Summary of comment:	<p>Southern Water has no preference between options for distributing development, as it has a statutory duty to serve all development within its operational area</p> <p>Once options have been refined, Southern Water will undertake a capacity assessment of its infrastructure to assess its ability to meet forecast demand</p> <p>Site specific planning policies could be worded to incorporate infrastructure requirements and provide early warning to facilitate the delivery of any requisite infrastructure from Southern Water</p>
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to work alongside infrastructure providers to ensure suitable development sites can be identified and be deliverable.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	All development should be balanced, with a focus on suitable housing for all and not just commuters
Response:	Noted. The Council will update the evidence on the mix of housing by type, size and tenure to meet the needs of the community, including particular household groups with specialist housing needs.

Reference: 10025	
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Summary of comment:	Development in the middle of the borough could lead to an increase in employment which could help justify expanding local services in the area
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess how best to distribute employment development including considerations of how this can contribute towards sustainable development and support infrastructure and services.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Whatever approach is selected should focus on the needs of residents, the delivery of the requirement identified in a sustainable way and one that ensures a continuous 5 year land supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to meet housing need in a manner which reflect the needs of the community and in line with the principle. The Council will seek to maintain a five year housing land supply.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	An approach which has elements of all the options highlighted would most likely deliver the new housing need, rather than relying on one or two.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider relevant options, including in combination where this is a potential consideration.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	The Council should identify overall requirement, the quantum and broad locations where it would be met and the specific allocations identified either in the local plan or subsequent development plans
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to make provision for development requirements in the next Local Plan, including the scale of development, its distribution and allocations or other suitable provision to meet it.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Local communities should have an option to allocate sites to meet their share of the housing requirement through a neighbourhood plan.
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to support Parishes who wish to set a housing requirement as part of their Local Plan.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Should a neighbourhood plan be unlikely to make the appropriate provision of housing then the Council could allocate land for development
Response:	Noted. The Council encourage and supports the preparation of neighbourhood plans. In the absence of delivery through a neighbourhood plan the Council will look at other options where this is necessary and appropriate to meet identified housing need or to meet the local plan housing requirement.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Identifying housing requirement on a pro-rate basis of population is a serious option to consider; it would highlight to communities the potential housing demand it would generate during the life time of the new local plan.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how best to distribute housing throughout the Borough, taking into account local characteristics and constraints of settlements.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	The issue of delivery is central. The new local plan provides an opportunity to consider meeting the housing need via a wider range of sites in terms of size and location, rather than relying on a small number of large sites as it currently does.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution, including the range, size and location of sites for allocation.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF (para 68) highlights the importance of small and medium sites. At least 10% of housing should be delivered on small sites. The Council should take the steps to implement the NPPF advice.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to implement NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Identifying settlements for development should not be done solely on the characteristics of that village
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account a wide variety of factors when identifying settlements for development, including environmental constraints and the infrastructure, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	There are a number of villages located close to large centres both within and outside the Borough which means they have access to a wide range of facilities. These should be considered for expansion.
Response:	Noted. In reviewing the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, the Council will consider the issue of the relationship between settlements and access to facilities.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Therefore the proximity to larger centres of population should be a consideration when assessing the merits of settlements for development
Response:	Noted. Proximity to services and facilities is a factor taken into consideration when determining the settlement hierarchy, including consideration of the relationships to other settlements.

Reference: 10031	
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Summary of comment:	The NPPF (para 77) promotes a flexible approach especially in respect of smaller settlements which may be located larger settlements.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	A flexible approach to the assessment of the merits of the villages as locations for sustainable development should be taken
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, taking account of individual settlements. However, there will be a need to also consider a consistent Borough-wide approach where relevant.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	Whatever approach is selected should focus on the needs of residents, the delivery of the requirement identified in a sustainable way and one that ensures a continuous 5 year land supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to meet housing need in a manner which reflect the needs of the community and in line with the principle. The Council will seek to maintain a five year housing land supply.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	An approach which has elements of all the options highlighted would most likely deliver the new housing need, rather than relying on one or two.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider relevant options, including in combination where this is a potential consideration.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	The Council should identify overall requirement, the quantum and broad locations where it would be met and the specific allocations identified either in the local plan or subsequent development plans
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to make provision for development requirements in the next Local Plan, including the scale of development, its distribution and allocations or other suitable provision to meet it.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	Local communities should have an option to allocate sites to meet their share of the housing requirement through a neighbourhood plan.
Response:	The Council will support Parishes who wish to deliver housing within their Neighbourhood Plans where this is consistent with the strategic approach and strategy of the next Local Plan and will ensure that deliverability can be demonstrated.

Reference: 10032, 10033, 10034	
Summary of comment:	Should a neighbourhood plan be unlikely to make the appropriate provision of housing then the Council could allocate land for development
Response:	Noted. The Council encourage and supports the preparation of neighbourhood plans. In the absence of delivery through a neighbourhood plan the Council will look at other options where this is necessary and appropriate to meet identified housing need or to meet the local plan housing requirement.

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Summary of comment:	The issue of delivery is central. The new local plan provides an opportunity to consider meeting the housing need via a wider range of sites in terms of size and location, rather than relying on a small number of large sites as it currently does.
Response:	Noted. The Council will assess which housing strategy would provide for appropriate development in the most sustainable locations.

Reference: 10032, 10033,	
Summary of comment:	There are a number of villages located close to large centres both within and outside the Borough which means they have access to a wide range of facilities. These should be considered for expansion.
Response:	Noted. Proximity to services and facilities is a factor taken into consideration when determining the settlement hierarchy, including consideration of the relationships to other settlements

Reference: 10032, 10033	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF (para 77) promotes a flexible approach especially in respect of smaller settlements which may be located larger settlements.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10032, 10033	
Summary of comment:	The use of the car is necessary given the lack of alternatives, although online services, home deliveries and home working all contribute to reducing the need to travel out of villages
Response:	Whilst the Council recognises the reliance of car use given the rural character of the Borough, the Local Plan will seek to plan for development which would reduce the need to travel or

	provide for alternative, more sustainable transport modes where feasible.
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Reference: 10032, 10033	
Summary of comment:	Having safeguarded land policies enable a long term view rather than rolling the current Local Plan from 2029 to 2036. This would benefit development in villages where artificial arithmetical constraints could result in piecemeal development
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to make provision to delivery development requirements over the plan period. The use of safeguarded land will be considered, but is unlikely to be a realistic option.

Reference: 10033	
Summary of comment:	A flexible approach to the assessment of the merits of the villages as locations for sustainable development should be taken
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, taking account of individual settlements. However, there will be a need to also consider a consistent Borough-wide approach where relevant.

Reference: 10034	
Summary of comment:	The most sustainable locations are likely to be Andover and Romsey and larger villages, but regard should still be given to smaller rural communities
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. The Council will seek to distribute development throughout Test Valley, taking into account the differing social, environmental and economic conditions within urban and rural areas.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution engages with local communities resonating with emerging NDPs which will inform proportionate distribution to parishes and local plan allocations, will ensure that development is commensurate with capacity
Response:	Noted. The Council in setting the housing distribution through the next Local Plan will undertake this in a collaborative way with local communities.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Any new villages should be adequately serviced in all respects
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential facilities and infrastructure were new settlements to be planned for within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
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Summary of comment:	Creation of a new village, but important to keep it relatively small to allow organic growth through successive plans; should be located near road nodes
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential facilities and infrastructure were new settlements to be planned for within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Community led schemes and Neighbourhood Plans are difficult, time consuming, over political and expensive for small communities
Response:	The Council recognises the potential issues arising from the creation of Neighbourhood Plans, but will encourage and support communities wishing to produce them in order to plan positively for their areas.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Community Led Distribution is not favoured as it risks limiting development to villages with NP's to the disadvantage of others
Response:	Noted. The Council in setting the housing distribution through the next Local Plan will undertake this in a collaborative way with local communities.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate Distribution at, for example 5%, seems arbitrary and inappropriate
Response:	Were a proportionate distribution to be implemented it would need to be justified, taking account of individual settlement and sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The New Village approach may warrant further examination
Response:	Noted. Realistic options will be the subject of further consideration.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	Historic England express no preference for the options, although they would expect the selection of sites to follow the advice set out in their response.
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to take account of the historic character of areas when drafting the upcoming policies within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	New Villages should allow the development of a new community with integral new facilities and services and transport infrastructure
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential facilities and infrastructure were new settlements to be planned for within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Any future garden villages must ensure the transport infrastructure that is necessary can be realistically achieved before permitting development. Lessons need to be learnt from Whitenap
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential facilities and infrastructure were new settlements to be planned for within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Accept the need for development in towns and villages so long as their character can be retained and development offers benefits to the community. Development should be planned by the community itself through NPs or the Council should work more closely with communities to identify suitable sites for high quality development
Response:	The Council will seek to ensure development is appropriate to the character of settlements. The Council will also support communities wishing to prepare Neighbourhood Plans to plan positively for their areas.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Windfall sites safeguards should be included to ensure that housing density is not significantly out of line with similar sites borough wide to prevent large single occupancy housing
Response:	Noted. The development of windfall site will be considered on their merits against relevant local plan policies. The council will consider whether the next Local Plan should include a policy on housing density.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para 11,65, 66 and 67 make it clear that the responsibility of the Local Plan is to identify land for homes. As such, strategic policy-making authorities should establish a housing requirement for their whole area. Within the overall housing requirement, strategic policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance in setting the housing requirement and the strategy of the local plan to meet this.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	An approach for balanced distribution to parishes would be limited by the available services and facilities necessary to accommodate the additional residential populations

	While there may be benefits to delivering proportionate growth, this may reinforce harmful impacts and could be constrained by assets of particular importance or protected areas
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of planning constraints and infrastructure.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	There is significant merit to the Council continuing to decide which are the most appropriate locations for housing through allocations, including the newly arising requirement to promote small and medium sites (NPPF para 67a)
Response:	The Council will review whether strategic allocations provide the most efficient method of meeting the Boroughs housing need, whilst also seeking to maximise development on small and medium sites.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	There is presently no evidence that creating new settlements would help meet identified need in a sustainable way given the range of opportunities available at the main settlements
Response:	Noted. The option of new settlements will be considered against other options in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	The primary dis-benefit of a new village are the lead-in time to deliver the necessary infrastructure and creating the place and community.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the unique issues associated with planning for a new village which would be taken into account when considering the option.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	A mixed approach cannot be discounted as the most appropriate means to identify a sufficient supply and mix of sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider relevant options, including in combination where this is a potential consideration.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	Primary must be placed on identifying sufficient land and a mix of sites, including priority of brownfield sites
Response:	The Council will make provision for development requirements. The Council will review the housing distribution, including the range, size and location of sites for allocation in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	Andover must be recognised as the most sustainable settlement to accommodate growth and previously developed land should be utilised, such as SHELAA31.

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, including the approach to Andover as the largest settlement in the Borough.
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Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Need to get clarity on the total number of houses expected for Test Valley
Response:	Noted. This will be examined through the preparation of the next Local Plan, having regard to national planning policy and guidance. The Government has set a standard methodology as the starting point for setting the housing requirement.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Simply because a settlement has poor transport connections does not make it non-sustainable
Response:	Noted. In considering the approach to sustainable development, the Council will need to have regard to national planning policy and guidance as well as the local context. The National Planning Policy Framework recognises that opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary between urban and rural areas, and that this should be taken into consideration in plan making (paragraph 103).

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The old patterns of working and obtaining daily requirements are over; the Council should recognise the 'death of distance'
Response:	The Council recognises changing patterns of working and will consider how best this should be taken into account in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	The current plan puts most housing in existing large settlements, which seems wrong for both positive and negative reasons
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy between different sizes of settlements.

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	For the large settlements (e.g. Romsey) this leads to an increase in the population, leading to overstretch of existing infrastructure. On the other hand villages lose out on housing which may make it sustainable (alongside its ability to have a shop, pub, etc.)
Response:	The Council will take into account existing and potential infrastructure when allocating sites for development. The Council will consider this issue of the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10065	
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Summary of comment:	Although some say extra journeys are generated from development in villages, if infrastructure is available then fewer journeys are required
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the sustainability of villages in both transport and infrastructure terms.

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	Planners have decided that it is better to have 1 or 2 large 'fights' against development in towns, rather than 40 small 'fights' in villages, given that development is usually perceived as negative in such areas
Response:	Noted. The housing distribution and allocation of sites for development will be made in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Community-led distribution; NPPF states it is the responsibility of the Local Plan to identify land for homes, strategic policy-making authorities should establish a housing requirement figure for the whole area, within this policies should also set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflect the overall strategy for the pattern/scale of development and any relevant allocations
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate Distribution to parishes, limited by available services and facilities necessary to accommodate additional residents. Possible benefits, but growth could reinforce harmful impacts and be constrained by important assets or protected areas. Distribution to rural parishes must be founded upon evidence , with fundamental principles for policies to identify opportunities for villages
Response:	Were a proportionate distribution to be implemented it would need to be justified, taking account of individual settlement and sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Local plan allocations; NPPF para 67 objective for the Local Plan to identify land for homes and mix of sites to deliver the requirement. Current Local Plan successfully identifies a variety of allocations and guided delivery. Merit in the Council continuing to decide which are the most appropriate locations in accordance to paras. 77 & 78; including newly arising requirements to promote small and medium sites (para 68a)
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10070	
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Summary of comment:	New village; the NPPF does not preclude new settlements but there is no evidence that such an approach would meet identified needs sustainably, given opportunities in existing settlements. Also lead-in time to deliver infrastructure and creating place/community. A new village is not a viable option
Response:	Noted. New settlements would only be considered where it would be possible to achieve sustainable development.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	A mixed approach cannot be discounted as the most appropriate means to identify a sufficient supply and mix of sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider relevant options, including in combination where this is a potential consideration.

Reference: 10074	
Summary of comment:	Current policy should be maintained in the next local plan. Do not support proportionate distribution to parishes, it is a blunt instrument and takes no account of the suitability of any parish to accept future development. Proportional allocation would increase historic requirement and threaten village character proscribed by green spaces, settlement/conservation boundaries and SINCS etc.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of the character of settlements, planning constraints and infrastructure.

Reference: 10074	
Summary of comment:	Andover and Romsey are already substantial towns with established infrastructure including road and rail links. Their further development would have the least impact on the overall character of the borough of any of the identified options
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account existing and potential infrastructure when considering which areas are best able to facilitate sustainable development.

Reference: 10080, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution is aspirational; very few communities actually want to encourage new housing
Response:	The Council in setting the housing distribution through the next Local Plan will undertake this in a collaborative way with local communities. The Council will continue to support communities wishing to develop housing using community led development.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution sounds equitable but in reality some parishes would be better placed to see growth than others
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of the character of settlements, planning constraints and infrastructure.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan Allocations have the benefit of professional planners' judgements on where housing might best be accommodated
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will be prepared in collaboration with the community.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	The New Village option might not be best; the district is dispersed with currently no immediate pressure for a new village. It would take many years to establish and would suffer from poor transport links like other villages. Instead it is better to build upon existing village
Response:	The Council recognises the unique challenges associated within the creation of a new settlement which would be assessed against potential benefits.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Garden villages with their own new services and infrastructure will help alleviate stress currently placed on towns and villages
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the balance between the provision of new and existing infrastructure. New settlements would only be considered where it would be possible to achieve sustainable development.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	At least two more cars for each additional household in Wellow.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing its transport policies, including parking provision, in preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	There is a relationship between "promoting and retaining existing services" and the transport practicalities in enjoying reasonable access.
Response:	Noted. The importance of access to services is recognised.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Development should be a NP issue in terms of the numbers and mix of any additional housing that residents consider should be planned for.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will set the development requirements for the Borough and the spatial strategy and strategic policies and allocations to meet this, alongside neighbourhood plans. The Council will continue to engage with residents when assessing suitable sites for housing, as well as will support Parishes wishing to influence the scale and location of housing through Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Reference: 10085	
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Summary of comment:	NPPF needs to catch up on the use of social media through supporting a more virtual community not rooted in historic connected and places.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how best it undertakes engagement, including this use of social media.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The current concentration of facilities supports development in the main settlements which can therefore facilitate greater number of dwellings.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the settlement hierarchy in preparation of the next Local Plan which will assess the facilities within settlements amongst other factors.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Sustainability for villages should be determined locally and supported by the Council.
Response:	Noted. The Council supports Parishes wishing to determine local planning policies through the creation of Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Community led development seems the only option aligned with the Localism Act 2011. However proportionate distribution could provide the timely delivery of new development
Response:	Noted. Community led development will have a role in meeting the housing requirement together with other mechanisms. The deliverability of housing to meet the housing requirement will necessary over the plan period of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Recent research concludes that NP's have contributed negligibly to planned housing. Therefore community led distribution on its own may fail on aggregation to delivery sufficient housing numbers.
Response:	Noted. Community led development will have a role in meeting the housing requirement together with other mechanisms.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution might encourage greater cooperation between parish councils on new development
Response:	Noted. Where parishes wish to work together on neighbourhood plan or other community led planning this will be encouraged and supported by the Council.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Whilst New Garden Villages could be seen as leading to 'social engineering', they provide a level of innovation should deserve to be investigated in more detail by the Council.

Response:	The Council will consider the potential benefits and challenges associated with the creation of new settlements when assessing housing distribution options in the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council supports the existing approach in the Local Plan to distribute development through allocations, as this is based on evidence gathered through the SHELAA
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the SHELAA and review the housing distribution, including the approach to housing allocations and other sources of provision.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution is aspirational; very few communities actually want to encourage new housing
Response:	Noted. The Council in setting the housing distribution through the next Local Plan will undertake this in a collaborative way with local communities. The Council will continue to support communities wishing to develop housing using community led development.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable growth in existing rural communities needed, through conversions of redundant buildings, the provision of new homes on brownfield land and infill dwellings
Response:	The Council will continue to encourage high quality sustainable housing development throughout the Borough, especially on brownfield sites.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	To deliver infrastructure and facilities strategic allocations are needed (as set out in para. 72 of the NPPF)
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the ability of strategic allocations to deliver infrastructure, however CIL allows for all relevant developments to contribute.

Reference: 10091	
Summary of comment:	<p>A policy of concentration rather than dispersal is needed, through a new sustainable urban extension to the north-east of Andover (such as land south of Finkley Farm).</p> <p>Land south of Finkley Farm could be developed to create a distinctive new neighbourhood based on garden city principles with opportunities for housing, employment, retail and education as well as new POS.</p> <p>Land south of Finkley Farm could provide a care village including retirement homes and extra care accommodation, and could enhance connectivity to the railway line through a new railway crossing or a new Andover East railway station</p>

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution, including that to be identified at Andover and the allocation of site for new development, taking account of infrastructure.
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Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Proportional distribution would have less significant impacts (environmentally and socially), as adding to existing sprawling towns is not the answer
Response:	The Council will consider whether proportional distribution provides the ideal method of distributing development throughout the Borough, taking account of potential impacts.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	For STV, bringing forward allocations through NP's would be fragmented and ad hoc in its nature
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the role of neighbourhood plan is contributing provision to meet the housing requirement, alongside strategic allocations and other mechanisms.

Reference: 10094	
Summary of comment:	An approach that coarsely allocates housing growth based only on the size of existing settlements would fail to adhere to sustainable principles of development
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises sustainability takes into account a range of factors in addition to the existing size of settlements which must be taken into consideration when allocating housing growth.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Given the significant growth constraints facing the main settlements, serious thought should be given to the New Village approach. This would allow for significant infrastructure investment and is supported by the Government
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the potential benefits and challenges associated with the creation of new settlements when assessing housing distribution options in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution appears a fair and reasonable approach to meeting housing needs in rural areas
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of the character of settlements, planning constraints and infrastructure.

Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	Whilst strategic allocations have successfully delivered overall housing numbers, it failed to meet the needs of rural residents, who should be the focus for the next plan

Response:	The Council recognises the unique housing challenges facing rural areas which will continue to be addressed in the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10097	
Summary of comment:	Rural sites will be of a scale to deliver quicker, high quality schemes which could be catered to meet the needs of local residents.
Response:	Noted. Development within rural areas needs to be appropriate and proportionate to the needs of local residents.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	Extreme caution should be taken in the parish distribution approach, as it is hard to see there are any sound planning reasons to move away from the current strategy
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy.. Account will be taken of the character of settlements, planning constraints and infrastructure.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Mixed approach set out in para.5.26 would be supported, combination of; community led schemes, development in sustainable smaller villages and large scale developments
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider relevant options, including in combination where this is a potential consideration.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Importance of community led development recognised as 10% of housing should be on sites no larger than 1Ha; this is suitable to be delivered through NPs. This is not suitable for bringing forward the gull housing requirement
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on the housing provision to be delivered from small sites. The Council will consider the role of neighbourhood plan is contributing provision to meet the housing requirement, alongside strategic allocations and other mechanisms.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	All development will contribute to CIL to deliver Borough-wide and local infrastructure. Sites under 1Ha are unable to provide any significant infrastructure beyond the CIL contribution. On suite facilities alongside major developments benefit both future and existing residents
Response:	Note. The Council recognises the ability of strategic allocations to deliver infrastructure. Significant on-site and off-site infrastructure and community facilities have been delivered by recent new neighbourhoods.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Significant benefits yielded from larger developments would be missed if spatial strategy was limited to only community led

	development/proportionate distribution. Recommend strategic allocations
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the role of neighbourhood plans is contributing provision to meet the housing requirement, alongside strategic allocations and other mechanisms.

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	The PDL on Brenty Nursery once the business has relocated could be used for residential or commercial use. Far from being isolated, the land has in recent time been absorbed into the fringe of the urban area of Romsey
Response:	Noted. The Council consider options for site allocations from sites within the SHELAA. Consideration will be given to relevant factors including location and PDL.

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should continue to focus growth on the largest settlements, given the large range of services, facilities and transport connections available in Romsey, for example
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution, including to larger settlements.

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	As a local business we welcome both social and economic growth in Romsey and would welcome the opportunity to discuss with the Council how our landholdings can aid delivery that supports future growth of our business
Response:	Noted, there shall be opportunities throughout the plan making process for further comment and submit land for consideration for potential development allocation through the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) 'call for sites' process.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	In order to deliver the housing need, the mixed approach as set out in paragraph 5.26 would be supported.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises a mixed approach may provide an appropriate method of distributing development appropriately throughout Test Valley.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	It is important for residents that Ampfield remains a rural community as described in its VDS; as such proportionate distribution is not considered appropriate as it would change the character of the Parish.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. Account will be taken of the character of rural settlements

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution would not take account of sustainability issues - parishes with infrastructure could support

	more houses than those without them. Perhaps this could be resolved by grouping several parishes together for the purpose, or apportion houses to parishes based on relative sustainable ratings
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the role Parishes could play in appropriately meeting the housing need within Test Valley, including the issue of infrastructure provision.

Reference: 10109	
Summary of comment:	A housing distribution strategy based on dispersal is more likely to support the rural economy, key local services, reduce trips and enable people to live in their existing communities.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of how rural communities can be sustained, including consideration of the economy, services and transport.

Reference: 10109	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should take into account the NPPF definition of 'deliverable' and guidance provided within the PPG 2014.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance. The proposals for meeting the housing requirement will need to be demonstrated as being deliverable.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Areas to the north west of Andover have a higher level of accessibility relative to other parts of the broad area and perform well in relation to biodiversity; the edge of Ludgershall performs better than Stockbridge and is comparable to areas around Andover
Response:	In reviewing the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy account will be taken on the relationships between settlements. Accessibility and biodiversity will be relevant factor in considering potential site allocation in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	All current allocations in rural NTV are on land to the east of Andover. Issue arising from this approach is the limiting of choice of locations for new buyers, concentrating on one location and reducing price differentials between developments which come to the market
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the range of choice of sites for future allocations including by location. To locate the majority of growth on the eastern side of Andover has been the strategy in recent local plans.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Creating complete reliance on delivery of all the HMA need into one location that may not deliver at the required rate, and not the most sustainable location that are remote from the town

	centre. Smaller settlements provide better opportunities for new development allocations
Response:	The Council will review the housing distribution and consider the range of choice of sites for future allocations including by location and settlement size.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Simply allocating more sites to the edge of Andover is not as sustainable as delivering more homes in settlements which have accessible facilities already in place to support an increase in population, and which are at risk if there is no critical mass of users to sustain them
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account existing infrastructure when allocating sites for housing. The Council will consider how to sustain rural communities.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Considered a new approach to spatial distribution is needed with a mix of options. Include continuing Local Plan allocations with new allocations at other Key Service Centres. Proportionate distribution to Parishes should not just be based on existing populations
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises a mixed approach may provide an appropriate method of distributing development appropriately throughout Test Valley.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Allowing more even distribution of development across Test Valley and accommodating appropriate levels of growth in rural villages would provide the opportunity for them to grow which would sustain vitality and give people choice to live where they have connections
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role planning policies can play in maintaining and enhancing the vitality and viability of rural areas.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Concern relating to Community Led Distribution; distribution under this option would be informed by the number and location of parishes which have embraced community led planning/producing NPs within which would be a housing figure they would be expected to bring forward
Response:	Noted. The Council encourages and supports the preparation of neighbourhood plans. Where a housing provision figure to be identified, then in the absence of a neighbourhood plan or other community led development, other options for delivery would then be considered.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Any residual figure would be distributed across the Borough, this is an unreliable approach to meeting development need as

	it depends on parishes which have embraced community led planning as results may favour these parishes with the resources to prepare a NP rather than the most suitable/sustainable locations
Response:	Noted. The Council encourages and supports the preparation of neighbourhood plans. Where a housing provision figure to be identified, then in the absence of a neighbourhood plan or other community led development, other options for delivery would then be considered.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Not all areas have the population threshold to allow for a Parish Council which discriminate against such villages which need to form a separate, accountable & legal entity to progress a NP
Response:	Noted. The Council will work with such areas to explore the options available should they wish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan. Other community led mechanisms for delivery of development through the planning system as also available.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Support a strategy which would enable small-scale growth in rural areas to come forward where the genuine opportunities are suitable, available and deliverable. Would include identification of new sites of varying sizes for development to support the vitality of rural areas and provide for extensive affordable needs
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure appropriate mechanisms to deliver housing are available to rural settlements and which could be delivered through sites of varying scales, taking account of settlement character, size and infrastructure.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	This could be part of a wider strategy seeking to distribute development more evenly across Test Valley rather than concentrate development near existing major settlements. This approach would enable villages the opportunity to grow/prosper/respond to local housing need/support vitality
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution. The Council will seek to support the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	The Whitenap allocation (COM3) should be carried forward into the new Local Plan. The potential of the site to make a significant contribution to housing delivery in the borough remains and since the relatively recent adoption of the current Local Plan, preparation work has been undertaken to facilitate delivery of a new neighbourhood at Whitenap in accordance with policy COM3

Response:	Noted. The Council will review existing allocations into the next Local Plan as appropriate. Account will be taken on the stage delivery of these has reached in the planning process.
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Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	This important element of the local plan review should consider the issues facing rural communities, including for example the "Taylor Review"
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of relevant guidance and best practice advice on the approach to planning for rural communities.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	The mixed approach is likely to be most suitable, with the PPG stating site allocations in the rural area are appropriate. National policy and guidance also support community led development
Response:	Noted. The Council will explore a range of options with regards to the distribution of housing, as well as will support and encourage communities seeking to implement community led development.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	The revised NPPF placed emphasis on the importance of small and medium sized sites in helping to meet development needs, as they are often built-out quicker and help reduce the reliance on a small number of large site allocations
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and the range and choice of sites by size and location. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	Pro-rate distribution is less appropriate as it fails to consider the demographics of the settlement and the accessibility to local services and facilities. It risks some smaller settlements from stagnating where there may be opportunities for small scale/ proportionate growth.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that development needs to be appropriate and proportionate to settlements which encouraging sustainable growth. The Council will seek to support the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Parish Councils (and community groups) should engage with plan making through Neighbourhood Plans. Proportional distribution should not be imposed upon an area
Response:	The Council will continue to support Parishes wishing to plan positively for their local communities through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans. The next Local Plan will be prepared in collaborate with our communities.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Proportional distribution undermines the desire to meet housing needs that are driven by geographic drivers, such as growth to support Southampton.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, including relationships with neighbouring settlements, including Southampton.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The Council's approach of focusing development in larger settlements is supported
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy, including the approach to development in larger settlements.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The settlement hierarchy should be updated, as this evidence should be a key driver in the spatial distribution of development across the Borough
Response:	The Council will review the settlement hierarchy in preparation for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Nursling is a highly sustainable location for growth, being well located to a wide range of services, facilities and employment opportunities where development could be located where the need for travel is reduced. The relationship between Nursling and Southampton needs greater recognition, and there is a strong argument that Nursling should be categorised as a major centre as part of Southampton.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy, including relationships with neighbouring settlements.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Focusing on Test Valley only is an insular approach by not considering the employment/ retail / education / leisure opportunities in Southampton, thus limiting Nursling's latent potential for meeting the Borough's development needs.
Response:	The Council will review the settlement hierarchy including relationships with neighbouring settlements.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	A mixed approach will support the delivery of the plan's aims and objectives, and will provide flexibility to changing circumstances that will occur over the plan's life. Focussing solely on one or two strategies runs the risk of being too narrowly focused. A mixed approach is consistent with paragraph 68 and paragraph 72 of the NPPF
Response:	The Council recognises that whilst large strategic sites can allow the Council to effectively meet its housing need, smaller

	sites can also provide high quality, well distributed development throughout the Borough. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.
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Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	A mixed approach will support the delivery of the plan's aims and objectives, and will provide flexibility to changing circumstances that will occur over the plan's life
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek an approach which aligns with the plans aims and objectives and provides for sufficient flexibility.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Consideration should be given to the importance of strategic-scale sites in meeting housing need across the Borough. The timeframe for delivery of such sites is not necessarily dependent on a single developer, as these sites are often sub-
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether strategic housing sites continue to provide an effective method of developing housing within the Borough. The Council will consider the approach to a range and choice of sites.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Identification of sites should not be left to the neighbourhood planning process, as this will result in uneven and unsustainable distribution of housing. Neighbourhood Plans will come forward over varying timescales, which will affect the delivery of identified development needs over appropriate timeframes
Response:	Noted. The Council will provide guidance and support to Parishes producing Neighbourhood Plans to ensure housing allocations are placed in the most sustainable locations. The potential provision to meet the housing requirement through neighbourhood plans will be considered including the timescale for delivery during the plan period.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Support a development strategy which looks to allocate larger sites to the most sustainable settlements as well as support smaller villages through an appropriate level of development to support their function/role
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the need to distribute development appropriately throughout Test Valley to ensure the vitality and viability of urban and rural communities.

Reference: 10123, 10124	
Summary of comment:	A mixed approach will be necessary in order to achieve sustainable development and deliver development required including settlement extensions
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. The approach will be considered in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution would be a mechanistic approach, some parishes want development while others feel they have has enough. It should be a starting point but should be tempered by local views/the amount of recent development as area has already had
Response:	Noted. The Council will take into account local housing need, environmental constraints and infrastructure amongst other factors when distributing development. The next Local Plan will be prepared in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution is aspirational; very few communities actually want to encourage new housing, ref: NPPF para 69 supports allocations of small/medium sites by NP groups
Response:	Noted. The Council encourages and supports community led development. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Proportional distribution sounds equitable but some parishes are better placed than others for growth. This method guarantees a housing figure for parishes, may be preferable for sites to be allocated by the Local Plan so they come forward quicker
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. Account will be taken of the character, size and infrastructure of settlements. The provision to meet the housing requirement from neighbourhood plans will be considered.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan allocations benefit from applications with professional planners' judgements; but fear the Council will seek to retain the status-quo with this option with strategic sites close to Andover and Romsey
Response:	Noted. The Council will review whether strategic sites at the larger settlements in Test Valley continues to provide an effective method for meeting the housing need.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	There is no pressure for a new village, it would take years to establish and suffer the same problems as existing villages in terms of transport, far better to use existing resources in existing villages
Response:	Noted. New settlements would only be considered where it would be possible to achieve sustainable development.

Reference: 10130	
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Summary of comment:	See the mixed approach taken by Winchester Local Plan part 2 and Denmead Neighbourhood Plan each allocated sites in their areas. Only concern is too many Neighbourhood Plans seeking to allocate sites, some might fall behind relying on the Local Plan to step in
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the appropriate role of neighbourhood plans alongside the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution; broadly in line with national policy, however to ensure delivery is not delayed Council should ensure resources are in place to give assistance to Parishes/Neighbourhood Plan groups
Response:	The Council will continue to support Parishes wishing to prepare Neighbourhood Plans.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	May be pertinent to undertake community planning workshops centred on SHELAA sites, or if there are none to help communities bring forward sites to help meet the need of Parishes
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how to engage with communities on the choice of potential sites.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution; problematic as proportion of population may be at odds with constraints. E.g. settlements with high proportion of population but low capacity & vice versa
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to take environmental constraints, together with existing and potential infrastructure, into account when distributing development.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan allocations; provide mechanism for thorough assessment of potential sites, advantage of frontloading a proportion of the planning process
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to meeting the housing requirement including strategic allocations with the local plan..

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Mixed approach represents the most justified approach ensuring certainty of delivery with small sites delivering short/medium term and larger sites phased at later stages
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the appropriate mix of provision to meet the housing requirement, including the range and choice of sites and the timescale of deliverability over the plan period.

Reference: 10133	
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Summary of comment:	Current development strategy concentrates development to existing main settlements, Andover and Romsey are major centres with the widest range of facilities reflected in the scale of growth proposed at each settlement. Andover remains the most sustainable settlement in NTV, and should continue to be the most appropriate location for additional growth
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. The Council will take into account the number and range of facilities and infrastructure in settlements, including Andover as the largest settlement in the Borough.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Supply of new homes can be best achieved through planning large scale developments e.g. new settlements or significant extensions; given Andover's role and capacity to accommodate growth it is considered new allocations at Andover should be at the heart of the new Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role Andover as the largest settlement in the Borough. Consideration of the range and choice of sites for allocations for new development.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Allocations are a central component of the Local Plan ensuring a significant proportion of future growth requirements are delivered. Focussing on main towns like Andover provides them continued support in their role/function and facilitates wider infrastructure improvement/provision
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role Andover as the largest settlement in the Borough. Consideration of the range and choice of sites for allocations for new development.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Focus on allocations does not render other development opportunities redundant in terms of directing growth to lower tier settlements. Delivery reflecting settlement hierarchy and role/function of settlements are complementary/necessary to ensure housing/employment growth is provided borough wide
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure development is distributed amongst the major centres as well as rural settlements appropriately. Consideration will be given to provision to meet the housing requirement which is from other mechanisms in addition to strategic allocations.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Community led distribution is consistent with Localism providing communities to shape their surroundings, but also has inherent risks to delivery as there is no certainty they will want to undertake a NP, posing risks to delivery

Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to support Parishes wishing to plan positively for their communities through creating Neighbourhood Development Plans. In the absence of a neighbourhood plan or other community led delivery, other mechanism will be considered.
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Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution is not supported as would be simple pro-rata split reflecting population, not taking into account levels of services/facilities or capacity to accommodate growth in the context of preserving quality/character of settlements natural, historic and built environments
Response:	Noted. In considering potential options, the approach of a proportionate distribution is one which is being consulted upon. Whether this is the approach to be proposed in the next local plan will be subject to the outcome of consultation and further assessment. Consideration will be given the character, size and infrastructure of settlements.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Garden villages can provide a positive response to identified need, however encounter delays due to planning on such a scale for development/infrastructure
Response:	Noted. The Council is exploring the benefits and constraints of a number of options for housing distribution including a possible new garden village. Given the lead in time to deliver development, this would likely be a long term option.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Review of the Local Plan housing strategy and the potential of the rural settlements to provide locations for future development is supported. Housing distribution strategy based on dispersal rather than concentration around Andover/Romsey will support the rural economy, local service, reduce trips and enable people to stay in their communities
Response:	In preparing the next local plan, the Council review the housing distribution and location and size of development allocations. This could include a wider distribution of development to rural settlements and smaller allocations. The potential benefits which such an approach might deliver will be taken into account as part of this assessment.

Reference: 10135	
Summary of comment:	The achieve consistency with NPPF test of soundness the distribution strategy should take account of NPPF definition of "deliverable" and PPG relating to "suitability" of land for housing
Response:	In considering the potential of sites for development allocations, the Council will take account of national guidance in both the NPPF and PPG, including on the issues of deliverability and on their suitability of land for housing.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Has there been much cooperation from Test Valley with parish councils? Feel this does not bode well for future planning and discussions
Response:	Parish Councils are regularly consulted on planning applications and are statutory consultees for other important planning matters including the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents etc. The Council also assists Parish Council with their approaches to community planning including Neighbourhood Planning and Village Design Statements. The Council wishes to prepare the next local plan in collaboration with parish councils throughout the preparation process.

Paragraph 5.27

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	The Council should allocate areas (within settlement boundaries) that are only available for sustainable development that will contribute to the 2050 Carbon Act target.
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will need to take account of social, economic and environmental considerations when considering the approach to new development within the Borough. National planning policy sets out that plans should take a proactive approach to mitigation and adapting to climate change in line with the objectives of the Climate Change Act 2008. The Council has declared a climate emergency and prepared an action plan. How to address and respond to climate change will be at the core of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10073	
Summary of comment:	Without settlement boundaries around the majority of the settlements in our parish there is no scope for development
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing the approach to settlement boundaries as part of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Expand onto land which in generally unconstrained and can be developed without harmful impact on the more sensitive parts of Test Valley
Response:	The consideration of any land for potential allocation for development will take into account all relevant statutory and non-statutory designations and planning constraints. The location of sites in relation to accessibility, facilities and services is also though a relevant consideration. The Council will seek to protect designated land, alongside meeting development needs.

Question 9: How should the settlement boundaries be defined in the next Local Plan?

Reference: 10001

Summary of comment:	They are currently clear and defined
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	They should be reviewed in the light of the advice in the NPPF and PPG and recent case law. For example, where there are groups of small settlements, development in one village may support services in neighbouring villages, to help achieve sustainable development
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance , together with relevant case law. In reviewing the settlement hierarchy consideration will be given to the relationship between settlements.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF does not specify that a village must be designated, as such the development plan should not specify any limitation to the size of a village
Response:	Noted. Settlement boundaries provide the approach to which policies of the plan are relevant to the consideration of new development applications.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The PPG advises that all settlements can play a role in delivering sustainable development in rural areas; as such, blanket policies restricting settlements from expanding should be avoided unless supported by robust evidence
Response:	Noted. Settlement boundaries provide the approach to which policies of the plan are relevant to the consideration of new development applications. Settlements without a settlement boundary have policies which apply which can allow for development, subject to justification and satisfying the criteria of those policies.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Recent case law established that paragraph 55 of the NPPF cannot be read as a policy against development in settlements without facilities and services, as people would travel to neighbouring villages to enhance and maintain the services there.
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of case law as relevant.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	A comprehensive review of the boundaries should be undertaken to address the issue of smaller settlements located close to larger settlements which do not currently have defined boundaries.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries. Account will be taken on the relationship between settlements.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Some revisions could be permitted to allow for possible limited infill development which would not substantially alter the characteristics of the settlement by adding say no more than 3% of new dwellings to a settlement, or impinge on open countryside.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries and whether these should allow for limited additional growth.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge infill could result in overdevelopment of small sites, and where possible, squaring off boundaries could make more sense.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries. Any development will be subject to the other relevant policies of the plan including consideration of amenity, development form, density and character.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	It might be helpful to align Parish boundaries with settlement boundaries. For example, part of Stockbridge settlement area is outside Stockbridge Parish Boundary.
Response:	Noted. The future review of parish boundaries is a separate process to the definition of settlement boundaries though the local plan. The last Community Governance Review was implemented in 2019.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries should be defined by access to jobs, shops, services and transport links
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries and whether other issues should also be taken into account.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The potential expansion outside the current boundaries in Upper Clatford and Anna Valley is constrained by geography, limiting the opportunity for expansion without threatening the village character
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether other issues should also be taken into account.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The standard way of defining settlement boundaries (tight to existing buildings and curtilages) should be used to prevent the loss of effective control of the size and extent of settlements, which puts pressure on SPAs

Response:	Noted. The effects of new development on nature conservation designations, including SPAs will need to be taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The plan would need to be subject to a Habitat Regulations Assessment.
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Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	The settlement boundary of North Baddesley should be retained, to help preserve the sense of identity in the area
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Should continue to be defined so as to clearly demark the boundaries of built up areas and planned extensions; and areas intended to remain countryside. Gives clarity to developers, infrastructure providers and the public.
Response:	Noted. The settlement boundaries as currently defined provide for this function, however planning policies provide a framework for the consideration of development in the countryside (outside of settlement boundaries).

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	The current settlement boundaries has remained relatively unchanged in successive local plans. However, the 2016 plan did introduce a more flexible approach to defining settlements
Response:	The Council reviewed the approach to settlement boundaries, including the provision of a settlement hierarchy as part of the current adopted local plan. In preparing the next local plan, this approach will be reviewed alongside the housing distribution and the location and size of development allocations.

Reference: 10035	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries should be upheld as much as possible and not breached to protect the character of small settlements
Response:	Noted. Each planning application is considered on its merits, however settlement boundaries provide for a distinction between the policy approach between the settlement and countryside.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	As now, with significant open space maintained between discreet and uniquely different villages
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Current settlement boundary constraints work well, should be informed by local village planning process. Local plan should give each settlement a growth percentage to achieve but for villages to locate growth. If they can't the Borough would impose sites

Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy and approach to defining settlement boundaries in collaboration with local communities. The Council will review the housing distribution. Where provision to be made of rural communities consideration will be given as to whether this is delivered through a neighbourhood plan or strategic allocation. If provision envisaged through a neighbourhood plan or other community led approach does not occur, other mechanisms will be considered.
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Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Present approach to settlement boundaries should be maintained but with exceptions and flexibilities, but should not stand in the way of good quality small scale non-infill development which is supported by the local residents/local parish
Response:	Noted. The approach to defining settlement boundaries will be reviewed, including whether they should be more flexible. However, they do not prevent community led development.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Current settlement boundaries can sometimes seem strict, in future a softer line should be drawn allowing for sites that may be attached the settlement but not directly part of the settlement to be included
Response:	Noted. The approach to defining settlement boundaries will be reviewed, including whether they should be more flexible

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The continual expansions of the major centres and revisions to the settlement boundaries could affect the coherence of the settlement in the long term
Response:	In preparing the next local plan, the Council will consider the housing distribution, settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries, and the location and size of development allocations. This will take account of the character and size of the existing settlement.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should reduce the burden on existing major centres but have the same if not better sustainability credentials for meeting needs
Response:	In preparing the next local plan, the Council will consider the housing distribution, settlement hierarchy and settlement boundaries, and the location and size of development allocations. This will take account of the character and size of the existing settlement, together with accessibility, and the number and range of facilities and services.

Reference: 10047	
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Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries should in part be informed by the Local Nature Partnership ecological network mapping
Response:	Noted. There will be a range of considerations that need to be taken into account in reviewing our approach to settlement boundaries. There may be scenarios where settlement boundaries and areas of value identified through the ecological network mapping could overlap, should such scenarios occur the policies would need to be clear on the implications.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Take account of physical features (rivers, roads, tree belts, etc.) which could extend the boundary beyond curtilages, expanding villages whilst protecting the character of the area
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of alternative features.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Maintain the boundaries of the existing settlements, and pursue proportionate distribution to these settlements with local villages able to locate the development within their boundaries
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the housing distribution, taking account of the character, size and infrastructure of settlements.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Priority must be given to the use of brownfield land within settlement boundaries for further development
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of the potential of brownfield sites to delivery additional development as part of the plan's strategy to meet development needs.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundary policy does not appear to work in practice, several sites have been given consent in areas designated countryside. Boundaries appear to creep outwards because a site adjoins an existing one.
Response:	The comments are noted. Each planning application needs to be assessed on its own merits. There will be circumstances when development in the countryside accords with local plan policies, or when other considerations outweigh conflict with the local plan policies. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be a review of the approach to settlement boundaries.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support firm settlement boundaries which indicate where development is permissible, strongly object to encroachment on open countryside. Think about a "settlement envelope" approach give scope to the growth of some communities
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries, including whether this should be more flexible.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries should continue to be defined so as to clearly demark boundaries of built up areas/planned extensions/areas to remain as countryside. Gives clarity to developers and infrastructure providers
Response:	Noted. The settlement boundaries as currently defined provide for this function, however planning policies provide a framework for the consideration of development in the countryside (outside of settlement boundaries).

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Current process encourages building in gardens and backland development. It is not a good idea
Response:	This approach can be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Within the adopted Local Plan, policy E1 sets out that development should integrate, respect and complement the character of the area, with paragraph 7.8 recognising that some settlements have a linear character where development would need to be planned sensitively.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	They should be defined as they are now; they need a very close definition to preserve the locality
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	A more relaxed understanding of demands in the countryside are needed, reflecting the Government's tolerated permitted development rights for changes of use
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries, alongside the strategy of the plan as a whole, including seeking to sustain rural communities.

Reference: 10006	
Summary of comment:	<p>Within the Local Plan there is no separate settlement boundary for the village of Charlton</p> <p>Charlton is allocated as a neighbourhood area to allow for a NP, and so should get a designated settlement to match the parish boundary</p> <p>In the "Settlement Hierarchy Topic Paper" Charlton is noted as a Key Service Centre as well as a rural village; therefore we insist it is designated a settlement boundary</p>
Response:	Given its close proximity to Andover there is no countryside land between Andover and Charlton which would allow for a separation of the two settlements. The majority of Charlton is covered by a settlement boundary

Reference: 10070	
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Summary of comment:	Local Plan cannot rely solely on settlement boundaries to achieve sustainable development in rural areas. Their use as a planning tool is supported, but must recognise the current approach has not delivered the right type of housing, linked to the absence of affordable housing delivered within settlement boundaries in rural communities as insufficient in size to trigger the contribution. A positive approach is required to allocate land outside boundaries
Response:	Noted. Settlement boundaries are one of a number of subjects the work leading to the next local plan will be considering to ensure the right homes are built in the right areas

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Current approach is about right, but every village should have a settlement boundary as the impact of not having one is that it precludes any development at all
Response:	Noted. The majority of villages in Test Valley already have a settlement boundary, however an assessment of all current settlements will be carried out for the next local plan

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries are drawn along physical boundaries which stifles the ability of settlements to grow. Flexibility is required and ability to adapt to rapid change is needed so settlement boundaries should be drawn more loosely around built-up areas
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether this should be more flexible.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	It is unrealistic to expect all new development to be built within the current settlement boundaries, regardless of its size
Response:	Noted. This is not the expectation. Settlement boundaries differentiate between settlement and countryside as to which local plan policies apply.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	A 'tiered' system, where there is a settlement boundary, an area of land with a defined limit which adjoins the boundary (Tier 1) and the countryside (Tier 2). This approach allows for the modest expansion of smaller settlements on land contiguous with the boundary without affecting historical centres and without causing coalescence. This could expand to three or more tiers on larger settlement, although any proposals would still have to comply with other policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries, including whether it should be more flexible.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	The existing criteria is logical, although it needs to be implemented in a sensible and pragmatic way
Response:	Noted. Each case is considered on its merits, with the relevant planning policies being the starting point for decision making.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	All existing boundaries should be reviewed with minor modifications made if appropriate (e.g. an appeal has been allowed, the boundary follows a curtilage too tightly, etc.)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries. Account will be taken on appeal decisions and the features which have been used.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	They should not be changed with respect to Nursling and Rownhams, North Baddesley, Valley Park, Chilworth, Ampfield and Romsey
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries. In order to undertake a comprehensive review and provide for a Borough-wide consistent approach all boundaries will be reviewed, although this may not result in a change in an individual settlement case.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	They should be increased in rural areas to accommodate future demand
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	They should be expanded in rural areas, although probably best not just done by allocating pro-rata numbers as this is arbitrary.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	They should be drawn around sites that are the best in planning terms and meets the local authority's planning aims.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10084	
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Summary of comment:	The status quo of keeping settlements exactly as they are should not be an option
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. The intention of settlement boundaries is not to prevent any change or growth, but to set the framework for the policies against which this will be considered.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Neighbourhood Plans and community led planning initiatives should be used to update settlement boundaries.
Response:	Noted. Neighbourhood Plan may be able to review settlement boundaries, however the starting point will be that these are strategic and set through the local plan as part of its spatial strategy.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Land parcels that contain opportunities to meet housing need in sustainable locations can be included within them
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Bere Hill is currently outside the settlement boundary but should be included in Andover's. The site is no longer in a rural setting and can accommodate housing within significant extension into the countryside
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will be a review of whether additional sites need to be allocated to deliver the housing requirement. The review of the approach to settlement boundaries can take account of this process.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	All boundaries should be reviewed with the objective of making greater provision in the villages
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	The Council needs to thinking more laterally about what is a 'settlement' (e.g. towns located near main transport routes with facilities yet are currently classed as 'countryside')
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy, including which settlement has a settlement boundary defined.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	The Council needs to think outside the box to meet the needs of rural people and replenish those communities which are dwindling.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider how the plan as a whole can support the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	They should be defined by the build edge of towns/villages, and where appropriate should include new developments which may have occurred recently or have planning permission
Response:	Noted. The Council in reviewing the settlement boundaries will take account of recent development and that with planning permission.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Allocations in Neighbourhood Development Plans for housing, employment, etc. should be included in the boundary and drawn to facilitate an appropriate level of proportionate growth during the plan period
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. Consideration will be given as to whether to include allocations. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	The boundary of Romsey should be redefined to allow for future housing and employment sites to come forward, either through site allocations or small windfall sites
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. Consideration will be given as to whether to include allocations. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	The Ampfield Village Design Statement has been updated confirms the Parish settlement boundaries should remain the same
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries. In order to undertake a comprehensive review and provide for a Borough-wide consistent approach all boundaries will be reviewed, although this may not result in a change in an individual settlement case.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	The settlement boundary, whilst beneficial in controlling development, is in some cases arbitrary
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Where the boundary has been drawn to include all or part of the curtilage these houses can encourage over-dense development which is out of character with the edge-of-village location
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to the defining settlement boundaries including the use of curtilages. Whilst settlement boundaries establish that residential development is acceptable in principle, each case is considered on its merits and is subject to the other relevant policies of the plan.

Reference: 10107	
Summary of comment:	The use of settlement boundaries to focus new development to the most sustainable locations is supported
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the settlement hierarchy including which settlements have a defined settlement boundary.

Reference: 10107	
Summary of comment:	The boundaries should not be drawn too tight; land which is 'suitable' for development should be included (see PPG 2014 relating to 'suitability' of land for housing)
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. Consideration will be given as to whether to include allocations. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10107	
Summary of comment:	The boundary for Ampfield should be expanded to include The Old Farmhouse as this land is considered to form part of the settlement, rather than as part of the surrounding countryside. This extension is considered consistent with the aims of the NPPF and PPG relating to the 'suitability' of land for housing
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10109	
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Summary of comment:	Focusing growth within the existing settlements through the use of settlement boundaries is supported.
Response:	Noted. Settlement boundaries differentiate between settlement and countryside as to which local plan policies apply.

Reference: 10109	
Summary of comment:	Boundaries should not be drawn too tightly around the settlements; land which can be made available for specific land-uses and is achievable should be included in the Local Plan
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10109	
Summary of comment:	The proposed site allocation on the Land at Coombs Meadow, Lockerley Road, Lockerley is considered to represent a suitable location for housing and the logical alteration to the settlement boundary for Lockerley (SHELAA 2017 ref 166)
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Recognise that Issues & Options consultation does not identify specific sites, request consideration be given to reviewing settlement boundaries of villages to accommodate additional growth an spread the distribution of new development across Test Valley
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process

Reference: 10116	
Summary of comment:	A review of the settlement boundaries is supported and should include considering amending boundaries in settlements that could sustain more growth to encourage development
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10116

Summary of comment:	Rather than defining boundaries by the existing built area, potential sustainable sites on the edge of settlements could be positively planned for. Such a review should involve the local community, including local stakeholders, promoting development opportunities and must be based on a clearly defined methodology
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development. The Council will review settlement boundaries in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10118, 10119	
Summary of comment:	In accordance with the need to be flexible (NPPF paragraph 11) if boundaries are to be redrawn then they should allow for reasonable development opportunities to come forward on sites outside but adjacent to the boundaries. In accordance with the need to be flexible (NPPF para 11.) the policy approach should allow for flexibility and future changes in the nature of the edges of settlements through the duration of the plan period.
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	The nature of edge settlement locations is that defining the physical boundary is not necessarily clear, and can often exclude areas that are widely considered as being part of the built-up area.
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman questions why it has been determined to continue with the settlement boundary approach and why no consideration has been given to a more flexible criterion-based

	approach. Blanket protection policies may act to unnecessarily stifle sustainable growth on the edge of settlements
Response:	The approach to defining settlement boundaries will be reviewed as part of the preparation process for the next local plan. A criterion based approach would however need to provide an appropriate level of certainty to guide development proposals.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	The policy approach should be amended to be flexible enough to accommodate new development outside current boundaries, to allow the Council to quickly address any issues in shortfall in housing supply against the plan requirement. A criteria-based approach could achieve this.
Response:	The approach to defining settlement boundaries will be reviewed as part of the preparation process for the next local plan. A criterion based approach would however need to provide an appropriate level of certainty to guide development proposals.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Boundaries around physical features is an appropriate starting point, there are instances of these where physical boundaries are not appropriate e.g. large areas of curtilage on the edge of settlements, boundaries may need to be drawn through these. Important that local knowledge is used when redrawing boundaries. When considering a proposal other material considerations should be taken into account
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries drawn around physical boundaries inhibit future growth and provide not flexibility sought by NPPF para 11. One way would be to have a 'search area' approach which identifies specific deliverable sites through planning policy allocations but also 'delivery contingency areas' where additional homes could be built
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10124

Summary of comment:	Andover's green space is significantly less than London, settlement boundaries should reflect living, green space and amenities
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of which types of land use should be included. Green spaces and amenities are covered by other relevant policies of the plan.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Boundaries should be drawn more loosely to allow for gentle expansion without having to breach policy or rely on exception sites
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Existing criteria for defining settlement boundaries is logical, needs to be implemented in a sensitive and pragmatic way. Review/modify existing boundaries if appropriate E.g. where permission/appeal changes the situation or boundaries following curtilage produces a small countryside site surrounded on three sides by urban area
Response:	Noted. Each case is considered on its merits, with the relevant planning policies being the starting point for decision making. The review of settlement boundaries will take account of planning permissions and appeal decisions.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Significant level of housing required to address unmet need of Southampton HMA, seriously consider quality of areas currently designated countryside/gaps, only retain land essential to prevent coalescence
Response:	Noted. This is not an issue related to settlement boundaries. The policy on local gaps, the approach to their definition and boundaries of each local gap will be reviewed, taking account of the need to meet housing requirements.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Undertake a qualitative assessment of boundaries re: landscape features and capacity for accommodating development without causing significant harm, utilise the sites which score poorly. Explore opportunities to strengthen the significance of landscapes/boundaries through the allocation of sites with accompanying strategic landscaping
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of the inclusion of additional land

	and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development. The issue of landscape in relation to boundaries will be considered in this context.
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Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries around physical boundaries is an appropriate starting point, but not always appropriate eg large curtilages on the edge of boundaries getting drawn through. Local knowledge when drawing boundaries is important.
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries and curtilages. The settlement boundaries will be reviewed in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10135	
Summary of comment:	Approach toward focussing growth within existing settlements using settlement boundaries is supported, protecting countryside from inappropriate development , provides certainty for developers/land owners and helps supply a mix of housing to support local communities/key services/facilities in rural settlements
Response:	Noted. The settlement boundaries as currently defined provide for this function, however planning policies provide a framework for the consideration of development in the countryside (outside of settlement boundaries).

Reference: 10135	
Summary of comment:	For Test Valley to meet future development needs it is also important to avoid drawing boundaries too tightly around settlements; physical limits should include "suitable" locations that can be made available for specific land-uses and that is achievable within the plan period
Response:	Noted. A review of the boundaries will take place as part of the plan making process The Council will review its approach to defining settlement boundaries including the use of physical boundaries, and consideration of the inclusion of additional land and whether they should be more flexible. This will be a related but separate process to that of the review housing distribution and the consideration of the merits of sites for development.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Settlement boundaries should be drawn along clear physical boundaries, based on existing buildings and curtilages
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries, including the use of physical boundaries.

Reference: 10138	
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Summary of comment:	If Test Valley decides to have developments adjacent or within a village, feel this should only be done with prior, extensive consultation with affected Parishes
Response:	Noted. Parishes are consulted with regard to the majority of planning applications within their remit; especially on significant developments which could impact significantly on residents and landscape.

Paragraph 5.31

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing allocation should be mainly of a shared equity, as this will allow tenants to purchase the property.
Response:	The mix of affordable housing tenure will be considered in the context on individual planning applications, taking account of both the development and its location.

Summary of comment:	There is a need for affordable or social housing to help the young generation gain footholds in the housing markets, thus helping them establish families of their own.
Response:	Local plan policies seek to provide for affordable housing to meet local needs, including for young people and families.

Reference: 10073	
Summary of comment:	We would like to allow a small amount of infill development and we are desperately in need of an affordable housing scheme for first time buyers/older residents wishing to downsize.
Response:	Local plan policies seek to provide affordable housing to meet local needs. The Council will review the evidence base on the mix of housing. The mechanisms of rural exception sites and entry level exception sites are available, plus community led development can consider the appropriate mix of housing to meet the needs of first time buyers and downsizers.

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Need significant injection into the housing supply within central-rural Test Valley to ensure prices do not continue to grow out of reach of people
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability, which is particularly an issue in the rural area. The Council will review the housing distribution including to rural areas.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	New home delivery should be a key aspiration/priority for the new Local Plan to help affordability. Test Valley is facing an affordability crisis as prices are more than 10 times average annual earnings. Household formation can be constrained by the supply of available homes, as new households cannot form if there is nowhere for them to live.
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability and which has deteriorated in recent years, despite

	significant housing development. The Government's standard methodology is the starting point for setting the housing requirement and which includes an adjustment for affordability. The Council has been successful in delivery of housing completions both in total and for affordable housing above target, but will continue to seek to meet housing needs in line with policy.
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Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Affordability is a particular problem in rural areas in the north
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability, which is particularly and issue in the rural area.

Paragraph 5.32

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing allocation should be mainly of a shared equity, as this will allow tenants to purchase the property.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of affordable housing to be sought, taking account of both need and affordability for different affordable tenures.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing doesn't address social housing need. The Council doesn't seem to provide any new social housing and I think it should, it's not right to rely on Housing Associations
Response:	The Council has not directly delivered new social housing since the transfer of its housing stock to a housing association in 2000. Options for the delivery mechanisms for affordable housing will be kept under review.

Paragraph 5.33

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Bringing back empty homes into circulation should be the Boroughs priority. Borough should introduce double council tax on properties intentionally left empty.
Response:	From the 01/04/2013 a property that has been empty for two years will be subject to an empty homes premium of 50%. This means that in addition to the full charge an extra 50% will be payable. The council has introduced this measure to encourage owners of empty properties to bring them back into use.

Paragraph 5.35

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Exemption Sites should only be permitted if and when all brownfield sites, as well as empty homes, have been used first.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to bring empty home back into occupation and support the appropriate use of brownfield sites,

	however these are insufficient to provide provision to meet housing need.
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Question 10: Do you think we should continue with seeking up to 40% of new homes to be affordable, or should we change the percentage?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	40% is a very high percentage for new housing; should be slightly lower
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	40% is an acceptable figure. Councils need to consider the implications to housing benefit/ council tax budgets for low income families to ensure that incoming contributions can support outgoing benefits.
Response:	Noted. In determining the mix of affordable housing sought, the Council will consider the affordability of overall housing costs for the occupier, including taking account of housing benefit/local housing allowance/universal credit levels.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The Council should look beyond affordable housing; home ownership is not for everyone. The rental sector should be supported too by treating private landlords on a business basis
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role that the rented housing sector plays in meeting housing needs. The Council does work with private sector landlords.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Is the current 40% quota meeting the needs of current young residents in Test Valley?
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. Within the mix of affordable housing sought, the Council will take account of the housing needs of young people.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Will the current quota also meet the needs of overspill from adjacent jurisdictions who fall short of their 40%?
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. This figure is based upon the levels of housing need and viability within Test Valley. Through Hampshire Home Choice, the Council works with a

	number of other local authorities, with priority given to those with a local connection to the Borough.
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	The trigger level for affordable housing should not be subject to the 15 dwelling cap but to the needs of the immediate HMA. Until then, at least 40% of houses built in the area should be affordable.
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability. The policy is based upon a Borough-wide approach.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	'Affordable' is a relative notion. The Council should consider setting up 100% council-owned housing company to deliver 'affordable' homes required based on the population demographics outlined in Para 3.1, 3.2 and 3.6
Response:	The Council has not directly delivered new social housing since the transfer of its housing stock to a housing association in 2000. Options for the delivery mechanisms for affordable housing will be kept under review.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Percentages for affordable homes should not be less than 40%
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Yes, there are a considerable number of people in housing need. 40% appears to be a deliverable target. Affordable should be tightly defined as <80% of market price and protected from resale into the open market
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The Council will review the mix of affordable housing sought, although how each tenure is defined is also an issue for Government at national level.

Reference: 10029	
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Summary of comment:	The policy should include the socially rented sector in addition to a range of other affordable tenure types
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the mix of affordable housing to be sought, including social rented housing where this would be appropriate.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Affordable homes should be evenly distributed across development and be indistinguishable to market homes (e.g. "tenure blind")
Response:	Noted. The Council seeks to limit groups of affordable housing to more than 10 dwellings and for it to be indistinguishable from market housing.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	40% is aspirational, it should be sufficiently flexible to cope with differing demands and expectations
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Depends how affordable is determined, what is considered affordable in Test Valley is far from affordable to most people
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	The figure should be informed by a detailed assessment of the local housing market, viability and outturns
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	40% provision should continue to be applied to all sites of 5+ dwellings
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable

	housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.
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Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Housing in Test Valley continues to be a significant challenge, acting as a considerable barrier to home ownership and a factor to limiting access to employment and education
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability in Test Valley and the impact which this has. Policies seek to address this and meet how need as far as is achievable in policy and viability terms.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Delivery of affordable housing may have exceeded Local Plan target in past years, this is not enough to counteract rising house prices and enable more households into that meets their needs and aspirations for ownership
Response:	The Council recognises that despite exceeding targets for housing delivery, affordability has deteriorated. The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability in Test Valley and the impact which this has. Policies seek to address this and meet how need as far as is achievable in policy and viability terms. Many of the factors which affect affordability are however outside the scope of the planning system to influence.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	The Council should be seeking to be ambitious in setting a whole-plan affordable housing target, percentage requirement and thresholds for delivering affordable housing from all viable developments
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability. The Council has a corporate target to deliver 200 affordable homes a year in the Borough, which has been exceeded in recent years.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Government small sites guidance set out in the PPG is a material consideration & not policy, it does not prevent Council's taking a different view in its plan-making
Response:	Case law and appeal decisions have established the weight to be accorded to NPPG guidance and ministerial statements. The Council will seek affordable housing in line with policy, viability and Government guidance/policy.

Reference: 10041	
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Summary of comment:	It is the particular circumstances of an Authority that guides whether small sites should contribute to affordable housing delivery. The Council should revisit its approach to small sites to consider whether the need requires small sites to contribute where viable
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Regarding circumstances where affordable housing is sought, Government has published the revised NPPF containing new policies to assess housing need, the tenures to be delivered and the circumstances LA's can require this
Response:	In applying current policy and reviewing policy for the next Local Plan the Council will take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Councils should consider how policies will be used in determining planning applications long term, assessing need and planning for delivery of new, wider types of affordable housing to meet local needs
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought, including the mix of affordable housing to meet local need.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Councils should look to encourage a wider range of affordable housing with policies and supporting text reflecting the new NPPF phrasing which seeks to deliver a greater overall level of affordable housing
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing and will take account of NPPF guidance. The mix of affordable housing sought will seek to reflect local need.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Deliver of social/affordable rented housing needs to be alongside other forms of housing, enabling families to stay in the areas they wish to live in while building up savings
Response:	The Council recognises the need to create mixed communities and provide for a variety of housing tenures and mix of housing including market housing.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Given that it takes a substantial percentage of housing from the total available, making the rest a smaller number and increasing their values, an economic analysis is surely needed

	to see if affordable housing is justified. Before the 40% principle is adopted an analysis is needed
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Council should undertake research into the need for affordable housing and viability before being asked to seek a certain percentage.
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Any affordable housing policy should include a proviso with regard to site viability to ensure it does not hinder the delivery of much needed housing in the Borough
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, including the stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought based upon the number of dwelling on a site, which is based upon viability.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, keep the 40%, without subsequent relaxation of the apparent 'viability' stance by developers
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.

Reference: 10051, 10058, 10062, 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes, continue seeking up to 40%
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable

	housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate
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Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Consider linking the ratio between market and affordable housing in line with the income spread within the Borough
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	40% is established as a policy minimum largely accepted by developers, already an established mechanism to review levels where 40% challenges a schemes viability
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Insufficient knowledge to make a judgement; what constitutes affordable housing?
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The issue is enforcing it; exceptions should not normally be allowed. The relaxation of the requirement at Oxlease Meadows was without justification and should not be regarded as a precedent.
Response:	The comments are noted. When considering affordable housing as part of planning applications there is a need to consider viability of such provisions, alongside other material considerations, when assessing the proposal.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	The term "affordable housing" needs an explanation, would be of benefit if those renting or buying can be helped understand terminology
Response:	The Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Reference: 10070	
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Summary of comment:	The percentage should be justified by evidence of need and viability of delivering provision on new developments. Must also have regard to vacant building credit and revised definition of affordable in NPPF annex 2
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. This takes account of viability. The Council will take account of the vacant building credit and NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	The problem with affordable housing is how to ensure it remains affordable beyond the first owner. The term affordable housing can also encourage NIMBY-ism
Response:	Where achievable in line with law and Government policy, the Council will seek to ensure affordable housing is maintained as affordable in perpetuity. The definition and terminology is set by Government nationally.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	There is a case for changing the percentage
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Up to 40% may be appropriate in some areas, but in areas of lesser demand for affordable houses the percentage should be reduced
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The need for affordable housing is considered to justify it being sought, but it would not be sought if there was not a housing need in the Borough.

Reference: 10084	
Summary of comment:	Relying on community led development and rural exception sites to meet needs in rural communities is not addressing the issue significantly; only 9 exception dwellings in the last 5 years have been developed and no NP are in operation at the moment
Response:	Rural exception sites and community led development are key mechanisms to deliver affordable housing, particularly in rural areas. The Council will work with parish councils and local communities to support their delivery and will also support neighbourhood plans. In the absence of these, the Council will

	consider alternative options for meeting affordable housing need.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The 40% needs to be assessed based on demand from younger people
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The mix of affordable of housing sought will take account of local housing need, including that of young people.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	In the absence up-to-date evidence it is hard to judge whether 40% is deliverable. It should reflect local housing market needs but should be flexible to accommodate for individual site viability
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley's housing needs evidence should be updated
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will be reviewing its evidence base as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan to ensure it is up to date and robust.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	An increase in housing provision would make private housing more affordable and thereby reducing the need for the 40%.
Response:	The Council recognises that despite exceeding targets for housing delivery, affordability has deteriorated. The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability in Test Valley and the impact which this has. Policies seek to address this and meet how need as far as is achievable in policy and viability terms. Many of the factors which affect affordability are however outside the scope of the planning system to influence.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Up to 40% is appropriate on large sites, but insisting on 40% on smaller rural developments may impact the viability and design of schemes
Response:	Noted. Within the adopted Local Plan, there is a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought depending on the number of dwellings proposed. This approach can be

	considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Viability will also be a factor to consider in establishing policy on this matter.
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Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	40% is appropriate for residential schemes, as it does not affect the viability of a scheme
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing should be maintained as a priority albeit with necessary flexibility over percentages
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	NPPF Annex 2 defines affordable housing, important to include within the Local Plan to address evolving accommodation requirements of the population
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Expecting a large percentage of new homes to be affordable may be practical near main centres but will not be for more remote villages
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is a Borough wide approach. Each case will be considered on its merits including the mix of affordable housing sought based upon local housing need.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	Any policy needs to be flexible enough to allow for changes in the market and for site specific circumstances such as land contamination and remediation costs on brownfield sites
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will

	consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.
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Reference: 10104

Summary of comment:	If the provision of affordable housing makes a scheme unviable, a viability statement should be provided to the Council against which the appropriate level of provision can be determined
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Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.
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Reference: 10105

Summary of comment:	No comment other than when Morley's Green and Broadgate Farm were built, with the support of Ampfield Parish Council affordable housing was included
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Response:	The comments are noted. Each planning application proposal will be considered on its merits with the policies of the adopted Local Plan being the starting point for consideration.
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Reference: 10115

Summary of comment:	Success of any affordable housing policy can be measured on its flexibility/ability to react/accommodate different circumstances. The Local Plan process will test various viability scenarios; development schemes bring differing opportunities/constraints, as well as variations in the market and resulting land value at the point of delivery.
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Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided.
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Reference: 10115

Summary of comment:	NPPF allows Local Planning Authorities to expand the type of housing that falls under the affordable banner which should be incorporated into the emerging Local Plan and associated affordable housing policy. Low-cost open market housing is an innovative way of allowing a development to incorporate a wider range of tenures to cater for a broader section of the community
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Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance, including on the definition of different tenures of affordable housing.
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Reference: 10120

Summary of comment:	The level of affordable housing sought on a development scheme should be determined through the viability assessment of the Local Plan. Other policy provisions should be considered alongside the delivery of affordable in this assessment.
Response:	The comments are noted. The consideration of viability implications of affordable housing, alongside other requirements, will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman suggest instead seeking a realistic level of affordable housing that can be delivered alongside any other necessary policy requirements
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Level of affordable housing should be set out based on up to date evidence on housing need and viability/ability of development to deliver this. Requirement should include flexibility in terms of amount and type of housing given policy changes which can introduce new forms of housing under definition of affordable
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance, including on the definition of different tenures of affordable housing.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	40% of new housing developments need to be affordable housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan will need to include a policy for the proportion of affordable housing that will be sought from new development ref: NPPF para.62. The need for affordable housing will be a matter which the Local Needs Assessment will consider and will

	inform the proportion that is sought; viability will need to be considered
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Yes and no viability get-out clauses. Development needs to include dwellings that local people can actually afford, rather than relying on the government definition of affordability
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. This is the starting point for negotiation and the Council will consider a different percentage from that set out in the policy if sufficient justification is provided. The Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	There is a case for changing the percentage
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	The level of affordable housing should be based on need and viability evidence
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to ensure it has a robust evidence base to inform the preparation of the next Local Plan, including taking account of viability matters in relation to affordable housing provision.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	2014 SHMA should be updated, will provide a sensitivity test to the current objective of 200 affordable homes a year and identify locations where affordability is an issue
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to ensure it has a robust evidence base to inform the preparation of the next Local Plan, including in relation to the need for affordable housing.

Reference: 10133	
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Summary of comment:	Approach of COM7 is broadly supported in terms of providing flexibility to the 40% requirement by taking account of sustainability of sites
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	PPG confirms Local Plans should set out contributions expected, to include setting out levels/types of affordable housing provision. Should be informed by affordable housing need/proportionate assessment of viability, take account of all relevant policies/local and national standards incl. CIL
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The Council will take account of NPPG guidance. The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should be informed by a viability assessment, should not compromise sustainable development, assessment should ensure realistic policies that will not undermine deliverability
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	PPG is clear to set a level of affordable housing that takes account of need including infrastructure and allows for development to be deliverable without further viability assessment at the decision-making stage
Response:	

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Prescriptive affordable requirement should be based on up to date evidence, subject to detailed viability testing at a range of scenarios. Re: viability, any policy costs applied to development should provide competitive returns to willing land owners/developers ensuring deliverability. Consider variable affordable requirements based on market locations
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

	The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	In view of the level of wages paid, feel there will be a need for affordable housing, consequently do not see how the percentage can be lowered
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Should maintain the 40% level, in addition ensure developers don't find ways of reducing the number. Need to make clear what affordable means
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Question 11: What should the trigger be for seeking affordable housing?

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The trigger should be as low as permitted by national planning policies, note NPPF paragraph 63
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The policy takes a stepped approach with a sliding scale. Account will be taken of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Migration of the work-force and an elderly, more dependant population. No undue importance should be attached to the amount of affordable housing to be built
Response:	The provision of meeting affordable housing is one of the key issues for the next Local Plan to consider.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	The figure should be informed by a detailed assessment of the local housing market, viability and outturns

Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability
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Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Five dwellings, below should elicit a financial contribution to allow Borough to bank land for future affordable housing
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Recommend the Council look to update its local evidence of housing need through a SHMA review as can be used to understand need for the wide range of affordable housing types recognised by Government
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought, including a new SHMA.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Council should engage directly with local providers to discuss useful policy approaches to encourage delivery and reduce barriers to development of affordable housing coming forward
Response:	The Council works with Registered Providers of affordable housing who operate in the Borough.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	Important for the Council to undertake new viability tests to set a single or multiple triggers for requiring affordable housing as well as testing the viability of exception site policy. Council should invite local developers to participate in housing need review and viability analysis
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Maintain the 40% level and in addition ensure this is secured. Make it clearer what 'affordable' means and the split between shared ownership, and social tenures and how large
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by

	Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The trigger should be in accordance with paragraph 031 of the 'Planning Obligations' section of the PPG, along with paragraph 63 of the NPPF
Response:	In applying the policy the Council will take account of NPPG and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	All development, either through on site provision or financial contributions from smaller schemes (but uncertain what the figure should be)
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Developments over 5 units compared to the 15 units at present
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	The trigger for affordable homes should be reduced to 10 homes otherwise none will be offered on small rural sites, see no reason to reduce the 40% threshold or change the arrangement for exception sites
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	There should be no lower limit on the trigger point for affordable housing
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of

	dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.
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Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Would not propose any change to the current trigger of 15 homes
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Trigger should be as low as is permitted by national planning policy. NPPF paragraph 63 allows for lower thresholds in rural areas and should be applied
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Smaller percentage of affordable on smaller sites
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Insufficient knowledge to make a judgement; what constitutes affordable housing?
Response:	Council recognises that the definition of affordable may not reflect what is affordable for some households, however the definition is set nationally by Government. The Council will seek a mix of affordable housing which takes account of local housing need and affordability of local households.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Lower than 15; although some local authorities (Wiltshire) have 5, a figure of 10 should apply (the same as a major application)
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10070	
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Summary of comment:	Local Plan must be prepared to be consistent with NPPF paragraph 63; need an evidence-led approach to achieving sustainable development for rural communities. This may determine the potential for specific housing allocations with a defined percentage and mix of housing, directly responding to local need
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing percentages should increase gradually according to the size of the development, rather than have a trigger point
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	The trigger should be the requirement for specific areas (e.g. If more in needed in Andover compared to Romsey then here the emphasis should be placed)
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. There is a Borough-wide affordable housing need, although the mix of affordable housing will be considered based upon the housing need of the local area.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Residents in Andover will not want to split to have affordable housing in STV if they wish to be nearer their families
Response:	In prioritising affordable housing, the Council will take account of local connections to parishes within the Borough as relevant. The mix of affordable housing will be considered based upon the housing need of the local area.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Priority should be given to those delivering essential services in the community and some sort of income cap
Response:	How affordable housing is priorities to households in need and those with a local connection to an area, is not set through the local plan. There is a household income cap for inclusion on the housing register.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	The government guidance is paramount
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10093	
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Summary of comment:	There should be a sliding scale up to 40%, with developments of less than 10 housing not required to deliver affordable housing
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	A trigger should not be included for affordable housing or contributions for minor schemes of 10 units of less (see NPPF 2018 paragraph 83)
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Any affordable houses should be for the actual local needs within the Parish
Response:	In prioritising affordable housing, the Council will take account of local connections to parishes within the Borough as relevant. The mix of affordable housing will be considered based upon the housing need of the local area.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Attention should be given to the NPPF (2018) paragraph 63 and 64 which provides guidance when seeking the provision of affordable housing.
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Requirements should be in accordance with national planning policy, and reflect the specific circumstances of an area in terms of need/values/viability
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance. The mix of affordable housing will be considered based upon the housing need of the local area. The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Trigger should be dropped to 10
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	All developments that have more than one house should contribute, on smaller sites possibly in the form of a financial contribution which must be used to build new social housing in locations with the most need
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. How low this goes with regard to number of dwelling is determined taking account of viability and NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Whatever level affordable housing is triggered there is a tendency for development to be proposed just under that threshold. This could be reduced by slightly increasing the percentages according to the number of dwellings on site. Wording on the current policy must be updated to reflect the NPPF definition of major development in Annex 2
Response:	The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	The level of affordable housing should be based on need and viability evidence
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The current policy has a stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Trigger for affordable housing should be based on an assessment of the viability implications to include the cumulative impact of all policy requirements in the Local Plan
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate, taking account of viability. The review of the evidence base will include viability taking account of all development costs and policy requirements.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Consider the existing 15 unit threshold to be reasonable, no evidence to suggest it is compromising delivery
Response:	The Council will review the evidence base for affordable housing sought. However, seeking up to 40% affordable housing under the current adopted local plan policy is considered justified and appropriate. The current policy has a

	stepped approach with a sliding scale to the proportion of affordable housing sought, taking account of viability.
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	What does 'trigger for affordable housing' mean? A trigger to build or a trigger to allocate? Feel it should be allocated firstly to people already living in Test Valley, and incomers secondly
Response:	The trigger is the threshold of site size by number of dwellings above which affordable housing is sought. Priority is given for affordable housing to those with a local connection to the Borough.

Question 12: Should we allow market housing on rural affordable exception sites?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	No; it will begin a 'slippery slope' of creepage into the countryside
Response:	The comments are noted. This matter will need to be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including accounting for updated evidence on the need for affordable housing and the viability of such provision.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Market housing should not be permitted on rural exception sites, except where it can be demonstrated that the provision of limited market housing could contribute towards some exceptional development costs.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach as to whether a element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	If the point of exceptions sites is to allow for affordable housing there is no point in allowing market housing unless equal numbers of affordable housing are provided elsewhere
Response:	RES as an exception to the general policy of restraint on housing in the countryside in order to meet an identified local housing need. The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	This could help finance affordable housing, but should only be considered on the market housing consists of starter homes or small retirement homes. Otherwise this could inflate the price of land expected by landowners
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but with strict limitations and taking full consideration of any NDP in place
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. Account would be taken in the context of a planning application for a RES to relevant neighbourhood plan policies.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Yes, where it provides a "cross" subsidy to the affordable homes either from resultant sales subsidies from the market or free land for the affordable homes. The market housing should always be the minor component.
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10040, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Yes, adhere to a 60:40 ratio
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	NPPF includes new policy on exception sites including introduction of entry-level exception sites, Encourages delivery schemes on the edge of existing settlements with homes for first time buyers/renters. Plan policy for this and delivery of rural exception sites will ensure affordable housing delivery is maximised
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The Council will consider the new NPPF policy on entry level exception sites and how this should be taken into account in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10041	
Summary of comment:	NPPF supports use of cross-subsidy in delivering rural exception sites, the Council should allow this to further boost affordable housing delivery in rural areas where such housing is critical to securing vitality and viability of communities and local services
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Could allow market housing on rural exception sites, but should be in the minority. E.g. 15 affordable could have 2 market

Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.
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Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	A resultant housing mix would be encouraged by the allowance of some market housing on exception sites
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Not allowing cross subsidy may be discouraging developers from providing affordable housing. Review this policy to ensure this is not happening
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Yes, where it can be demonstrated that the inclusion of market housing is able to bring forward sustainable development where it otherwise wouldn't
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Should not allow market housing on rural exception sites except in line local public support
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	Important to allow market housing on rural exception sites where it enables the development of new affordable homes, welcome the flexibility offered by the NPPF to deliver affordable homes using market homes as cross subsidy
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	Suggest three principles of evaluating whether schemes on rural exception sites should include element of market housing: Additionality, Local Sustainability and Quality
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	For schemes on rural exception sites RPs act as developer for any market homes. Priority given to selling homes to local households, but should not lead to lending restrictions. Limit the number of market homes to the number required to provide scheme viability
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	Would welcome a policy enabling use of market housing for cross subsidy purpose to ensure strong continued supply of affordable rural homes for local communities
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10062, 10064	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but closely defined
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	Yes, consistent with NPPF paragraph 77. Note demographic and housing challenges facing rural communities are not solely restricted to affordable housing, exception scheme can deliver measurable sustainable benefits
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The policy is positive but is being exploited by Registered Providers and Shareholders. This is evidenced through the extreme growth rate of some larger providers and their expansion into 100% Market Housing development. Allowing market housing on such sites will exacerbate this.
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The system should make it easier and more attractive for local communities to take on new affordable housing on exception sites; local control of these assets would benefit the communities economically and socially
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	If an edge of settlement site is suitable for affordable housing then it must also be suitable for market housing
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The policy framework for RES is that it is as an exception to the general policy of restraint on additional housing development in the countryside in order to meet an identified local housing need.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Estates of market housing must be mixed with affordable housing to get a good balance; surely it works the other way, too
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	If it can support the supply of affordable housing, then it should be allowed
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Yes as it will better contribute towards mixed communities
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should consider a policy that reflects Hampshire County Council's HARAH strategy to deliver affordable homes using a proportion of market housing to cross subsidise the delivery of affordable rural homes. This would increase the effectiveness of the provision and ensure continued supply of affordable rural homes where viability is an issue
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Yes, this would encourage more sites to come forward and make such sites more viable. Affordable housing and self/custom build plot would help
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	A policy should be flexible to allow for rural exception sites to include market housing where it would facilitate the sites deliverability and meet a need for rural housing outside of defined settlements
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	There is demand in the village for smaller 'open market' houses for older people (downsizing) and younger people wishing to live in the village (the existing stock of smaller houses is limited)
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. Consideration could be given to the type and size of market housing.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Because of high land prices there is no incentive for developers to provide smaller dwellings; larger dwellings on small plots is sometimes undesirable as it adversely impacts the local character
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. Consideration could be given to the type and size of market housing.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Whilst the Councils affordable housing figure has been met, the target is considerably below objective evidence of affordable housing need, based on the most recent SHMA evidence.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on affordable housing need. The corporate target for affordable housing delivery is 200 dwellings per year which has been exceeded in recent years. The Council seeks the maximum affordable housing consistent with policy and viability considerations.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Due to the above, the Council should not rule out the potential to expedite affordable housing delivery through the provision of on-site market housing

Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.
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Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	A number of recent publications highlighted the crisis of affordable housing for workers in rural areas and the consequences it has on communities; see "A New Rural Statement - Fixing the Affordable Housing Crisis in England" (2018) Institute for Public Policy Research
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of affordability, particularly in rural areas. Account will be taken of relevant research, advice and best practice.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Findings highlight importance of identifying sufficient land for affordable, long-term accommodation in rural communities to retain young, economically active people, maintain services & minimise decline of villages
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of affordability, particularly in rural areas. Account will be taken of relevant research, advice and best practice.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Recognises the contribution of the rural economy to UK economic performance; highlights employers struggles to address skill gap in the absence of local labour, poor transport/long commutes
Response:	The Council recognises the issue of affordability, particularly in rural areas. Account will be taken of relevant research, advice and best practice. The Council will seek to support the sustainability of rural communities and support the rural economy.

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	Council should not stipulate the type of market housing that should be provided on development sites as each site is unique as standard threshold should not be applied borough wide. A flexible approach should be adopted in order to deliver development that is sympathetic to local character and results in efficient land use
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the delivery of open market housing as part of rural exception sites can both significantly improve the chances of a scheme coming forward/delivering affordable housing within rural communities, but also aid delivering balance of tenures in a location

Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.
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Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Whilst the Council's affordable housing figure has been met, the target is considerably below objective evidence of affordable housing need, based on the most recent SHMA evidence
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on affordable housing need. The corporate target for affordable housing delivery is 200 dwellings per year which has been exceeded in recent years. The Council seeks the maximum affordable housing consistent with policy and viability considerations.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	When applying the annualised affordable housing need figure in the SHMA, it is apparent that the Council has failed to meet its affordable needs in all but two years. As such the Council should not rule out the potential to expedite affordable housing delivery through the provision of on-site market housing
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on affordable housing need. The corporate target for affordable housing delivery is 200 dwellings per year which has been exceeded in recent years. The Council seeks the maximum affordable housing consistent with policy and viability considerations. The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The Council should recognise and support entry-level exception sites that are suitable for first time buyers (or those looking to rent their first homes) and which offer one or more types of affordable housing as defined in Annex 2 of the NPPF.
Response:	The Council will consider the new NPPF policy on entry level exception sites and how this should be taken into account in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Yes, this would be in accordance with national policy and incentivise the provision of affordable housing given the acute need for affordable homes in the district which will not be met through allocations alone
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes

Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances.
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Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Relaxing settlement boundaries would see little need for rural exception sites, mixed developments should be encouraged. People living in larger homes should be given the opportunity to down-size to new local open market housing in the same area
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The Council will review the approach to the defining settlement boundaries including whether these should be more flexible. In considering the evidence on housing mix account will be taken of households wishing to downsize.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	If an edge of settlement site is suitable for affordable housing then it must also be suitable for market housing, estates of market housing must be pepper potted with affordable housing to get a good social balance
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The policy framework for RES is that it is as an exception to the general policy of restraint on additional housing development in the countryside in order to meet an identified local housing need.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Affordable housing targets should be set out within the plan on the provision that the Local Plan is proactive enough to allocate sufficient sites to meet identified need of both market and affordable housing
Response:	The local plan housing requirement will be reviewed. The Government's standard methodology sets the starting point for determining the housing requirement. In making provision to deliver the housing requirement the Council will take account of the needs for both market and affordable housing. Affordable housing policy will be set taking account of policy and viability considerations.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Affordability issues in NTV HMA may be addressed through delivery of market housing with a higher proportion of affordable housing on rural exception sites, see NPPF paragraph 77
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Support provision of market housing on rural exception sites where this facilitates delivery of affordable housing, note this is the sort of development that might be supported in smaller parishes through Neighbourhood Plans
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The delivery of additional housing through policies and/or allocations in neighbourhood plans is an additional mechanism to be considered by local communities, subject to compliance with the strategic policies of the local plan.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Building affordable housing on exception sites on the edge of settlements must depend on amenities present on those settlements. Every year these amenities disappear, so feel it will become increasingly difficult to find suitable existing settlements
Response:	The Council will review its approach as to whether an element of market housing will be permitted on RES, and if so in what circumstances. The Council will seek to sustain the sustainability of rural settlements.

Paragraph 5.37

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	It is unfortunate that the wording of the paragraph suggests that given the demand for self-build is low in the Borough, that it is somehow not significant.
Response:	This paragraph simply states that there is currently not a significant unmet demand for self build schemes in Test Valley; it is expected that this demand may rise and for that reason the matter of self build is now being considered for the next local plan preparations

Paragraph 5.38

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Measures to deter unwise development including strict limits on the number of new dwellings in rural settlements and limiting new rural dwellings to a max distance from existing building whilst deterring infill development which can distort the appearance of rural settlements as gaps between dwellings maintain an areas character
Response:	Noted.

Question 13: How should we meet the requirement for Self Build Plots?

Reference: 10010

Summary of comment:	Seeking a proportion of plots on new developments, amending settlement boundaries to create new opportunities or an exceptions style policy
Response:	Noted, there are a number of options that will be explored to consider how to make provision of self build plots.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	It should not be the role of the Council to act as a land agent identifying plots for self-build.
Response:	Noted. At this stage the Council is exploring all avenues as it does have a legal obligation to look to meet the demand on the Test Valley self build register

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Avoid being too prescriptive, each locality will offer a solution and a mix of self/custom build on a containable scale
Response:	Noted. The Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 makes it mandatory to secure enough permissions to meet the demand of the self build register, there are different way this can be achieved.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	The rural exceptions policy can assist in addressing the needs for self-build plots
Response:	Whilst there may be similarities between some of the approaches taken the purpose of policy COM8 is to ensure affordable housing in rural areas for residents with connections to the Borough, and may not necessarily be able to afford the cost of building their own property. To date the Council has not set a connections test for the self build register.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Self-build could be acceptable as single plots but not as an exception to the countryside policies of restraint
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Apply the normal planning regulations, rules and constraints; there is no obvious reason for special rules for self-builds
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Should be on separate sites, onerous to include SB on every site and might result in fewer being brought forward. Might be

	beneficial to allow SB plots as part of rural exception sites, could be more community driven & make these schemes viable
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Development on smaller sites should be encouraged
Response:	Noted. There are many different approached which will be explored in order to meet the demand for self/custom build in Test Valley

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	In the settlement boundary there should be no additional restrictions. This should not be allowed in the countryside
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Self-build will only be a very small percentage of the housing stock. It should be dealt with on an individual basis taking into account VDS'.
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Small sites would be attractive but a proportion of larger schemes also needed
Response:	Noted. There are many different approached which will be explored in order to meet the demand for self/customer build in Test Valley

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should reflect there may be need for such plots in the Borough, but should not specify a percentage to be achieved on all development sites as not all sites will be suitable, whereas others may come forward to be entirely delivered as custom/self build. Local Plan should seek to negotiate on a case by case basis
Response:	Noted. One approach which is being considered by the Council would be to ask for a percentage of plots to be set aside on large sites; similar to how affordable housing provision is required. This would be after a number of criteria have been met.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield has both types of developments; they should be "in keeping or improve the area", if not they should be refused
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	This should not be insisted upon if there is not an aspiration by a developer to provide this on site. Doing so would be unreasonable and could result in additional delays to housing delivery
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Separate sites
Response:	Noted. There are many different approached which will be explored in order to meet the demand for self/customer build in Test Valley

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Appears to be little demand in Romsey for self build plots, there should not be specific allocations. Each development should be taken on its merits, rather than specific allocations
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	No reason why both provisions not apply. White paper seeks to diversify the market. Self/customer build are encouraged and should form part of the settlement boundary assessment
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Needs for such plots are adequately addressed through NPPF para 79e, policies within the Local Plan should be positive with regards to replacement dwellings, village infill sites and exception sites. If a policy is written is should reflect footnote 26 and the NPPF definition of self/custom build

Response:	Noted. The NPPF guidance will be taken into consideration as to whether a specific self/custom build policy would be required for inclusion in the Local Plan
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Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	The type of plots of interest should be in the SB Register to understand the type/location sought, essential that any future policy requirement is consistent with this evidence base and does not impose inappropriate burdens
Response:	Noted. A self build register is maintained by the Council and this shall be used as an evidence base during the plan making process

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Demand for self-build plots is low in Test Valley, any prescriptive/threshold requirement would not be appropriate, recommend a flexible policy that allows requirement be met through dedicated sites or as part of wider market housing developments
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Question 13A: Should it be as part of sites over a certain threshold or separate sites?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The new local plan should set out how the Council will meet its responsibilities to make provision for self and custom build housing. It is currently unclear how the Council is meeting its self-build duties
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Self build plots will need to be connected to local services, they should be contained within current areas rather than be allowed to become isolated dwellings
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Self-build is at a very low level, each application should be treated on their own merits
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand

	should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.
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Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Self build is great idea and should be encouraged, but should be restricted to one house per self build, not a small development to pay for the one self build
Response:	Noted. There have been examples of groups or co-operatives coming forward in order to work together to complete a self-build scheme with multiple dwellings, each case would be considered on its own merits

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Likely to want separate sites for small number or individual, probably windfall sites
Response:	Noted. This is how the Council has been providing for the demand of self build thus far.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Self-build is a bad deal for a village; no contribution made for infrastructure. It should pay CIL like any other
Response:	Noted. The CIL exemption for self-build properties is in legislation set by central government, certain criteria must be met before a scheme is considered for the self-build exemption.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Experience shows the self-build process takes much longer
Response:	Noted. Like any development process there are a number of stages to go through before permission for a self build property is granted

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Separate sites are vital otherwise they are in danger of being taken over by other influences, such as part of a large building development
Response:	Noted. There is a balance to be made when granting permission for any development including self-build with regards to sustainability. If a number of plots on a larger development are given over to self build then those dwellings shall have the benefit of being close to the facilities (local centre, school etc.) which would be located within the scheme. Isolated developments could result in the need for increased car journeys to get to work, school, shops etc.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Needs to be some land allocated to self-build, these individuals would take more care with insulation and making things sustainable
Response:	While some self build schemes could be brought forward by individuals looking to construct a highly sustainable home this is

	not something which could be secured beyond planning policies and building regulations which apply to new housing generally.
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Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Need opportunities to build with less conventional materials/designs to learn whether this is more suitable for climate change/sustainable living
Response:	While some self build schemes could be brought forward by individuals looking to construct a highly sustainable home this is not something which could be secured beyond planning policies and building regulations which apply to new housing generally.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Need a policy enabling innovation, in both towns and rural areas. Encourage small dwellings as well as family homes and access to services
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including smaller dwellings.

Reference: 10075	
Summary of comment:	Registered an interest in self build in 2015 and am disappointed in not receiving any information regarding the chance to build a home I want to live in
Response:	Noted. It is a common misconception that those who have registered onto the self-build will be entitled to a plot of land. The Council does not allocate any land to those on the register; it must however grant enough permission for self-build schemes which come through the planning system. The register is a tool to help measure the level of demand in the Borough and the Council is so far permitting sufficient numbers of self-build developments to meet the demand. If the Council becomes aware of opportunities through the planning system that could be available on the market it will consider those on the register aware of these.

Reference: 10075	
Summary of comment:	Not only Test Valley, but a nationwide shortage of self build plots and when they do crop up they are ridiculously expensive
Response:	Noted. Self and custom-build properties could provide market or affordable housing. It is not for the Council to set the price that private land owners can sell their land for.

Reference: 10075	
Summary of comment:	Could you give planning permission in sensitive areas to self build only, which complies with local design/building material requirements?
Response:	Noted. Any self build scheme would have to go through the same application process, if a self-build scheme does not comply with the policies of the local plan it will not be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10075	
Summary of comment:	Right to build is something we should all be able to do, enhancing the building stock and not just littering the countryside with boring slums built by greedy volume house builders
Response:	The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Both options should apply
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Self and custom-build housing are encouraged and this form of housing should inform the assessment of settlement boundaries
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to defining settlement boundaries including whether they should be more flexible. This is a separate issue to how the demand for self build plots should be met.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Professional developers should not be the only people who can build houses so self-build should be facilitated.
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored. Self build plots are potentially available to wish to take this option for housing delivery for themselves.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Self build plots should not be required on sites of 100+ unit, there is no evidence of need warranting a policy requirement for incorporating such plots on allocation sites
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Implications of imposing requirement for self-build plots on large developments should be assessed re: impacts on viability/deliverability. Future policy that encourages this rather

	than imposing it subject to site specific circumstances should be considered
Response:	Noted. This is one option that is being considered in order for the Council to fulfil its future obligations to permit enough self build properties. There would be further consultation with all stakeholders before any decision on a final policy approach is made.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Where self-build plots are required their release should be carefully considered so as to not undermine rigorous health and safety procedures of major development sites
Response:	Noted. This is not an issue for the local plan, but the development of self build plots will be expected to comply with all other applicable, regulatory, licensing and safety procedures.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Surprised there is not more demand for self-build, when a new development is started an area should be retained and well-advertised for self-build, this land should be able to take a variety of different sized homes and good design should be of paramount importance
Response:	Noted. The Council has been able to deal with self build schemes on a case by case basis so far, however if demand should increase it may be that this is not sufficient; therefore a relevant policy should be explored.

Question 14: Should we establish a policy that covers dwellings in the countryside which are of exceptional quality?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	The borough should consider this policy, but it should be extremely stringent
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes, and extend it to new builds in conservation areas. We understand paragraph 55 of the NPPF covers this issue for architecturally outstanding homes
Response:	Noted. The updated NPPF has similar wording under para. 79 e)

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	No point having a policy as every case of exceptional quality should be determined on its merits
Response:	Noted. Each case would be considered on its merits, however a potential policy could define the parameters of the relevant factors in how this would be assessed. In instances where design is a major consideration, the Council has a Design

	Review Panel made up of architects to comment on the merit/quality of the design.
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Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	The policy already exists in the current Listing and the Conservation Area systems. To erode these safeguards would be hugely detrimental
Response:	Noted. If implemented this would be separate to the policy and legislative approach which applies to listed buildings and conservation areas.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Should be no special rules for exceptional quality or innovative nature, would give the rich the ability to build anywhere
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. Any application would have to comply with the remaining policies to be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The National Guidance on exceptional quality or innovative design negates the need for a particular policy in the Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	No. The same rules should apply to all applicants; to allow those with great design aspirations and resources to fund them would be discriminatory
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. Any application would have to comply with the remaining policies to be granted planning permission. If pursued this would not be intended as the only mechanism through which self build housing could be delivered.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Recommend a restrictive policy
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Should not establish as policy for dwellings in the countryside that are of exceptional quality, should be subject of a case by case basis
Response:	Noted. Each case would be considered on its merits, however a potential policy could define the parameters of the relevant factors in how this would be assessed. In instances where design is a major consideration, the Council has a Design

	Review Panel made up of architects to comment on the merit/quality of the design.
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Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No - this policy serves the super-rich, who don't appear to add much to the local community
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. Any application would have to comply with the remaining policies to be granted planning permission. If pursued this would not be intended as the only mechanism through which self build housing could be delivered

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	No, as it provides a charter for the rich to circumvent sound planning policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. Any application would have to comply with the remaining policies to be granted planning permission. If pursued this would not be intended as the only mechanism through which self build housing could be delivered

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	New dwellings in the countryside should be restricted and related to need, though changes to barns could be regarded positively
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. Any application would have to comply with the remaining policies to be granted planning permission. The change of use of existing buildings would be covered by other plan policies.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Can the Council override Government policy on this issue?
Response:	Noted. The Local Plan will be prepared taking account of NPPF guidance. In the case of a planning application the local plan takes precedence as the development plan with the NPPF is a material consideration. The weight to be accorded to the NPPF is there was a conflict would depend upon the merits of the individual case.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	This is a positive policy and should be retained, as exceptional housing in the countryside has a positive impact on the local economy
Response:	Noted. This would be a new policy within the next local plan. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130, 10137
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Summary of comment:	Paragraph 79 of the new NPPF makes provision for this sort of housing already
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	A policy may appear as an endorsement of a way to achieve housing in the countryside, when really this should only very rarely be used
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	There should be no exceptions
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Exceptional quality should be interpreted in the broadest sense as something that adds value to the local area (e.g. exceptional energy efficiency)
Response:	Noted. Under the NPPF definition of exceptional quality it refers to truly outstanding or innovative design, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, to raise standards of design, enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the local area. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Yes, exceptional quality adds character to the countryside and should be encouraged
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	By "exceptional", if they bring an improvement to the area, then consideration could be given; reference the Ampfield VDS as one source of reference
Response:	Noted. Under the NPPF definition of exceptional quality it refers to truly outstanding or innovative design, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, to raise standards of design, enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the local area. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79

Reference: 10106	
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Summary of comment:	Exceptional quality' is very subjective so perhaps specific guidance should be introduced. The test should be very stringent to limit abuse by aggressive developers
Response:	Noted. Under the NPPF definition of exceptional quality it refers to truly outstanding or innovative design, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, to raise standards of design, enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the local area. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Should be a policy to permit development in appropriate places of grand design houses that are destined to become the listed buildings of the future
Response:	Noted. Under the NPPF definition of exceptional quality it refers to truly outstanding or innovative design, reflecting the highest standards in architecture, to raise standards of design, enhance its immediate setting, and be sensitive to the local area. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance on para.79, the origins of which were in the historic grand country house principles, from the former PPG7.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Yes, ensure that as far as is practicable, supply meets demand, which as per the Council's evidence is led by location
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether to include such a policy, and if so on what basis. It would be challenging to anticipate demand and by location in this regard, with a criteria based policy the potential option, against which should proposals would be considered.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Every application for build of exceptional quality should be looked at with consideration, there should be consultation with Rural England and Parish Councils
Response:	Noted. Each case would be considered on its merits, however a potential policy could define the parameters of the relevant factors in how this would be assessed. In instances where design is a major consideration, the Council has a Design Review Panel made up of architects to comment on the merit/quality of the design. Parish councils are statutory consultees on planning applications, so would be consulted.

Paragraph 5.39

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Developers should be building smaller units to cater for ageing / younger families.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing to meet needs including those of older people and young families.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Affordable elderly housing is required to match the needs of those residents currently privately renting but in employment that will move to retirement but on low pension incomes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing to meet needs, including those of older people. The Council is looking at how best to provide homes for people of all ages and incomes within the Borough, some examples being "lifetime homes" schemes or enabling people to "right-size" easily at certain times of life.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Favour homes for the elderly and family homes to purchase. There is a shortage of affordable homes to purchase and rent. No executive homes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing need and the mix of housing, including affordable housing and different tenures of affordable housing. The Council will also consider the issue of a specific policies regarding housing for specific groups; which would include the elderly.

Question 15: Should the Council change its approach and set out a requirement that certain sites should provide for the needs of such groups as the elderly?

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	The Council must consider extra care facilities as well as single storey housing to accommodate an increasing elderly population
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing. It will be important for the Council to take the needs of certain household groups with specialist housing needs into consideration to address the housing need for the Borough through the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. This includes the elderly as well as ex-military and people with disabilities.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	No, we should focus on good mixed communities with balanced demographics. We need communities where people have a choice of housing as they move through life and their needs change.

Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing..
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes, and not in 'ghettos' for the elderly, but in areas with level walkable access to amenities (and not all in the centre of Romsey and Andover)
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Not a good idea to create "ghettos" for old people, communities have a mix of people of all ages. Elderly want links to services whereas provision is driven by profitability and not need
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The new NPPF states that size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups in the community should be assessed and reflected in planning policies. Hampshire County Council Public Health recommend a needs assessment is carried out to develop such appropriate policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will update its evidence base on the mix of housing, taking account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Housing developments should meet a variety of identified and predicted housing need through design (e.g. Lifetime Homes, Nationally Described Space Standards) and designation (e.g. affordable)
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider such design standards and how they can help address the identified need, including for different types of accommodation, as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Account will be taken of Government policy and guidance on the use of accessibility standards and the role of building regulations.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	HCC Public Health feel strongly that diverse, inclusive communities are beneficial to residents and the wider community, and so encourage a wide housing mix within developments, as opposed to concentrating a single population within sites.
Response:	Comments are noted and this view reflects national planning policy regarding inclusive communities. This can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Lifetime Homes can support the growth of housing stock that meets a range of needs, as they are easily adaptable for people as they age or who have a physical disability
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider such design standards and how they can help address the identified need, including for different types of accommodation, as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Account will be taken of Government policy and guidance on the use of accessibility standards and the role of building regulations.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Such policies for new housing schemes should not be limited to households but should consider urban design, such as active travel, wayfinding and connectivity to towns and other neighbourhoods
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its policy approach and guidance on design and accessibility matters, including as part of the masterplanning of new developments.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Absolutely not, mixed communities are the strength of Test Valley, marginalising one group would be detrimental to community structures
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	The market is more capable of meeting the needs of various demographics
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role of the market, however it is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Support the notion of mixed communities which adds to the quality of life
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	There are currently ample provisions for retirement homes, especially in Romsey area
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing. It will be important for the Council to take the needs of certain household groups with specialist housing needs into consideration to address the housing need for the Borough through the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Account will be taken on existing provision in considering the level of future provision to be planned for.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	NPPF paragraph 61 states housing needs of social groups, including older people, should be assessed and reflected in planning policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	If requirements are set they should be based on local assessments that reflect community needs, rather than a Borough wide assessment
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements. Consideration will be given to the appropriate level of geography which is used to assess local need.

Reference: 10048, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Leave the provision for homes for the elderly to market forces
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role of the market, however it is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	For certain groups (e.g. special needs adults, children in care and offender rehabilitations) site allocations may be necessary

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements. Where this may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.
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Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Already seem to be a demand to build accommodation for the elderly. Perhaps they should have more sustainable transport options
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	It is preferable to provide a mix of housing responding to local needs
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Elderly can normally look after themselves
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that many households will be able to address their own housing need, however one of the role of the local plan will be to seek to deliver a mix of housing to meet the need of the community, including those which would not be met without policy intervention. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Site requirements should match housing need to facilitate sustainable communities and local economies
Response:	Noted. By setting out requirements for certain household groups with specialist housing needs, does not mean that the provision wouldn't be integrated into mixed communities. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Yes, encouraging housing for 'downsizing' for the elderly - including bungalows

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of older people, which could include of smaller homes and bungalows.
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Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	It may be worth encouraging housing for 65+ in the centre of town, as these types of residents tend to have fewer cars and need walkable access to town facilities
Response:	Noted. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	The encouragement to develop such housing above shops/offices in town (as in Paris) will ensure town centres are occupied throughout the day/weekends
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the potential for greater residential development and mixed use in town centre, which can also have economic and social benefits from increase footfall.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	No, there is too much provision for the elderly anyway; they play an inordinate pressure on limited resources
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing. It will be important for the Council to take the needs of certain household groups with specialist housing needs into consideration to address the housing need for the Borough through the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Account will be taken on existing provision in considering the level of future provision to be planned for.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Yes, elderly people need to be close to facilities, as they're more likely to use them and less isolated from the community. Forecasted that by 2024 43% of Test Valley population will be 65+. Some will wish to downsize, some with disabilities will need a home adapted to their needs
Response:	Noted. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics. The Council shall be looking at all options to ensure the right homes are provided for residents in the right locations.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	May be circumstances where specific allocations are required to respond to local circumstances and reflect local need such as need of the elderly. Housing allocations are required for villages to grow/thrive and desires of community re: size, type, tenure of housing should be a primary consideration
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements. Where this may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Allowing a person to live in their own home for longer means they will live well for longer; something needs to be done about adult social care where people remain in hospital as their homes are deemed unsuitable for them to return to
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for how housing can be designed to be adaptable as household needs change over time.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Allowing people to downsize within communities where they have links would enable them to live independently for longer
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of community and will seek to enable people to stay within their communities through the option of "right-sizing". The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including for those who wish to downsize.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Need to define "elderly" or is this focused more towards "less able". In which case dwellings need to be more sympathetic to the needs of these individuals through design, construction and locations etc.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that the housing needs and preferences of older people will vary by household and by age. The aim will be to meet the housing needs of the community as a whole and not for a particular age group, for what might be classified as elderly.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Care would need to be taken to avoid exploitation of rural settlements by volume housebuilders
Response:	Noted. Any application, no matter the proposal, would have to comply with the local plan policies to be granted planning permission.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082

Summary of comment:	An ageing population needs to be addressed; a suite of policies including specific allocations, or percentages of allocations, needs to be made by the Council
Response:	Noted. The matter of the aging population is one that the Council plans to address within the next local plan and is in the process of exploring a number of options. Where this may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Policies could include providing more bungalows and a more rigorous approach to providing homes for life
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for how housing can be designed to be adaptable as household needs change over time, which could include bungalows.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Retention of existing properties that meet the needs of the elderly is paramount especially if they have access to local services and bus routes
Response:	Noted. It is anticipated that the majority of the existing housing stock will be retained over the plan period of the next local plan. The Council is seeking to ensure there is adequate provision for all residents to be able to have access to suitable housing. In considering how this is delivered, regard will be had to location and site characteristics.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	This should be considered on a site specific basis given some sites are more suitable than others to accommodate provision for such groups
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing need. The suitability of individual sites will be considered on their merits.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Yes, specific allocations, or percentages of allocations, should be sought
Response:	Noted. Where the delivery of provision to meet housing need may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Self/custom build should be encouraged to consider the future proofing of houses so people can remain in them longer

Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for how housing can be designed to be adaptable as household needs change over t
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Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	The Lifetime Homes concept is inadequate and should be avoided
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider such design standards and how they can help address the identified need, including for different types of accommodation, as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Account will be taken of Government policy and guidance on the use of accessibility standards and the role of building regulations.

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	Certain sites should provide for certain groups (elderly, as well as those with disabilities and/or are socially excluded)
Response:	Noted. Where the delivery of provision to meet housing need may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	The Council should not get overly involved in market house types.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role of the market, however it is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Not all sites are suitable for the needs of certain groups. Elderly have different needs to younger people/households with families. Development for different groups is driven by different factors. NPPF requires needs of a number of different groups to be assessed. Recommend the Local Plan considers these needs as part of the Local Housing Needs Assessment, but negotiates requirements from developers on case by case basis
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements. Account will be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance. The Council recognises that different households will have different needs. Consideration will be given to the level of prescription in the policy, but in any event each case would be considered on its individual merits.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	It would be beneficial if certain sites were designated to cater for the elderly
Response:	Noted. Where the delivery of provision to meet housing need may require allocation in order to achieve delivery then this will be considered.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it should be considered
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, including the needs of particular household groups with specialist housing requirements.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	The old age population of Test Valley is rising; it is important older housing provision is considered (including the type of affordable housing) with site promoters at an early stage to ensure it is delivered as part of a wider housing mix
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that we have ageing population and will review its evidence base on housing mix including the particular needs of older households who may have specialist housing needs. The Council is willing to engage with developers at an early stage in the planning process.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	The provision of specialist housing to meet the needs of older people is of increasing importance and this should be reflected through a positive policy approach. The Council needs a robust understanding of the scale of this type of need across the Borough.
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that we have ageing population and will review its evidence base on housing mix including the particular needs of older households who may have specialist housing needs.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman recommend that the Local Plan should include a specific policy in relation to the provision of the specialist accommodation for older people
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that we have ageing population and will review its evidence base on housing mix including the particular needs of older households who may have specialist housing needs. Consideration will be given to whether a specific policy is appropriate.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	NPPF states size/type/tenure of housing needed for different groups should be assessed and reflected in planning policy. Gather an evidence base on housing need and determine whether specific policies/sites are required to meet specific housing need. Take account the viability of sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance. Consideration will be given to whether specific policy or allocations are appropriate to meet needs. Account will be taken of viability as relevant.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, if left to the housing market it will not be provided when required
Response:	Noted. It is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Ref NPPF paragraph 59, requires needs of groups with specific housing requirements are met. Paragraph 61, size/type/tenure needed for different groups should be assessed and reflected. Local Plan should include provision for identified need from different groups. PPG advises where Local Planning Authorities do not consider it appropriate to allocate such sites they should ensure there is sufficient criteria set out when such homes will be permitted
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	No, market forces manage to address this
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role of the market, however it is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley population is ageing quickly and needs to be addressed. Invest in a suite of policies addressing the issues of older people including specific allocations/percentages of allocations. Also include providing more bungalows and homes for life
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of housing, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance. Consideration will be given to whether specific policy or allocations are appropriate to meet needs

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	No, provision of housing for elderly is already reflected within the market which adjusts to meet any additional demand
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the role of the market, however it is appropriate for the local plan to seek to ensure that the housing needs of the community are met, including the specialist housing needs of particular household groups, taking account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10133	
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Summary of comment:	Local housing need assessment should be articulated through strategic policies, size/type/tenure through planning policy. Should include but not limited to affordable housing, families with children, older people, disabled, service families, travellers, renters, self builders
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of particular households groups with specialist housing needs.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Specific allocation to provide for identified need can provide deliverable/pragmatic response as part of wider strategy addressing underlying need; could include sites for specialist accommodation in appropriate locations accessing local services/facilities forming part of the community. Need should be clearly identified in Local Housing Need Assessment and updated SHMA
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of particular households groups with specialist housing needs. Consideration will be given to the appropriateness of potential allocations.

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Should include a good mix of housing including affordable housing and those designed specifically for older people to ensure a variety of modal transport uses
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of particular households groups with specialist housing needs, including for older people and affordable housing.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Over 65s age group projected to grow faster than any other age group, Council should consider stipulating a requirement to provide for needs of the elderly to ensure housing needs are long term
Response:	Noted. The Council recognise the issue of an ageing population. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of particular households groups with specialist housing needs. Consideration will be given to the policy mechanisms for how this is provision to meet this need is delivered.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Need to prepare a new SHMA to confirm elderly requirement, identify dedicated sites for elder care where possible alongside flexible policy targeting adaptable housing within developments
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs of particular households groups with specialist housing needs and affordable housing. Consideration

	will be given to the policy mechanisms for how this is provision to meet this need is delivered
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Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Give careful consideration of how evidence is translated into policy, can vary greatly with some requiring purpose build accommodation, but many preferring to adapt existing homes. Unlikely needs of elderly will need to be met in full with purpose build housing
Response:	Noted. Consideration will be given to the policy mechanisms for how this is provision to meet this need is delivered

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Elderly are like people of any age, individuals with differing requirements and tastes, apart from building special villages, do not see how Test Valley can regulate this
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that the housing needs and preferences of older people will vary by household and by age. The aim will be to meet the housing needs of the community as a whole and not for a particular age group, for what might be classified as elderly.

Question 16: Should we include a policy that requires a mix and type of housing, or should the housing market inform what mix and type of housing to build?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	It is sensible to include a policy which requires a mix/type of housing which responds to need. The market can only buy what is offered
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Houses need to be well designed and well-built and flexible - a starter home can also be a downsize home.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration will also be given to design policy. It is recognised that smaller dwellings can be suited to both starter homes and for downsizing.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Housing policy should meet social needs not developer's and landowner's exclusive need for profit at all cost
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the

	mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Policy on minimum footprint, room size and minimal facilities should be enforced
Response:	Noted. The Building Regulations rather than the planning system provide for minimum construction standards. There is currently no specific standard for footprint or room size. The Council will consider what role the local plan might play in accommodation standards, but this would likely be limited to those with specialist housing requirements.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Type & mix will depend on the type of future the Council wants to create. The market prefer more expensive houses for people who work elsewhere. Determine what local people want to drive housing policy
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents to meet local housing need. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The Council should intervene and specify the mix and type of housing, the market has produced the affordability gap.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The Council recognises that housing affordability is an issue, but there are a number of factors which have influenced this.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	If the house price to income ratio falls the Borough will be faced with a smaller uplift to the ONS projections which would reduce development pressures. Alternative would be to require developers to demonstrate how their proposed housing mix will meet the needs of the borough, referencing the ONS projections and the housing needs register.
Response:	The Council will review its housing requirement and will take a decision on the appropriate requirement to set later in the preparation process, taking account of the Government's standard methodology as the starting point which is based upon household projections and affordability. In delivering the requirement the Council will review its evidence base on housing mix and seek that that this is reflected i

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	A policy on mix and type of housing should be included to meet current and predicted need, especially for older people
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the housing needs of particular household groups with specialist housing needs, such as older people. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	As elsewhere in Hampshire, affordable housing is key, especially for younger people and families
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the issue of housing affordability and will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the needs for affordable housing. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council Public Health recommend a presumption in favour of development that includes homes with more than one bedroom. This allows for flexibility for healthy ageing (allows space for carers) and provided space for families to live and remain in the Borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including on number of bedrooms. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. However, one bedroom dwellings may be appropriate for some households, as part of the overall composition of housing stock.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Councils have a duty to direct but with a light hand and must avoid being prescriptive. A consensus based on local need is required
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10040, 10048	
Summary of comment:	Market forces can determine the mix of housing, taking into account 40% affordable provision being maintained
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix

	should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing.
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Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	The market can determine the size of new dwellings up to a point, greater control is needed over the degree to which the new build compliments existing buildings particularly historic buildings
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing. This reflects on both the need for different types of accommodation as well as wider design considerations, including having regard to the character of the area.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	About time the Council insisted on the type and mix of housing on site, developers only go for the maximum profit and not what is needed
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	A prescriptive policy that requires a set mix and type of housing should be resisted
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	A flexible approach is needed addressing local needs, informed by the SHMA and other relevant data in the HMA
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Any housing mix policy should make reference to the surrounding character of the area, to ensure it is appropriate
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given

	to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing. This reflects on both the need for different types of accommodation as well as wider design considerations, including having regard to the character of the area. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration can be given to how these two related matters are addressed. For example, separate policies could cover housing mix and character consideration, but both policies would need to be considered in assessing planning application.
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Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Leave it to the market, but maintain the 40% affordable policy
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	A covenant system should be introduced enabling affordable/special housing to be retained in perpetuity. Communities do not benefit if affordable homes can be purchased as second homes. Those with local connections should be given first preference for any affordable homes (rent or purchase)
Response:	When permitting schemes including affordable housing that is needed to satisfy Local Plan policies, a legal agreement would normally be in place to secure the approach to affordable housing in the long term. The Council will seek to secure affordable housing in perpetuity where this is achievable, subject to tenure. The current approach to local connections depends on the way the proposals come forward (e.g. whether a rural affordable housing scheme, or part of an open market housing led scheme).

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	May be a need to ensure single people/single parent accommodation within affordable housing sector. A step too far to allow market forces alone to make these judgements
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including for affordable housing. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents, including single household and those with children.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Should be informed by a mixture of housing market demands plus what the community actually needs

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, this will take account of both housing need and market demand as relevant. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents.
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Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should specify the mix and type of housing, unconstrained markets has produced the unaffordability gap
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The Council recognises that housing affordability is an issue, but there are a number of factors which have influenced this.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Need to be more prescriptive about what is built, developments should provide a mix of housing that meets a mix of local needs according to ONS predictions
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of ONS household projections as relevant.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	A policy is a good idea- or else it is likely the majority of "market" homes will be large and expensive
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site, including for market housing.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Yes, there should be a mix; local councils should have a say in the type of housing and priority given to young locals who can prove a connection to the area
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Priority in affordable housing is given to those with a local connection to the area.

Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	Policy should reflect what people want, not what the builders are keen to provide- larger houses make greater profit, driving up prices
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The Council recognises that housing affordability is an issue, but there are a number of factors which have influenced this.

Reference: 10070	
Summary of comment:	May be circumstances where specific allocations are required to respond to local circumstances and reflect local need. Housing allocations are required for villages to grow/thrive and desires of community re: size, type, tenure of housing should be a primary consideration
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration will be given to the level of prescription in any allocations for new housing development.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	It is not realistic to rely on the market which is dominated by large national house builders; the market needs to be diversified, achievable though appropriate planning policies
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The structure of the homebuilding industry is outside the scope of the local plan, but consideration will be given to the range and choice of site, which could provide additional opportunities for SME developers.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	The market should not be unduly restricted, aside from in providing affordable, aged and wheelchair user housing, respectively
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	A policy seeking a broad mix of housing types and sizes would bring some control without being too regulatory

Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site..
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Local requirements for the type of property is important, and by local we mean literally within the area of the prospective development
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents, based upon an assessment of local need. Consideration will be given to the appropriate level of geography which should be used for such assessment. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	A policy on the mix and type of housing should be formulated, as supply-led delivery is based mainly on economic interest rather than need.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	A prescriptive policy for a mix and type of housing should be resisted, as such features should be informed by a local housing needs assessment
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site..

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	It is not realistic to rely on the market which is dominated by large national house builders; a policy could bring control without being too prescriptive
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual

	site. The structure of the homebuilding industry is outside the scope of the local plan, but consideration will be given to the range and choice of site, which could provide additional opportunities for SME developers.
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Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	The housing market should determine the mix and type of housing as this prevents homogenous bland developments from forming
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The Council will also review design policies for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	A mix should be informed by developers and the current housing market; since Local Plans are only reviewed every 5 years it can result in out of date requirements that don't reflect current market conditions
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed.

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council Adult Services would support a policy requiring a mix and type of housing to be stated in the Local Plan rather than left to the market.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	The Council should not get overly involved in market house mixes and types
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Housing market should inform mix and type of housing to be built to ensure it is delivered at the rate envisaged in the Local Plan trajectory. Imperative if Local Planning Authority is to maintain a 5yr HLS and meet new housing delivery test
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. The Council recognises the central role of the market in housing delivery and will seek to maintain a five year housing land supply.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Housing market is dynamic/constantly changing. New tenures develop which are not normally seen in more traditional housing stock. NPPF now recognises these new tenures
Response:	The Council recognises that market conditions change over time, however an approach would seek to reflect the prediction of need over the plan period as a whole, taking account of the composition of the existing housing stock. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Account will also be taken of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is divided into two HMAs with differing housing demands. Local Plan should not include a policy requiring specific housing mix/type, this should be driven by the market
Response:	The Council will review its current HMA. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	The current policy requiring a mix of housing tends to restrict development; some relaxation may be beneficial by allowing the market to influence what should be built.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	In order to remain flexible and recognise the different housing areas, a policy requiring a specific housing mix or type should

	not be included. Such features should be determined by the market.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents, based upon housing need, including the appropriate level of geography to be used. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	If there is a large number of houses then a mix is possible; on smaller developments a mix is a less likely suitable solution
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area and as such the mix to be delivered on smaller sites will be more limited than on larger sites.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	The Council should provide an indication of housing mix to provide prospective applications with a broad understanding of the Council's expectations and evidence of need. However, flexibility is needed to be responsive to market demand and changing need, viability, the requirements of registered providers and to account for the character of the area; thus a policy would not be appropriate
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Having regard to the evidence, further consideration can be given to this matter, including whether to set a policy and if a policy is provided, how prescriptive it should be having regard to the comments about flexibility and viability. It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Housing mix can have significant consequences in terms of deliverability and what can be considered appropriate for any given site. The housing market will always react to meet demand within developments of scale where varying the housing product will cater for/meet demand

Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. . It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area
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Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Character/appearance is largely dictated by the mix/type of housing proposed and will respond to local environs. To seek to artificially control these aspects would have negative consequences in terms of the ability to deliver the most aesthetically appropriate scheme, but also in seeking to meet housing demand in that location
Response:	It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	An indication of housing mix (affordable and market provision) should be provided to give prospective applicants a broad understanding of the Council's expectations. However, the Council should also be flexible to be responsive to market demands and changing need, viability, the needs of registered providers and account for character area considerations. As such, it is not considered to provide a policy, although it is appropriate to set out a preferred housing mix through an evidence base.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Having regard to the evidence, further consideration can be given to this matter, including whether to set a policy and if a policy is provided, how prescriptive it should be having regard to the comments about flexibility and viability. It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Dwelling mix will be influenced by any new evidence base looking into housing needs, it should also be influenced to some degree by market demand.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given

	to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.
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Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	Gladman would caution against the Council implementing a too restrictive policy as it can fluctuate over time and an over prescriptive policy can lead to difficulties in determining planning applications and delivering housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Having regard to the evidence, further consideration can be given to this matter, including whether to set a policy and if a policy is provided, how prescriptive it should be having regard to the comments about flexibility and viability. It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	NPPF states size/type/tenure of housing needed for different groups should be assessed and reflected in planning policy. Gather an evidence base on housing need and determine whether specific policies/sites are required to meet specific housing need. Take account the viability of sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Having regard to the evidence, further consideration can be given to this matter, including whether to set a policy and if a policy is provided, how prescriptive it should be having regard to the comments about flexibility and viability. It is recognised that the mix of housing should take account of site size, location and characteristics, together with those of the local area

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, mixed housing, elderly needs
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for resident, including older people.

Reference: 10128	
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Summary of comment:	Provided affordable housing rules are adhered to and include adequate supply of social rent then the market can determine the mix of the remainder
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Not realistic to rely on market, white paper seeks to diversify the market, can only be achieved by appropriate planning policies. Policy seeking a broad mix of housing types/sizes would bring some control without being too regulatory
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	The market is best placed to meet the needs for different types of houses with people generally choosing the types and sizes of property which best meets their needs. But, may be merit to the Council prescribing size/type of affordable dwellings occupied by people whose needs cannot be met on the open market
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Planning policies/decisions should support strong/vibrant/healthy communities including a range of homes to meet need of present/future generations
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance with regard to these issues.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Policies that require a mix of housing are justified, responding to relevant evidence. Development proposals should respond to need, however there should be appropriate flexibility within future policy to ensure strict adherence to the SHMA is not the basis upon which decisions are made
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the

	level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.
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Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Flexibility important for the approach to housing, regular assessments should be made of the needs of local population as it develops/changes over time. Would enable specific needs of areas to be identified/accommodated accordingly. Affordable housing needed to attract younger demographic to help sustain the Borough
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents, including for affordable housing and young people. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Any policy on mix/type of housing should be based on up to date evidence, with flexibility to change over time, allow exceptions for more specialist/site specific development where not practical to deliver a wide mix of uses
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. Account will be taken of any evidence that need or market conditions have changed. Having regard to the evidence, further consideration can be given to this matter, including whether to set a policy and if a policy is provided, how prescriptive it should be having regard to the comments about flexibility and viability.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	This is what villages supply, how you could replicate this without much expense would be difficult
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. The Council intends on ensuring a wide range of suitable housing provision for residents. Consideration would be given to the level of prescription in any policy and to what degree the mix should be for the market to determine on a specific individual site. In this regard the Council will consider how sites can best meet a range of needs.

Question 17: Should we restrict the size of replacements and extensions to dwellings in the countryside to keep a range of dwellings?

Reference: 10001

Summary of comment:	The borough should aim to keep a range of dwellings in the countryside
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Could be considered if it would lead to a better balance of provision
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Very difficult policy to enforce, a good sized extension might free up housing elsewhere
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Guidelines should be more sophisticated; ratio of built area to plot size could be a way of varying sizes of replacements/extensions
Response:	Noted. Currently policy relating to replacement dwellings states they should not be more than 50% greater in volume while policy relating to ancillary buildings states they should not be out of scale to any original building. There is currently no specific restriction relating to the size of extensions, but that they should not be more visually intrusive in the landscape The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. Consideration will also be given to a policy on density.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	This rigidity denied the point that settlements vary greatly in character and requirements. Listed buildings have to continue to offer practical attractive accommodation. The objective of preservation and adaption for modern living should prevail.
Response:	Noted. When listed building consent is required, conservation officers would determine whether there would be harm done to a listed building versus the benefits of allowing its extension for the current occupiers.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Maintaining old listed buildings adds greatly to the attractiveness of Test Valley, it should be a policy objective to make owning these buildings as attractive as possible
Response:	Noted. When listed building consent is required, conservation officers would determine whether there would be harm done to a listed building versus the benefits of allowing its extension for the current occupiers.

Reference: 10043	
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Summary of comment:	If the current plan adequately covers extensions in the countryside then leave it alone
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Unless a study has been done on the stock and need of small dwellings, a policy to limit the size of extensions or replacements cannot be justified on the basis of 'keeping a range of dwellings'.
Response:	The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The size of extensions and replacements should continue to be included in the Plan to limit their impact on the character and appearance of an area
Response:	Noted. Currently policy relating to replacement dwellings states they should not be more than 50% greater in volume while policy relating to ancillary buildings states they should not be out of scale to any original building. There is currently no specific restriction relating to the size of extensions, but that they should not be more visually intrusive in the landscape. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings..

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Replacement dwellings/ extensions need to be proportionate in size and in keeping with the plot size
Response:	Noted. Currently policy relating to replacement dwellings states they should not be more than 50% greater in volume while policy relating to ancillary buildings states they should not be out of scale to any original building. There is currently no specific restriction relating to the size of extensions, but that they should not be more visually intrusive in the landscape The Council are looking into whether these remain adequate or require revision.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Yes, need to keep the choice of smaller dwellings, allowing extensions of smaller houses leads to their shortages for the next generations
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Should be subject to the same constraints in terms of size, character and sustainability as those that apply within the settlement boundary
Response:	Noted. There is currently no specific restriction relating to the size of extensions, but that they should not be more visually intrusive in the landscape. At present a distinction is drawn in policy between housing within settlements and that outside a settlement boundary (within the countryside).

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No change
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Permission should be relevant to adjacent and local properties and not excessive in size in relation to the plot
Response:	Noted. Currently policy relating to replacement dwellings states they should not be more than 50% greater in volume while policy relating to ancillary buildings states they should not be out of scale to any original building. There is currently no specific restriction relating to the size of extensions, but that they should not be more visually intrusive in the landscape The Council are looking into whether these remain adequate or require revision.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	No, stick to the established criteria; do not follow the policy applied to the New Forest
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The 50% figure is arbitrary, what justification is there for it?
Response:	Noted. The 50% is provided as a indicative guide not a threshold. Its inclusion is to highlight that in most cases a larger replacement dwelling would materially have an impact on its surroundings. Proposals which are more than 50% larger than the original dwelling may be appropriate with each case being considered on their merits

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Good quality, well designed buildings enhance the landscape, not detract from it
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings, this is a separate issue to that of high quality design.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The current trend of using landscape buffers is a negative approach, as it implies all development is bad and should be hidden in the landscape
Response:	Noted. Landscape buffers can also serve an ecological/environmental purpose and may not necessarily be planted to “hide” development. This is something that needs to be considered on a site by site basis, having regard to the landscape character of the area.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Replacement dwellings in the countryside are an efficient way to update and make use of outdated houses
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. The Council considers each proposal on its own merits and there are likely to be cases where a replacement dwelling will be a sustainable alternative to an existing building.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Restrictions on sizes should only apply where there is an unacceptable impact upon the landscape or townscape
Response:	Noted. The current policies relating to expansion/replacement of dwellings in the countryside have criteria which state that any proposal must not be more visually intrusive in the landscape, this is something that could be continued into the next local plan.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	A pool of small dwellings would best be achieved by the provision of more housing with an appropriate mix of sizes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including for size of dwelling.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	The character of the extension/alteration should be in-keeping with the character of the area
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. The current policies relating to expansion/replacement of dwellings in the countryside have criteria which state that any proposal must not be more visually intrusive in the landscape, this is something that could be continued into the next local plan. The character of the area is also a policy consideration.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Case by case assessment would seem to be the best approach

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. In applying the policy each case would be considered on its individual merits.
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Reference: 10088

Summary of comment:	A replacement or extension proposal does not require a set restriction, and should be assessed on the local site context, landscape setting and good design principle. As such a specific policy is not needed.
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Response:	Noted. The local plan currently has policies COM11 & COM12 which go some way to assessing current proposals for new dwellings/extensions in the countryside. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings
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Reference: 10090

Summary of comment:	Size restrictions should only apply where there is an unacceptable impact upon the landscape or townscape
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Response:	Noted. The current policies relating to expansion/replacement of dwellings in the countryside have criterion which state that any proposal must not be more visually intrusive in the landscape, this is something that could be continued into the next local plan.
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Reference: 10093

Summary of comment:	No, each dwelling proposal should be taken on its own merits
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Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings. In applying the policy each case would be considered on its individual merits.
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Reference: 10102

Summary of comment:	The size of replacement and extensions should continue so that works are consistent with existing dwellings. These can be eyesores if not controlled adequately.
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Response:	Noted. The 50% is provided as a indicative guide not a threshold. Its inclusion is to highlight that in most cases a larger replacement dwelling would materially have an impact on its surroundings. Proposals which are more than 50% larger than the original dwelling may be appropriate with each case being considered on their merits.
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Reference: 10105

Summary of comment:	Yes, where it would alter the character of the area and be contrary to COM2
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Response:	Noted. In applying the policy each case would be considered on its individual merits. The policy would apply outside out settlement boundaries, as defined under Policy COM2.
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Reference: 10113

Summary of comment:	NPPF Chapter 11 is clear. Do not consider it would be in accordance with national policy to restrict the size of replacement dwellings in the countryside where this could work against the requirements of national policy in making the most effective use of land
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance. It is possible that there is a difference between effective use of land for housing proposals and allowing an extension of a dwelling which might be out of character of its surroundings. Each proposal would be judged on its own merits firstly against the local plan, and material considerations.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	No, more flexible/proactive policy of building smaller affordable/social rent properties in rural areas should allow for a stream of replacement properties
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the mix of dwellings, including affordable housing and smaller dwellings.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Dwelling replacement/extension policy should be based on appropriate criteria, restrictions should only apply if the landscape is impacted
Response:	Noted. The current policies relating to expansion/replacement of dwellings in the countryside have criterion which state that any proposal must not be more visually intrusive in the landscape, this is something that could be continued into the next local plan.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Rural communities should be supported see NPPF para. 78 should not have onerous restrictions in place to extend/replace homes.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to replacement dwelling and extensions to existing dwellings The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Necessary to keep a range of dwellings, Test Valley should be more open to potential buyers of properties and be prepared to warn that there would be limits to extensions on some houses, depending on site size/neighbouring houses
Response:	Noted. The Council cannot warn each individual who is considering purchasing a home in Test Valley that there could be limitations to extensions.. The Council would respond to

	enquiries from individuals relating to possible future plans/developments in conjunction to house purchases.
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Paragraph 5.42

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Housing density must depend on what is appropriate for the location and surroundings of a proposed development. Sensitive planning must avoid using excessive land whilst not resulting in a cramped setting and layout
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.

Question 18: Should the Council establish density standards in the Local Plan?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	These are not needed.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Possibly, but it should not be prescriptive. It should be flexible enough to consider the existing built environment and ensure a mix of housing
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.. As suggested, it would need to be ensured that policies on density, mix and wider design consideration are compatible.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes, to prevent development like Abbotswood forming
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan..

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Density standards might constrain housing options, aim should be to create or enforce a sense of community
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. The role of any density standards compared to using other design policy approaches will need further consideration.

Reference: 10020	
Summary of comment:	Yes, to ensure sustainable development can occur
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. The role of

	any density standards compared to using other design policy approaches will need further consideration.
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Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The Council should commit to defining a density for each substantial new development, higher densities are better in terms of transport needs and social cohesion.
Response:	The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of where higher densities may be appropriate.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Yes, should be set at a lower density in-keeping with householder aspirations for parking, gardens and to allow adequate green space provision
Response:	The comments are noted. If density standards are established, they would need to take account of the character of the area as well as other effects associated with higher / lower density in different areas.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Profit based high density development should be avoided as it only serves to increase profit margins for developers
Response:	The comments are noted. There can be benefits associated with higher density development, however this needs to be balanced with other considerations including impacts on the local character.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Some recent development is too dense, quality of life issues emerge. All homes should have sound insulation and outdoor amenity, public frontage should have adequate parking
Response:	The comments are noted. Density needs to be taken account alongside other considerations including design and wellbeing matters. Sound insulation matters are covered through Building Regulations, however as part of the next Local Plan consideration will be given as to how to ensure appropriate amenity provisions.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	The Council should identify the ideal density level in each site, maximising external benefit from schemes and the long term benefit of dwellings
Response:	The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan, and if so how it should be applied in different areas and to individual sites.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The danger of not having a density policy is developers in rural locations will more likely build large expensive homes and not

	what is needed by the community. Density policy could also help inner town developments
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan The Council will need to further consider the approach to density, in the context of wider design and housing mix matters.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	A borough wide prescriptive policy should be avoided as it would not take into account the local characteristics of specific sites
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	It is important any approach promotes efficient use of land whilst ensuring development reflect the local character of the area
Response:	Noted. This will need to be considered as part of the preparation of any density standards, and how such a policy would work alongside wider policy matters, including local character.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Even though paragraph 123 (NPPF) suggests setting a minimum standard for density, this is only applicable where there is an existing or anticipated shortage of land for meeting the housing need
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of NPPF and NPPG guidance.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	As the Local Plan will make provision to accommodate the housing need, the minimum standard should not be required
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance, including those paragraphs on density, as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	A density figure is not the measure of a well planned development; instead design codes should be used to express specific criteria such as housing layouts
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider its approach to density and whether to introduce standards or use other approaches such as design codes.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	More terraced housing would assist on density issues, and could be complimented with tree planting, communal gardens, allotment provision and play areas

Response:	The comments are noted. The next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to this matter in a way that is consistent with national planning policy and guidance. This will need to be done having regard to wider matters, including the issues identified, wellbeing and local character.
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Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Yes, there are recent examples of new developments which are too dense (Abbotswood)
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Quality of life is affected by inadequate sense of space and privacy: Test Valley is not an inner city where every square foot needs to be exploited to the maximum
Response:	Noted. In considering whether or not to set density standards, consideration will need to be given to their wider effects and the implications of this. A balance would need to be struck. This will need to be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan alongside other relevant considerations.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Must depend on what is appropriate for the location and surroundings
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. The implications of potential density standards would need to be considered.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Yes, Executive homes have been built on large plots that squander land and provide for a commuter population doing nothing for the local community. Strongly support density standards
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix, including the appropriate for an area to meet local community need.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Yes, with flexibility depending on housing needs and market conditions
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan..

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	Current design standards consider 25 dwellings per hectare (dph) as 'low density', when in rural settlements have densities closer to 10 dph. In rural settlements fewer than 20 dph should

	be preferred unless special circumstances prove there will be no adverse effect on the character and appearance of the area
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan .As part of considering the approach to density, regard would need to be given to the character of different settlements.

Reference: 10059	
Summary of comment:	Many settlement boundaries have Conservation Areas so increasing the densities could impact heritage assets
Response:	The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. The implications of any density standards would be considered r, including the local character and the potential to impact on heritage assets.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Yes- higher densities could destroy the character of Braishfield
Response:	The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. Any approach to density will need to take account of implications on local character.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Housing density should not be prescriptive, but rather address local needs
Response:	Noted. The approach to this matter will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	This would impose arbitrary standards rather than give flexibility which the NPPF seeks. Need to balance making the best use of land, site viability and site pressures (e.g. flooding/listed buildings) This should be determined on a site by site basis. Sites should be designed with all issues under consideration rather than having an arbitrary figure imposed, see NPPF paragraph 122. NPPF ensures good design is achieved so local authorities have the tools to refuse badly designed overly dense schemes
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. taking account of the efficient use of land, local character and other matters.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	The existing approach set out in paragraph 5.44 should be continued
Response:	The comments are noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the density in some areas (Abbotswood) it too high and will lead to anti-social problems
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan, including its potential implications.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Density standards might help in reducing 'town appropriate' densities trying to be applied in rural areas
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. Any approach to density would need to take account of local character and other implications.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Density informed by, and sympathetic to, the character of the surrounding area may be important for residents as part of the neighbourhood plan
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. Implications on local character will to be considered

Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	Density schemes should be informed by and be sympathetic to the character of the surrounding areas, rather than having a set standard. This provides sufficient flexibility to support best practice urban design principles
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. Implications on local character will be considered

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	A prescriptive policy for density should be resisted; it should be considered on a site-specific basis
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. Density standards for specific sites / areas could be an option considered

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Density standards should not be defined in the Local Plan but should be determined on a site by site basis taking into consideration the character of an area
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. This will be an option that can be considered. It will be essential to have regard to the character of the area as part of developing the approach to this matter.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Design principles and densities should be justified in planning applications and Design Statements showing how the development maximises the best use of land whilst having regard to site constraints and the character of the area
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. One option to be considered would be not to set out density standards but to consider the matters through specific proposals. Matters such as efficient use of land and effects on local character would need to be taken into account in parallel with the assessment of approach to density.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	Density controls should not feature in the next Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. It would be an option not to include any density standards within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Recommend minimum density standards only adopted for defined town centres (Andover/Romsey) as per NPPF paragraph123
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. This would be an option to consider.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Minimum density standards may stymie some applications as there may be valid reasons to have a lower density development where this is more responsive to local character
Response:	Noted and it would be essential to have regard to the character of the area as part of developing the approach to this matter.

Reference:	
Summary of comment:	Minimum density standards raise questions about how it will be calculated as certain parts of some sites may not be suitable for development, to include this in a density calculation would be unreasonable. Minimum density standards should be restricted to town centres
Response:	Noted. One option to consider would be to only have policy requirements in relation to density for town centres. Any approach to density would need to have regard to the character of the area.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Densities of new developments should be sympathetic to the character of the surrounding areas
Response:	Noted. These matters would need to be considered together.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Minimum density standards should only be adopted for the defined town centres of Romsey and Andover (NPPF paragraph 123). They should be applied on a case-by-case basis, particularly outside of key settlements
Response:	Noted. One option to consider would be to only have policy requirements in relation to density for town centres.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Yes, provided the character and requirement of the area is not adversely affected
Response:	Noted. If setting density standards through the next Local Plan, regard would need to be had to the character of the area.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	A housing-mix policy should be considered - reliance on market forces in an area of high land prices will inevitably lead to the construction of large houses to maximise developer profits
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing mix. It will be considered whether how this addressed should be done taking into account the issue of housing density.

Reference: 10106, 10115	
Summary of comment:	Such policies can artificially constrain development and would not always result in the most appropriate development. Policy that seeks to promote efficient use of land can be appropriate, and provide a policy test against which planning applications can be judged against local context, to seek a blanket min or max would not be appropriate
Response:	Noted. The suggested approach of a policy promoting the efficient use of land, rather than specific density standards will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Density standards should not be prescribed, but instead each application should be assessed on its merits and locational context
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan. This approach will be considered.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	The application of density standards can be overly restrictive, and could be an inflexible instrument which has the potential to constrain housing delivery.
Response:	Such potential implications will need to be considered as part of establishing the most appropriate policy approach to this matter. The Council recognises the importance of the issue of housing delivery and meeting the housing requirement.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Any discussion on density should be clearly defined in terms of whether the discussion relates to net developable or gross developable areas.
Response:	The comments are noted and it is recognised that if density standards are proposed through a policy it would need to be clear about how this is to be measured.

Reference: 10120	
Summary of comment:	It may be appropriate to set minimum densities on sites located adjacent to transport hubs, or on brownfield sites in town centre locations, however Gladman do not consider it would be appropriate to set them beyond those limited circumstances. Each site will require a different approach, and requiring a set density for housing can have a detrimental impact on site layout and design which can affect viability and deliverability.
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the option of density standards for certain parts of the Borough, only will need to be considered, as part of considered the issue in principle overall. The potential factors identified are ones which would be considered as to whether they justify a density standard or a higher density standard compared to the approach for other areas.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	NPPF sets out clear guidance related to character are form of design, this alongside site specific and design policies can ensure appropriate form of development. Not considered specific density policy is required
Response:	Noted. The option of no specific density policy will be consider as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. This will include the relationship with other policy including on design.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Setting density standards is a crude planning tool that could arbitrarily constrain housing supply. NPPF paragraph 122 indicates the aim should be to make efficient use of land, considering local market conditions and viability, available infrastructure, character/settling of area. Would support site specific masterplanning as a tool for meeting efficient land use objective
Response:	The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan The comments are noted and such matters will need to be considered when reviewing the approach to this matter for the next Local Plan. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and the factor identified. The Council recognises the importance of housing delivery.

Reference: 10124	
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Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider whether a policy on housing density should be included in the next Local Plan

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Policy should promote effective use of land, must be balanced with the need to safeguard/improve the local environment and ensure safe/healthy living conditions. Encourages a more considered approach to density than a minimum density approach
Response:	Noted. In considering the appropriate way to cover this matter within the next Local Plan, the Council will have regard to the matters identified.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Some recent development is too dense and affecting quality of life. All homes should have outdoor amenity, space on the public frontage, adequate parking within sight of the house and sound insulation
Response:	Noted. Such matters will be taken into account as relevant when assessing the appropriate approach for the next Local Plan in relation to density. These issues fall within the scope of other local plan policies which would also apply.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Existing approach set out in 5.44 should be continued
Response:	Noted. Maintaining the current approach will be one of the options considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan on this matter.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	No, density of development should be assessed on a case by case basis to better reflect the prevailing character of the context
Response:	Noted. This option will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Any approach taken to density would need to have regard to local character considerations.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Density should be informed by and sympathetic to the character and surroundings of a site. This is an appropriate approach, ensures individual proposals provide appropriate density/range of densities within the development area
Response:	Noted. Any approach taken to density would need to have regard to local character considerations.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	NPPF encourages Councils to employ minimum density standards in Town Centres and areas served by public

	transport to encourage efficient use of land. Prescriptive standards are unlikely to be required
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the option of density standards for certain parts of the Borough, only will need to be considered, as part of considered the issue in principle overall. The potential factors identified are ones which would be considered as to whether they justify a density standard or a higher density standard compared to the approach for other areas.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Density of schemes must be controlled so that they are sympathetic to the surrounding area
Response:	Noted. The local character and context of proposals would need to be taken into account as part of developing any policy approach to density considerations.

Paragraph 5.45

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Consider re-use of grey water when planning new developments
Response:	Noted. The Government has established optional technical standards in relation to water efficiency. If the Council sought to go further than this, or require the use of specific technologies to achieve water efficiency standards there would need to be strong justification to do so. At this stage it is not considered that such justification is available within a local context. The Council will continue to liaise with water companies and the Environment Agency regarding water availability in the context of planned development.

Question 19: Do you think we should establish internal space standards for future homes?

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the government has initiated building performance standards for government department new builds (i.e. Service Family Accommodation, office blocks, prisons, hospitals). The standards dictate minimum room sizes, the use of sustainable materials and incorporate of renewable energy into designs.
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes, to avoid overcrowding
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Yes, no benefits in having smaller rooms; housing industry would simply build smaller housing
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council Public Health strongly recommend the adoption of the nationally described space standards. Without such standards there is a risk of overcrowding, housing being non-adaptable and inaccessible. Overcrowding and lack of space are associated with an increased risk of accidents, diseases, condensation, mould and numerous negative health outcomes. Such space standards should apply to all new homes, including affordable dwellings. In the absence of nationally described space standards, market forces may lead to a distinction between private sale/rent with adequate internal space and affordable homes without such space.
Response:	Noted. This will need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including taking account of concerns about overcrowding and available space. Whilst recognising the comments in relation to adaptable housing, there are other standards that can be assessed on this matter.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Yes, housing should be fit for modern living, make considerations of solar heating/electric, indoor leisure, in garage car parking and drainage
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards. Similarly, we will be reviewing sustainable construction standards, parking provision, and approaches to the management of water and drainage.

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Introducing mandatory additional standards above and beyond national guidance is likely to result in additional development costs, which could discourage investment in the Borough. There is the potential for challenge and the benefits over and above present standards are likely to be minimal
Response:	The potential effects on development costs and therefore viability would need to be taken into account, alongside other considerations, when considering the appropriateness of internal space standards in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Internal space standards should be set nationally, the Council should draft own standards in the absence of guidance

Response:	Noted. While national standards have been created, it is for local authorities to assess if they should be imposed through local plans taking account of need and viability considerations. The 'nationally described space standard' does not form part of Building Regulations.
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Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Council should establish internal space standards to maximise appeal of new housing
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10043, 10083, 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan evidence base would need to explore if a need for such standards exists (NPPF paragraph 127); if such a need exists it should be consistent with the Government's technical standards
Response:	Noted. As suggested, the need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards..

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Space standards can be reflected in market demand
Response:	Noted. This issue will be considered as part of further considering the approach to internal space standards.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Yes, if such standards are not set nationally
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards. While national standards have been created, it is for local authorities to assess if they should be applied through local plans.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Concerned about the internal dimensions of proposed housing development in the parish, support Local Plan guidance, but can this be mandatory?
Response:	Noted. If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining

	planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application.
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Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Ideal for Local Authorities to fall in line with national requirements, many have not adopted nationally described space standards as might prejudice them over others and make them less attractive
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Nationally described space standards provides unit sizes much larger than Registered Providers have historically built, downside to building larger is increased expense by similar rental yields. Will impact of offers made to developers for s106 plots and possibly scheme viability. Affects could be more viability assessments and AF levels reduced. Land owners could also hold back on selling as site values would reduce
Response:	Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, including for the provision of affordable housing.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Yes - although unclear what this means, as it is not discussed in the document
Response:	The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards. If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but exceptions can be allowed. There should be a minimum size for gardens.
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. The Council will consider the issue of private amenity space and the distance between properties for privacy reasons.

Reference: 10069	
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Summary of comment:	Some housing is unsuitable for wheelchairs due to steps/steep slopes outside and wheelchairs unable to manoeuvre inside (narrow corridors/doorframes). Downstairs toilets are needed.
Response:	Noted. There are separate standards available, that need to be justified through the local plan process, in relation to accessibility of homes, that are separate to building regulations. The need for such standards will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	No, would be confusing when compared to building regulations
Response:	Noted. Consideration would need to be given to the practical implementation of such standards, should they be considered appropriate. The Government has indicated that the implementation of the minimum internal space standards (including checking compliance) would be a planning function, rather than being assessed through the Building Regulations system.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Further standardising the housebuilding industry will reduce design freedom which the Government is keen to encourage
Response:	Noted. Whilst minimum internal space standards would not be intended to limit wider design options, this will need to be considered further as part of the assessment as to whether this is an appropriate way forward within the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Requiring to comply with ever increasing regulations weights the market to standard house types and further prices out self-builders and small builders
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Any space standards should be directed towards high density areas including new housing estates by national housebuilders
Response:	If a local plan providing internal space standards was adopted, then this would include consideration of the circumstances in which it would apply, and whether this should be variable.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Nationally described space standards should be supported

Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to the appropriateness of including internal space standards (based on the nationally described space standards).
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	No; this should be determined on a case by case basis taking into account Village Design Statements
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. The guidance within an adopted VDS would be taken into account, although the issue of internal space standards fall outside the scope of a VDS.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The Council must adhere to national policy regarding internal space standards
Response:	The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	No, it should be market driven, to prevent homogenous bland developments forming
Response:	If a local plan providing internal space standards was adopted, then this would include consideration of the circumstances in which it would apply, and whether this should be variable. Policy on design and local character would also apply.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Internal space standards will undermine choice of new homes for those making a choice between the amount of space they have and what they can afford
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, and any consequent impact on affordability.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	The Council cannot expect home buyers to absorb extra costs in a Local Plan area where there exist severe affordability pressures.

Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, and any consequent impact on affordability.
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Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Nationally described space standards would reduce site yields or the number of units on a site, meaning the efficient use of land is less because development densities have decreased
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Space standards undermine the delivery of affordable housing whilst at the same time push additional families into affordable housing need because they can no longer afford to buy a national described space standard compliant home
Response:	If a local policy providing internal space standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, including for the delivery of affordable housing.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	There is no need for housing standards to feature on a local basis beyond those set at national level
Response:	The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Optional standards can only be applied where there is evidenced local need for the introduction of minimum space standards and where viability is not compromised
Response:	The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards. Consideration will

	be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability
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Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	This would be too restrictive and involve significant administration
Response:	Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	If there is evidential data to demonstrate that minimum space standards should be introduced, there is no requirement to deviate from the National Described Space Standards
Response:	The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance and national technical standards

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Why?
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Do market forces not determine what room volumes, etc. are acceptable?
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance

Reference: 10115	
Summary of comment:	Internal space standards would have significant unintended consequences on existing stock and new build values which affect overall affordability. See Inspector's Report on Winchester City Council's Local Plan part 2
Response:	Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, including affordability.

Reference: 10122, 10133	
Summary of comment:	National requirements on space standards are the most appropriate
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such

	standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance
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Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Should be set nationally, in the absence of national guidelines draft local standards
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Nationally described space standards should be adopted and relied upon
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	No evidence of need for space standards, or market led demand. Given significant affordability issues imposition of space standards will lead to people being priced out of the market
Response:	The Council will considered whether it is appropriate to include the optional nationally described internal space standard in the next Local Plan. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability, including affordability.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	PPG introduced a Nationally Described Space Standard, can only be applied if Council provide evidence of ; need, viability and timing. No suggestion from the existing evidence base to suggest substandard spaces are an issue in Test Valley
Response:	The comments are noted. The evidence would need to be reviewed as part of the next Local Plan to consider the points identified in relation to whether internal space standards would be appropriate and justified. The need and appropriateness of such standards would need to be evidence based and in line with the approach set out in national guidance. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Internal space standards are important to the wellbeing of residents

Response:	Noted. This would be taken into account as part of assessing the appropriateness of including minimum space standards in the next Local Plan.
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Question 20: Do you think we should establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwellings?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	To make every new house wheelchair user friendly is an onerous condition on future developers
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. This will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply.

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	On new housing developers over a certain number, 1 or 2 should be able to accommodate special needs for the small minority of homeowners who might require it
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. This will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply. It is recognised that only a minority of household require such provision to meet their needs, but it is appropriate to considered how these can be met in new development.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. Any standards would need to be justified with evidence.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes, if there is a statistical basis for requiring a certain level, especially in homes for the elderly
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The Council will review its evidence base. Any standards would need to be justified with evidence.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Yes, if the Council is trying to encourage an older population these standards could become widespread
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The Council will review its evidence base, including on the housing needs of older people.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Yes, lifetime homes develop an accessible and adaptable housing stock for those with disabilities and for people as they age
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	All new homes should conform to Part M standards, which allows all homes to be wheelchair accessible, resulting in no need for specific housing for people using wheelchairs giving such people more flexibility and choice in their housing
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. Account will be taken of building regulations which are separate to local plan policy requirements. The application of Part M of the building regulations is a matter for Government.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Accessibility should be designed into the local area (pavements, drop curbs, crossing, parks, etc). Insights from local residents with physical disabilities should be sought on such issues
Response:	The Council will also consider the role the next Local Plan can have in wider accessibility in the public realm. The Council has undertaken a number of street audits in the Borough, working with disabled people to identify constraints on accessibility with a view to seeking how these can be resolved.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Not necessary to establish a universal standard, consider establishing accessibility standards for all housing fit for use by all sections of the community
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply

Reference: 10037	
Summary of comment:	Introducing mandatory additional standards above and beyond national guidance is likely to result in additional development costs, which could discourage investment in the Borough. There is the potential for challenge and the benefits over and above present standards are likely to be minimal
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10040

Summary of comment:	Yes, if homes are wheelchair accessible their also accessible for prams
Response:	The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply. It is recognised that only a minority of household require such provision to meet their needs, but it is appropriate to considered how these can be met in new development. That accessibility standards can also have potential additional consequential benefits for others is also noted, but would not be a primary purpose of considering such a standard.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan evidence-base would need to explore if a need for such standards exists (footnote 46 of NPPF) Government's technical standards
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The Council will review its evidence base and take account of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	If such a need is justified it should be applied using the Government's optional standard rather than a locally devised standard, and must be tested against other policies to ensure cumulatively they are viably achievable
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Building Regulations normally ensure such provision, but more analysis could allow a policy to emerge for a % of new homes to have specific standards
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The Council will review its evidence base. It is recognised that only a minority of household require such provision to meet their needs, but it is appropriate to considered how these can be met in new development. Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations.

Reference: 10051, 10062, 10083

Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but Lifetime Homes may be more appropriate
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but exceptions can be allowed. There should be a minimum size for gardens.
Response:	If a local policy providing standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. The Council will consider the issue of private amenity space.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Yes, all housing should be accessible from the road and have an accessible toilet
Response:	In considering standards, the Council will assess what aspects of housing development these should cover.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Further standardising the housebuilding industry will reduce design freedom which the Government is keen to encourage
Response:	If a local policy providing standards was adopted, it would form part of the starting point for determining planning applications (alongside other policies in the local plan). Any deviation from this would need to be justified and considered as part of the determination of a planning application. Consideration will be given to the potential impact development costs and viability and choice. Design matters will be covered by other policies.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Requiring to comply with ever increasing regulations weights the market to standard house types and further prices out self-builders and small builders
Response:	Consideration will be given to the potential impact development costs and viability and choice.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Any space standards should be directed towards high density areas including new housing estates by national housebuilders
Response:	If a local policy providing standard was adopted, this would include of the circumstances in which it would apply.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	A reasonable proportion of new dwellings should be included in larger schemes for wheel chair users
Response:	If a local policy providing standard was adopted, this would include of the circumstances in which it would apply, including consideration of site size.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	A minimum set of standards as a starting point would seem a good idea
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The Council should adhere to national policy on space standards if evidence is produced to justify this approach
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Policy wording that in non-specific and seeks to address the diversity of housing needs for residents at all life stages is supported
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The Council will review its evidence base, including on the needs of households of different ages and how these may change over time.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	A reasonable proportion of new dwellings should be included in larger schemes for wheel chair users
Response:	If a local policy providing standard was adopted, this would include of the circumstances in which it would apply, including consideration of site size.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	This should be based on a housing needs assessment
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	There is no need for housing standards to feature on a local basis beyond those set at national level
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy.

Reference: 10101	
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Summary of comment:	On a site by site basis (ref NPPF paragraph 16(f))
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply. Account will be taken of NPPF guidance.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Any buildings specifically for wheelchair users should clearly be constructed to appropriate standards. However, imposition of such standards to both improvements and new builds is an unnecessary financial burden.
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	No specific standards are necessary as Building Regulations include optional standards for accessibility
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	All new dwellings should be made disabled friendly
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	There is a good case for requiring homes to be wheelchair accessible (or capable of being easily adapted)
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Building Regulations already stipulate such standards; if new standards are introduced by the Council it would require evidence of a need/justification for the enhanced requirements
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards. The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	Building regulations already stipulate such standards. However, if a new policy were to be introduced the Council should demonstrate that there is a need for the enhanced requirement
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards. The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Building regulations should set standards. Market forces should determine mix of specifically accessible properties in private sector. Local Planning Authorities should have policy of building a proportion of suitable dwellings as part of the social housing contribution
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards. The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy. Consideration will be given as to how any standards are applied to affordable and market housing.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	A reasonable proportion of new dwellings should be included in larger schemes for wheel chair users
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	The market is best placed to meet demand for higher accessibility standards as and when they arise
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. Account will be taken of to what extent this should be covered in the local plan taking account of the role of the market in provision.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Where there is an identified need for such properties, Local Planning Authorities should make use of Governments optional technical standards for accessible/adaptable housing. Based on housing need assessment it is for Local Planning Authorities to

	set out their approach demonstrating the need for Building Regulations
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards. The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Local Planning Authorities should clearly state what proportion of new dwellings should comply with the standards based on up to date evidence and considered in the context of viability for sites
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	PPG introduced optional standards for wheelchair accessibility within Housing Technical Standards, in line with Building Regulations; the SHMA will need to be updated to consider whether to seek the optional standard, added costs for building adaptable homes can undermine viability
Response:	Account will be taken of relevant national optional standards and building regulations, plus other relevant standards. The Council will review its evidence base and the approach to be taken will need to be justified, including consideration of national policy. Consideration will be given to the potential impact on development costs and viability.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Having houses built to take wheelchairs would be sensible
Response:	The Council will consider whether to establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwelling. The will include of the extent and circumstances in which such standards would apply

Question 21: Should the Local Plan set out a definition of rural worker?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	No, the Local Plan should remain as it is
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Problematical to define, but guidance is needed to enable people to know if they qualify

Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. The Council will consider the scope of any such definition, including if this should be prescriptive and comprehensive or more criteria based with examples.
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Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker.

Reference: 10051, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10083, 10090, 10106	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Caution is needed here - this approach has been abused in the past
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. Account will be taken of planning history, including previous planning applications and appeal decisions as relevant.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	No, this may be too restrictive
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. The reason for setting out a definition would be to allow for the use of certain properties within a countryside location to be restricted specifically for use by rural workers whose livelihoods depend on access to their rural workplaces.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Follow case law
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. Account will be taken of planning history, including previous planning applications and appeal decisions as relevant, as well as case law.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	It will be very difficult to get a definition that residents can understand and relate to.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. The Council will consider the scope of any such definition, including if this should be

	prescriptive and comprehensive or more criteria based with examples.
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Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Yes. It should be must broader than it currently is (including rural mechanics, grain merchants, gardeners, etc.)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely. The reason for setting out a definition would be to allow for the use of certain properties within a countryside location to be restricted specifically for use by rural workers whose livelihoods depend on access to their rural workplaces.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Any definition which is set out would need to provide flexibility and be able to cover the full range of 'rural workers'. Would need to be responsive and have the ability to consider instances where the definition would need to be widened if evidence can be put forward with any future planning application to do so
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely. The reason for setting out a definition would be to allow for the use of certain properties within a countryside location to be restricted specifically for use by rural workers whose livelihoods depend on access to their rural workplaces.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Defined as someone working in the rural industry, i.e. agricultural, forestry or other traditional rural based industries
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including its scope. Account would be taken of the jobs identified.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Flexibility in rural developments/affordable housing percentage rules should provide dwellings for locals including rural workers, no additional policy is necessary
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. The reason for setting out a definition would be to allow for the use of certain properties within a countryside location to be restricted specifically for use by rural workers whose livelihoods depend on access to their rural workplaces. The Council will seek to make appropriate provision for the housing needs of rural workers, including affordable housing.

Reference: 10130	
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Summary of comment:	Yes. The existing definition
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Having a definition of a rural worker would be prescriptive
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker. The reason for setting out a definition would be to allow for the use of certain properties within a countryside location to be restricted specifically for use by rural workers whose livelihoods depend on access to their rural workplaces.

Question 21A: And if so what should it include?

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Rural workers once worked in agriculture, but now might be an IT support company, training establishment or paintball site worker. To establish more business the Council should consider housing for staff
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Distinction needs to be made between rural and agricultural workers, agricultural are protected by tied tenancies, but numbers are falling. Recognise those running small businesses from rural homes. Distinction needs to be made between rural/agricultural business and rural/other business
Response:	Noted. It is recognised that there are rural worker with an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside, but are not employed in agriculture. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Should attempt a definition. If rural settlements were permitted to grow at same rate as towns with 40% affordable ratio the problem may resolve itself
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely. The Council will review its approach to housing distribution, including to the rural area. It will seek to maintain the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10042	
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Summary of comment:	Rural worker housing has rarely if ever resulted in rural building which enhances the appearance of rural settlements. Housing provided for workers in a particular industry seems an outdated concept
Response:	Noted. Any housing for rural workers would need to comply with the other relevant policy of the plan, including on design and character of the local area. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside, this is a relevant planning consideration in meeting the housing need for such workers.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	In this day and age a rural worker doesn't just mean somebody who works on the land, but could just as easily be somebody who works from home on a computer
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	A criteria-based policy should be used, with each application considered on its merits.
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The definition should include people working in locations designated as "countryside", where the nature of the work could not be undertaken within settlement boundaries
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Someone whose work is by definition in the countryside - agriculture, forestry, fishery, but also perhaps people running campsites or working in a country pub, village shop/school
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Any definition of rural worker should not create a loophole which would enable such occupiers to claim to be rural workers
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10076	
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Summary of comment:	Is there a difference between a land-based rural worker and someone who merely works in a rural area? The former may require employment related accommodation; the latter may have a home office. To define rural worker will be difficult, perhaps including the term land-based will help to categorise
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The requirement for 'rural workers' has reduced dramatically following the standardisation and commercialisation of such industries, so the demand has decreased
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside. Whilst there has been a decline in agricultural employment, there is still a workforce with a housing need within this category.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	A change could be targeted at "Manual Workers" which might allow people in lower paid jobs to afford housing where they need it, although they would have to be tied to a location
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	The existing definition
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	The definition must be clearly defined
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be defined more widely. The Council will consider the scope of any such definition, including if this should be prescriptive and comprehensive or more criteria based with examples. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	It should be left vague to encompass many workers
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach and consider whether to define rural worker, including whether this should be

	defined more widely. The Council will consider the scope of any such definition, including if this should be prescriptive and comprehensive or more criteria based with examples. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.
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Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	It needs to refer to the need for a worker to live in a particular location to carry out his/her job
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	The current system could be open to abuse by permitting houses in the countryside without proper justification
Response:	Noted. It is considered that to qualify to be a rural worker there should be an essential functional need for their livelihood to be located within the countryside.

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Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople sites appear to need to pay no regard to the planning rules which apply to other residents. There must be proper consideration of potential impact on SSSIs, SINCs and ancient woodland
Response:	Noted. Consideration of planning constraints applies to all development.

Question 22: How do you think we should best meet Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople's needs?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	I do not know enough about the needs of Gypsies
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Having a clearly defined policy in place with pre-identified sites which isn't open to interpretation
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Stockbridge has had experience of planning permission for a site in the countryside given on appeal because the Council had not met its legal responsibility for the provision of sites. We hope the Council will not delay action in this area
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Identify a site the Traveller community would use and make it available, decisions should not be allowed to drag on
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. Where a site is allocated consideration will be given to its availability and deliverability to meet need.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The Council should refer to the Hampshire Consortium Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show people Accommodation Assessment 2016-2036
Response:	Noted. This is a document which the Council has referred to in preparation of the TVBC GTT DPD.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Gypsies and Travellers are known to experience poorer health outcomes; the future local plan should consider the wider determinants of health on such communities
Response:	The Council will take account of the particular circumstances of these communities including health care.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Ample provision exists, where new sites are required these should be by agreement only with communities and subject to legal restrictions on nuisance and trespass
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. In assessing the level of future need, account will be taken of existing provision. The local plan will be prepared in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10040

Summary of comment:	Public resentment against what is seen as an abuse of the planning system re: defining Gypsy, Traveller & Travelling Showpeople. Should only permit sites if applicants can prove they are genuinely nomadic all year round
Response:	Noted. There are stringent tests in place which applicants need to demonstrate in order for them to fit the definition of Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	It is a use which can adversely affect existing communities, it is unacceptable to propose them without the agreement of the communities they are likely to affect
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. In assessing the level of future need, account will be taken of existing provision. The local plan will be prepared in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Anything that prevents unauthorised use of land by these people is an advantage
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. In assessing the level of future need, account will be taken of existing provision. By making provision to meet need this should minimise the unauthorised use of land.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The Gypsy and Traveller need should be based on a need in the locality and on a criteria-based approach
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	There is first a need to define genuine, itinerant, all year round gypsies/travellers and those who go on the road during the summer months
Response:	Noted. There are stringent tests in place which applicants need to demonstrate in order for them to fit the definition of Gypsy, Traveller or Travelling Showpeople

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	A hard stand area with a clean water supply and sanitation, with a maximum permitted stay of 3 months, for which affordable rent is paid to the Council. This would serve the needs of seasonal and permanent members of such communities
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. The proposed option would not provide for permanent accommodation, or for those who wish to own their own site.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The purchase of farmland from "Travellers" who argue the Council has not provided adequate sites for the travelling community and go on the build "guerrilla developments" needs to stop (e.g. the site opposite Potter's Heron Hotel in Ampfield)
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. If a planning application is made it must be considered on its individual merits.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	These sites appear to need to pay no regard to the planning rules which apply to other residents. There must be proper consideration of potential impact on SSSIs, SINCS and ancient woodland
Response:	Noted. Consideration of planning constraints applies to all development.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	There should be consultation with localities
Response:	Noted. The local plan will be prepared in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Permanent sites have proved to be unworkable in the past; temporary sites may be a better option
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider options for the provision of sites, however there will likely be those who have a need for a permanent site.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	No comment, other than the needs should be demonstrable and based on sound evidence

Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	This topic generates much emotion on both sides
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	None
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	If services and facilities are to be made available, then a charge should be levied to ensure that Gypsies pay their way to support said services in authorised areas. The location of such authorised sites can be within reasonable travel distances in rural areas (e.g. to Romsey)
Response:	Noted. This is not an issue which is within the scope of the local plan. Access to services and payment of any charges is on the same basis as the rest of the community.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Understand how these needs are addressed elsewhere in the country to understand 'best practice' approaches
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of best practice where relevant.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Make provision or leave it to appeals
Response:	Noted. How the Council proposes to meet need will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. However, if a planning application is made it must be considered on its individual merits, which may lead to a decision being made on appeal following refusal or non determination.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	It is important that the character of Ampfield is maintained; a site is already present and we would be against any extension of this site or any additional sites in the Parish
Response:	Noted. How the Council proposes to meet need will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. If a planning application is made it must be

	considered on its individual merits. Any impact on the character of the area would be a material consideration.
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Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Enforcement Officers should regularly inspect the site to ensure compliance with approved planning permission is not being ignored
Response:	Noted. If there are any concerns that the conditions of any planning permission are not being complied with they should be reported to the Enforcement Team who will then investigate.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	The Council needs to ensure that the Needs Assessment is robust and up-to-date to limit opportunities for it to be challenged
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	There is strong public opposition to gypsy and traveller sites close to existing settlements, although in other ways these are preferable in terms of access to facilities, etc.
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. Where allocation are proposed these will be assessed, taking account of accessibility to services and facilities.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	A big concern is the perception that these sites can be untidy and have an adverse effect on the landscape and the amenity of local residents
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. Where allocation are proposed these will be assessed, taking account of accessibility impact on landscape and amenity.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, best strive to meet the gypsy and traveller's needs
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the

	next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need.
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Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Need for suitable sites should be quantified then flexibility shown in permitting relevant applications until target is reached. Provision must be made to provide temporary pitches to support them while moving through
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. Where allocation are proposed these will be assessed, taking account of accessibility to services and facilities. Where planning applications are made these will be considered on their individual merits. Existing provision and any new provision which comes forward through planning applications, outside of the local plan process will be taken into account in assessing future need.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Such needs should be met through identification of specific dedicated sites in line with the guidance within the Planning policy for traveller sites
Response:	Noted. The Council does have an obligation to provide permanent and transit sites for Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople. The Council will review its evidence base on the accommodation needs of the gypsy, traveller and travelling showpeople communities and how these are addressed in the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of both policy and site allocations to meet the identified need. Account will be taken of national guidance on traveller sites.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	There should be great care taken that a site chosen if not a 'tick box' exercise, but has the requisite amenities for each category
Response:	Noted. Where allocations are proposed these will be assessed, taking account of all relevant considerations.

Question 23: Do you agree that we should have a specific policy on health and wellbeing?

Reference: 10001, 10010, 10029, 10051, 10055, 10064, 10083, 10132	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	The Council should engage with Councils who have already used this approach and learn from their experiences
Response:	Noted. Account will be taken of best practice and experience elsewhere as relevant.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Spatial planning and design can greatly influence health and wellbeing and the local plan should explicitly acknowledge this
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	There is existing provision for Councils to limit fast food outlets or purveyors of unhealthy food
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Health and wellbeing are a facet of quality of life, Borough role is to facilitate the maintenance and enhancement of quality of life for residents
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	No. Health and well-being should be embedded within the vision and objectives of the Local Plan and picked up in relevant policies (e.g. design)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Sports England supports a policy on health and wellbeing
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Support with action, provide cycle paths to encourage non-car use
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. Such an approach could not only benefit people's health but also the environment and sustainable travel.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	We need policies to encourage all (especially children) to be active
Response:	Noted.. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	Yes. This would be a step forward in acknowledging the impact that design quality and green infrastructure can have on mental health/ community wellbeing
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Help in the prevention/reduction of obesity, diabetes and poor dental health. Promote healthier lifestyles.
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or

	contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.
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Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	No. Difficult to define a policy that is meaningful and deliverable in planning
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	If this considered a priority issue then the focus should be on Andover and Romsey
Response:	Noted. Consideration will be given to how such a policy could be applied Borough-wide as well are to particular areas of the Borough, including Andover and Romsey.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	No. This is inappropriate; instead considerations of health and wellbeing should form part of the vision or objectives of the wider Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message. The issue will be considered in setting the vision and objectives of next Local Plan as a whole.

Reference: 10090, 10130	
Summary of comment:	No. Difficult to define a policy that is meaningful and deliverable in planning
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message.

Reference: 10098	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The planning system can play a role in helping to reduce health related problems
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a

	positive impact on the physical health of residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities.
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Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	No. The LA should not attempt to dictate lifestyle but should focus on education, not restrictions through policy
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote a health and wellbeing message. This issue is not one of dictating lifestyle, but rather how the local plan can facilitate and support health and wellbeing through the planning process and new development.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes. We should have a specific policy but not limited to the Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message. It is noted there may be also other area in which the Council can further health and wellbeing, which are not necessarily limited to the local plan but this is what consultation covers.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	No. Health and wellbeing should form part of a wide strategic objective, do not need a specific policy as the theme should run through all policies in general
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote an health and wellbeing message. The issue will be considered in setting the vision and objectives of next Local Plan as a whole.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Difficult to know how a health and wellbeing policy would be distinctive from other Local Plan policies (NPPF section 8)
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local

	Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote a health and wellbeing message. Account will be taken of NPPF guidance.
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Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Planning decisions can affect people's health, issues to cover should include: the aging population, loneliness and preventative healthcare
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Would suggest this is a strategic objective and underlying aspiration within all policies, rather than through a specific policy which could end up being vague and ineffective
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the position of whether there should be a policy on health and wellbeing in the next Local Plan. An alternative to a specific policy could be for the issue to be considered as part of other policies as relevant, such that There could be a common thread throughout the policies of a local plan there is an opportunity for all policies to promote a health and wellbeing message.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Would welcome a policy in the Local Plan on health and wellbeing, promoting active/healthy lifestyles. Well planned green infrastructure within/connecting developments encourages people to lead more active lives, also improving mental health
Response:	Noted. It is becoming ever more evident that the design of places does influence the health of those who live and work within those areas. A well designed development can have a positive impact on the physical health or residents by encouraging walking and cycling as well as mental health by encouraging interaction within communities. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Question 23A: What sort of issues do you think it should cover?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Public open space should be provided for children

Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.
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Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Limit food outlets which sell fatty or sugary foods near schools
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	It should restrict the operation of food outlets near schools, and focus on access to public open space, including the provision of connecting paths and pavements (e.g. Stockbridge Down from Stockbridge village)
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Paragraph 5.50 identifies an approach used elsewhere that should be examined to see what could benefit Test Valley
Response:	Noted. The Council will take account of best practice and experience from elsewhere as relevant.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Being mentally and physically healthier can contribute to the local economy and society (e.g. fewer sickness absence days and the ability to engage with the local community)
Response:	These benefits are recognised. There will need to be further consideration of how the next Local Plan can contribute to enabling healthy lifestyles in the context of new development.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Ensuring places enable healthy choices, enhancing the food offer in local retain and commissioned services, raising awareness and facilitating behaviour change, maximising value from service provision and linking initiatives to places and people
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan, as relevant to what influence the planning system can have.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council Public Health would be pleased to support the Council in developing such policies, relating to the

	restriction of unhealthy fast food outlets on the high street and near schools, for example
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan. The offer of support is appreciated

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Consider adding access to the countryside, provision of green space with outdoor gyms, and rural activity programmes
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Not sure how the Local Plan can restrict the sale of fatty and sugary foods near schools
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	It should encourage and promote healthy and active lifestyles, in line with Sport England's Strategy 'Towards an Active Nation' (2016)
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications. The Council will take account of relevant policy guidance.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The 'health and well-being' aspect should be covered by other Development Management policies
Response:	Noted. There will need to be further consideration of how best to address health and wellbeing matters through the next Local Plan, including development management policies.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Historically more health improvements have been achieved by public health measures to do with sanitation, environment and the provision of amenities compared to medical interventions
Response:	Noted. A variety of organisations have a role to play in relation to health improvements. There will need to be consideration as to the role of the next Local Plan in considering this topic in the context of new development and the role of the planning system.

Reference: 10051	
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Summary of comment:	Public Health specialists have moved from the NHS Health Authorities to County and Metropolitan Councils; the Council needs to avail itself of the expertise of this resource from Hampshire County Council
Response:	Noted. The input of public health specialists, along with other health organisations, will be important in ensuring that the next Local Plan contributes to facilitating healthy lifestyles.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Issues around needs of an ageing population, childhood/adult obesity, road safety around inadequate cycleways, mental health issues (especially for young people and in the workplace)
Response:	Noted. There will be a role for the next Local Plan in considering these matters in conjunction with new development. This may cover a number of policy areas.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Adequate greenspace and sport facilities are crucial to achieving improvements in managing mental health and obesity
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	More space is needed for informal recreation space to run around and have fun, not just sports pitches
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space is sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	As a minimum include: safe local play areas for children, encourage parents to let children walk to school, safe crossing points on roads, maintained footpaths, appropriate lighting, open sportsgrounds and their car parks at no charge, footpaths within all new development and advice on food and healthy eating
Response:	Noted. There may be limitations on the scope for planning policies to address all these suggestions. Matters such as the availability of open space and access to facilities and services (including schools) including by non- car modes of travel will need to be considered through the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Should not include measures to limit supply and demand such as preventing sale of sweets/sugary drinks near schools. It is for guardians/parents to decide what their children eat/drink
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	We need a Local Plan that goes beyond "public open spaces" - there is a great need for easily accessible indoor sports and recreation facilities
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports facilities are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Current policy is far too narrow, especially for an elderly population
Response:	Noted. The approach to health and wellbeing will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, having regard to national planning policy and guidance on this matter. The Council recognises the issue of an ageing population and the implications which they may have.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Restriction on food types to be sold in food shops seems unlikely to have significant effect but worth trying
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Do not cover the sale of foods, that it a matter of education
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Cover opportunities for sports, recreation and leisure, and health facilities (dentists and doctors)
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications. The Council will work with local healthcare providers on provision.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	This understanding can be developed further by enhancing biodiversity on new developments through the inclusion of Swift bricks in their construction, which provide safe, clean and maintenance-free resting sites for Swifts and House Sparrows, for example
Response:	Noted. The approach to biodiversity through the next Local Plan will be reviewed having regard to national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	Having nature integrated in housing developments enhances and enriches quality of life, overall happiness, and health and well-being
Response:	The indicated benefits are noted and there will be a role for the next Local Plan in seeking to maximise such benefits in association with new development.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	New development should have enough open space within it to allow children to play to tackle the nation's obese problem
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Localised open space is also needed for parents to supervise their children securely
Response:	Noted. The provision of or contribution toward public open space including sports pitches are sought for the majority of planning applications. In masterplanning development, the location open space will be considered.

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group support a specific policy which could include the positive contribution well planned, sustainable and healthy community environments can play in supporting the health and wellbeing of individuals
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of next Local Plan further consideration can be given to the approach to supporting healthy communities and supporting the wider health and wellbeing agenda.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Health and wellbeing forms part of the holistic planning process whereby development, through the masterplanning process, respond to/deliver high quality development incorporating the principles in the NPPF
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance, and the issues of health and wellbeing in masterplanning development.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Delivery of healthy and safe communities is the collective sum of individual elements of the masterplanning/design and planning process
Response:	The issues of healthy and safe communities will be taken into account in the masterplanning of development. It is recognised that these result from an integrated approach.

Reference: 10134	
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Summary of comment:	The health and wellbeing is woefully brief and does not address any current issues, including mental health in the workplace
Response:	Noted. The Council are seeking the opinions of Test Valley residents to help in guiding the approach the next local plan should take with regards to a number of matters including health and wellbeing. At this stage the subjects are being kept broad in order to allow for further examination. The issue of mental health is recognised, and will be considered in so far as this is an issue for the next Local Plan's remit.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Food outlets selling cheap, unhealthy food should not be permitted near schools
Response:	Noted. There are examples of exclusion zones being implemented around schools and other facilities which prevent such establishments from opening. That is an approach which the Council could explore in the next local plan

Paragraph 5.51

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Abbotswood's Community Centre is not in operation, and is supposed to have a pub and a doctor's surgery; what has happened to encourage business to take on these facilities?
Response:	Noted. The Community centre is now up and running; unfortunately however there were no occupants willing to come forward to occupy/open a pub or surgery on the Abbotswood site. The Council is able to secure land to be reserved for a facility, but it is for a private commercial operator to provide. If no-one comes forward in a reasonable timescale, then it is deemed that there is a lack of demand or that such provision would not be viable. In such cases other options for the use of the reserved land would be considered.

Question 24: Should some types of facilities and services be given more protection than others?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes, village shops, pubs and community centres should be given protection where there is evidence of community need and support
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Neighbourhood Plan could be used to help identify services/facilities that need to be protected, and they could establish the reasons why they are of importance in the community
Response:	Communities has the ability to register facilities as assets of community value. Neighbourhood plans could provide a

	opportunity to identify such facilities and potentially include policies to protect them.
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Each community requires a level of facilities and these should be protected in a manner that allows some flexibility for change in consultation with that community
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. Flexibility with the policy to allow for change can be considered.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Shops, community centre/halls, Post Offices
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. The current definition would include post offices.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Leisure centres, parks, village/church halls are more worthy than bingo halls or night clubs
Response:	Noted. It is recognised that some facilities could be considered of wider and more significant value to the community as a whole than others. The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. Consideration will be given to what additional facilities could be afforded protection where justified.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Yes, in the context that nature of retail is changing as a result of internet shopping
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. It is recognised that the increase in online shopping is a significant issue for the future of retailing.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	How do you prioritise different facilities? A pub in one community might need more protection than another one in a different location
Response:	It is recognised that some facilities could be considered of wider and more significant value to the community as a whole than others. Relevant factors could depend upon location and whether it was the only such facility in an area. Each case would be considered on its individual merits, but a consistent Borough-wide policy approach would be needed.

Reference: 10046	
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Summary of comment:	Sports and recreation facilities as well as land used for sport (playing fields) unless in exceptional circumstances, in accordance with NPPF para 94 and Sport's England's own objectives
Response:	The Council will take account of NPPF guidance. Sports and recreational facilities including playing fields are protected by a separate local plan policy, and in the case of playing field in many cases by national policy and regulation.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Local plan policies should specifically identify sports and recreation facilities and playing fields as valuable community facilities to be protected
Response:	The Council has a Public Open Space Audit which lists and maps by parish existing facilities covered by the local plan policy on public open space.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, and pressure to change some community facilities such as halls and pubs should be addressed by policy to ensure necessary facilities are retained
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The pressure of change within town centres because of internet shopping is impacting retail and is a particular challenge
Response:	It is recognised that the increase in online shopping is a significant issue for the future of retailing. There are specific separate local plan policies on the mix of uses in town centres.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Facilities and services which enhance the health and well-being of the population should be the first priority
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. Consideration of health and wellbeing can taken into account in this regard.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Need to encourage multiple uses, pubs selling groceries, community halls/shops providing café/social facilities. Provide services to those in rural communities with no car/internet/public transport
Response:	It is recognised that the multiple complementary use of facilities can increase their viability and benefits to the community. It is also recognised that the provision of accessibility to services

	and transport in rural areas is a significant issue, particularly for those without access to a private car or internet access. Whilst these issues may more generally in fall outside the scope of the local plan to directly address, the Council will seek to sustain rural community and use local plan policies to further how these can be supported.
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Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Protection of community facilities and services is desirable, but they cannot be sustained without a market
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. It is recognised in the absence of sufficient demand to sustain a facility, local plan policy will not prevent changes to or loss of facilities.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Some types need to be protected, what they are and what protection will be required is difficult to predict. Plan should state Council facilities will not be removed without first consulting with residents
Response:	The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. In the case of a planning application for a change of use this would be the subject of consultation. Communities can also register facilities as assets of community value.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Yes - Braishfield Pantry is a great example of what is needed; support such community enterprises like these
Response:	Noted. It is recognised that there are a number of such facilities in communities which are valued and provide an important service to residents.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes, unless adequate replacement facilities are first provided
Response:	The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. Proposals for replacement would be considered under the policy, but replacement is not a requirement, taking account of the considerations above.

Reference: 10076	
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Summary of comment:	Community involvement is critical , no point preserving facilities that are little/under used. Should be incumbent on Parish/Town Councils to demonstrate a period of consultation before any decision is made
Response:	The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. In the case of a planning application for a change of use this would be the subject of consultation.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130	
Summary of comment:	No, this is not practicable; the market will dictate what is viable
Response:	The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. It is recognised that viability will be determined by market demand.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Village halls, community centres, Churches, surgeries, public buildings and public open space need to be protected for health, wellbeing and leisure reasons
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. Sports and recreational facilities including playing fields are protected by a separate local plan policy. Consideration of health and wellbeing can taken into account in this regard.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The importance and demand for services and facilities changes over time (e.g. we no longer need local coal merchants)
Response:	It is recognised that as society and the economy changes that which services and facilities are of the greatest importance and the most value to the community will change over time.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The Council should work with local communities (through Neighbourhood Plans) to determine a plan for the protection and further enhancement of location-specific facilities
Response:	Communities has the ability to register facilities as assets of community value. Neighbourhood plans could provide a opportunity to identify such facilities and potentially include policies to protect them. Neighbourhood plans could provide a opportunity to identify such facilities and potentially include policies to protect them. The Council encourages and support the preparation of neighbourhood plans.

Reference: 10102

Summary of comment:	The centres of towns and villages should be given special attention as they directly affect the quality of life of residents and visitors. High Streets need specific attention given the rise of Internet shopping.
Response:	It is recognised that the increase in online shopping is a significant issue for the future of retailing. There are specific separate local plan policies on the mix of uses in Andover and Romsey town centres, and a policy for Stockbridge local centre.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Yes, community buildings operating as charities or by volunteers deserve a higher standard of protection than commercial operations
Response:	The existing policy does not differential between charitable, voluntary or commercial operators. This is an issue which can be considered, although in planning terms the primary consideration in the use and value of the facility to the community not the nature of the operator.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Some means of temporarily supporting failing facilities of the above nature would be beneficial, as well as supporting community purchases of shops, pubs, etc.
Response:	Noted. The temporary support for facilities is outside the scope of the local plan. Communities can register facilities as assets of community value, which includes a right to bid should they come up for sale.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	There is no point in the local authority attempting to protect buildings which are not commercial viable (especially pubs), but changes of use should be supported by robust evidence of non-viability
Response:	The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. It is recognised that viability will be determined by market demand. In order to satisfy the requirements of the policy criteria, sufficient evidence in justification for lack of viability needs to be demonstrated.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres

Reference: 10128	
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Summary of comment:	Yes, but policies must be able to evolve over time, ideal to protect retail units, but should also reflect market trend towards online shopping
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. It is recognised that the increase in online shopping is a significant issue for the future of retailing. It is recognised that as society and the economy changes that which services and facilities are of the greatest importance and the most value to the community will change over time.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Community centres/day centres for the elderly being used regularly should be given protection as they provide neutral space for residents to meet and become hubs for local communities. Ensure services/facilities being used frequently are protected
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres. The importance of community centres and day centres is recognised.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should give protection to premises that have been used for shops/pubs etc.
Response:	The Council will review its approach to the protection of community facilities, including currently: shops, pubs and community centres

Question 25: Should we continue to protect all existing community facilities and services?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Where possible community facilities should be protected
Response:	Noted. This approach also reflects national planning policy, which seeks to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Protection should be given to facilities that are regularly used by a reasonable number of people (use it or lose it). There should be a threshold for facilities deemed vulnerable and not worth protecting because of lack of use
Response:	Noted. Consideration can be given to ways to identify those facilities that are valued or regularly used, or focus on such facilities through any policy seeking to protect their retention.

Reference: 10027	
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Summary of comment:	We strongly encourage the local plan to include a strong policy protecting existing community, cultural and social facilities from unnecessary loss
Response:	Noted. This approach also reflects national planning policy, which seeks to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Not necessarily, only as long as there is a continuing and demonstrable need for them
Response:	Noted. In preparing any policy approach to protecting such facilities it could be an option to take account of whether their remains a need for the provision.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	No, if a good case cannot be made then community facilities should be allowed to evolve into related or other uses
Response:	Noted. Any policy approach will need to balance the retention of facilities with a recognition that in some cases alternative uses may be appropriate.

Reference: 10043, 10048, 10062, 10083, 10085, 10105, 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes Yes, where appropriate
Response:	Noted. This approach also reflects national planning policy, which seeks to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Yes, existing sports and recreation facilities should be protected unless in exceptional circumstances (NPPF paragraph 97)
Response:	Comments are noted. The next Local Plan would need to be consistent with national planning policy, including the specific advice regarding the retention of open space, sports and recreational buildings and land. There is a separate specific local plan policy on public open space.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	No; if a facility or service has no Public Health or economic benefit there is no case for continued support
Response:	Noted. In preparing the next Local Plan regard will need to be had to the advice in national planning policy and other relevant policy documentation in informing its approach. There may be circumstances where it is no longer appropriate to retain some facilities and policies could consider the type of circumstances this would apply to and ways of assessing them.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Objective of the policy should restrict any change of use without evidence the facility is no longer commercially viable

Response:	Noted. This approach reflects the adopted Local Plan policy regarding community facilities. In preparing the next Local Plan we can consider the effectiveness of existing policies in the context of national policy and guidance, as well as other considerations.
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Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Yes, unless adequate replacement facilities are first provided
Response:	Noted. A policy could consider an option around replacement facilities where the provision needs to be retained.

Reference: 10076, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10130	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	Noted. The approach to this policy will be reviewed, including having regard to national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council considers there should be a presumption in retaining beneficial community facilities, such as schools and adult services catering for those with learning disabilities, mental health, older people and those with physical disabilities)
Response:	Noted. This approach reflects national planning policy, which seeks to guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services. The Council will review the scope of the policy and whether to include such additional uses.

Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire County Council as a public service provider constantly reviews the services it provides as part of a strategy of service-driven improvements. This can sometimes lead to the relocation and/ or re-provision of services to an alternative location As such a flexible policy is needed by Test Valley to allow Hampshire County Council to provide services effectively. For example, the 6-month marketing assessment can be inappropriate and impose unnecessary delay in securing or spending government funding for service improvements
Response:	Noted. A policy could consider an option around replacement facilities where the provision needs to be retained. The six month period for marketing required under the existing policy is considered a reasonable timescale in which to allow for an alternative operator to come forward, however this will be reviewed.

Reference: 10088	
Summary of comment:	One flexible approach is to distinguish between commercially-run and publicly-owned community facilities. This approach is

	seen in the Pre-Submission South Downs Local Plan (DM policy SD43: New and existing community facilities (2)). This approach allows Test Valley to be effective in line with the duty to cooperate based on the operational needs of Hampshire County Council.
Response:	The potential to distinguish between different types of community facilities can be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The existing policy does not differential between charitable, voluntary or commercial operators. This is an issue which can be considered, although in planning terms the primary consideration in the use and value of the facility to the community not the nature of the operator.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	No, there is the issue of viability. These facilities need to be meeting community needs to justify protection
Response:	Noted. The lack of viability of community services and facilities could be a justification for the loss of such provisions. This could be explored further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including having regard to the operation of the existing policy in the adopted Local Plan.

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	<p>The Hampshire County Council Library Service Transformations Strategy to 2020 sets out how the library service can be sustainable and relevant to changing customer needs. New service delivery models are being explored.</p> <p>As part of this strategy, one approach may be to share library buildings with partner organisations for several services to be accessed to one visit.</p>
Response:	It is recognised that the way community facilities and services are provided may evolve over time, including the move towards shared provision of building between different services. Therefore consideration will need to be given as to how any policy on this matter can be sufficiently flexible to accommodate this.

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	<p>COM14 is not effective in recognising the role of public services and how they function; the 6-month marketing requirement can be inappropriate and impose unnecessary delay in obtaining much-needed funding for public services</p> <p>COM14 should be more flexible to public sector providers (e.g. in the upcoming South Downs Local Plan a difference between commercial and public facilities is made, with marketing only required for the former)</p>
Response:	Noted. The six month period for marketing required under the existing policy is considered a reasonable timescale in which to allow for an alternative operator to come forward, however this

	will be reviewed. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration can be given to whether there are alternative ways to balance the need to retain valued community services without prejudicing alternative uses in appropriate circumstances.
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Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Facilities have a significant impact on lives of local people, particularly in rural areas where access to such amenities are limited and should be offered some protection. But should recognise those that those not delivering optimum quality for the local community replacement with a newer, more efficient facility may be appropriate
Response:	Noted. This will be an important balance to be struck within any policy regarding the retention of community facilities, including replacement which would be covered by the policy.

Reference: 10101, 10104	
Summary of comment:	Quantity or size does not necessarily mean quality and efficiency. Policy should allow the loss of amenities if a proposal includes the re-provision or enhancement in whole/in part of a new community facility even if reduced in size, but better quality Any policy should allow the loss of these amenities is a proposal includes the re-provision or enhancement in whole or in part of a new facility, even if a new facility will be of a reduced size by a better quality
Response:	Noted. Further consideration will need to be given to how a more flexible approach could be applied. The existing policy covers replacement including the re-provision of existing facilities. It is recognised that in some case replacement will be an acceptable proposal in planning terms.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	They should be afforded some protection, but it should be recognised where such facility/service is not delivering the optimum quality for the local community, its replacement with a new, better more efficient facility may be appropriate
Response:	Noted. Further consideration can be given to a policy that provides protection but recognises circumstances where the loss of facilities may be acceptable. The existing policy includes replacement. It is recognised that in some cases replacement will be an acceptable proposal in planning terms.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	No point protecting facilities for which there is no demand. Use of community asset register/right to bid legislation should be encouraged to communities protect the facilities they value
Response:	Noted. A policy on this topic could consider circumstances when the loss of such facilities may be appropriate. The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the

	<p>facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. It is recognised that viability will be determined by market demand. Registering community assets is a separate process but can be a consideration through the planning system.</p>
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Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	<p>Community centres/local groups can be a lifeline for the elderly. Complete an assessment on all existing community facilities/services to determine the frequency/quality of usage & serving a social/meaningful community service. If cause for concern, engage stakeholders to determine if vacant facilities could be used more effectively before developed for an alternative use</p>
Response:	<p>It is recognised that community facilities and services can be highly valued, including by specific groups within the community. A planning policy on this matter will need to consider how to balance retaining such facilities without prejudicing alternative uses in appropriate circumstances. The value of community facilities is recognised. Where a community facility is no longer required by the existing user or occupier, the current policy requires that it be marketed for six months for other similar uses to determine whether there is alternative demand at a price which reflects the existing use.</p>

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	<p>Existing community facilities and services should only be protected where they are occupied or there is robust evidence that they will be reoccupied in a reasonable timeframe and/or still suitable/viable for the permitted use</p>
Response:	<p>Noted. A planning policy on this matter will need to consider how to balance retaining such facilities without prejudicing alternative uses in appropriate circumstances. The aim is for them to be retained where there is a continued need and the facility continues to provide suitable accommodation, and in the case of shop or pubs it is or could be commercially viable. It is recognised that viability will be determined by market demand. In order to satisfy the requirements of the policy criteria, sufficient evidence in justification for lack of viability needs to be demonstrated.</p>

Chapter 6: Working in Test Valley

General

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	In line with NPPF paragraph 92, opportunities to integrate housing with employment should be maximised, particularly where there is the potential to expand already successful employment locations alongside housing and community facilities
Response:	The Council in assessing potential sites for allocation for residential development, will include assessment for mixed use to include an element of employment, in order facilitate local job opportunities. The location of existing employment and community facilities will also be taken into account in the appraisal of potential residential development sites.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should provide clear evidence to guide economic growth, identifying the types of employment required and where they should be focused
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The location of employment uses should be sustainable and should be supported by market evidence, and be flexible enough to response to market conditions and change
Response:	The Council will take account of location and accessibility is assessing potential sites for allocation for employment development. The quantum and nature of such allocations will be informed by market evidence of their suitability and viability regarding the commercial property market.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Other connections to be maximised: M3 & Solent LEPs which seek to drive economic growth within the sub-regional area
Response:	The Council will take account of the strategies and policy objectives of the LEPs as relevant, including the relationship of the local economy with the wider sub-regional economy and how it can contribute towards future economic growth and prosperity.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	PUSH Position Statement states Test Valley should plan for B-Class floorspace of 142,000sqm of which 55,000SQM is offices (B1a/b)
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment

	forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include taking into account assessments and forecasts of both PUSH and the LEPs.
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Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	STV has a strong sub-regional position as part of PUSH, these sub-regional aims should be included in the priorities/aspirations of the new Local Plan
Response:	The Council will take account of the strategies and policy objectives of the LEPs as relevant, including the relationship of the local economy with the wider sub-regional economy and how it can contribute towards future economic growth and prosperity. The Council recognises that Southern Test Valley (STV) makes a strong qualitative contribution towards the prosperity of the South Hampshire economy and aim for this to continue.

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	Hiller Nurseries are exploring the option of relocating the current growing function to the north of Jermyns Lane, thus consolidating our local Nurseries into one site.
Response:	Noted. Potential alternative uses for land which becomes available for redevelopment or reuse would be considered on their merits. The SHELAA provides a mechanism for such land to be submitted for assessment for allocation for development as part of the Local Plan preparation process.

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	There are advantages to the above strategy, as it would release a large area of PDL for alternative land uses, and thus could form an important component of meeting the Council's Local Plan objectives
Response:	Potential alternative uses for land which becomes available for redevelopment or reuse would be considered on their merits. The SHELAA provides a mechanism for such land to be submitted for assessment for allocation for development as part of the Local Plan preparation process. Where such land is PDL this is a factor which would be taken into account in the assessment process.

Reference: 10121	
Summary of comment:	The MOD owns a number of sites within the Borough, including Middle Wallop, home of the Army Air Corps Centre. Over the period to 2036, the MOD expects to see significant changes to military basing across the UK.
Response:	The Council recognises the role of defence within the Test Valley and of the MOD as a major landowner. We will liaise with MOD on their future operational defence requirements and on any consequent changes to defence estate needs as these apply to the Borough.

Reference: 10121	
Summary of comment:	The MOD will be reviewing basing plans for its helicopter fleet, which may result in changes to their requirement in Middle Wallop. The Borough will be informed of any changes to MOD operations at Middle Wallop and elsewhere in the Borough.
Response:	The Council recognises the role of defence within the Test Valley and of the MOD as a major landowner. We will liaise with MOD on their future operational defence requirements and on any consequent changes to defence estate needs as these apply to the Borough.

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Chamber of Commerce believes that it is reasonable to ask for more on the Local Plan on jobs and business, not just housing. Section 6 does not go far enough
Response:	Whilst the delivery of housing is a key priority, the Council also recognises the importance of supporting the local economy. As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made.

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	STV is the main area close to Southampton with land suitable for economic development, especially for industry and transport. Prime for logistic and support for the Port of Southampton. I&O shows too much emphasis on housing numbers and not enough on issues affecting the local economy
Response:	Whilst the delivery of housing is a key priority, the Council also recognises the importance of supporting the local economy. As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include forecast demand for STV as part of the wider South Hampshire sub-regional economy and consideration of individual sectors, including storage and distribution.

Paragraph 6.1

Reference: 10103	
Summary of comment:	We consider there are opportunities through the emerging Local Plan to strengthen our business locally and also aid the Local Planning Authority in delivering the social and economic objectives over the plan period
Response:	The Council will engage with the business community on the content of the next Local Plan. The Council seek to support economic growth and deliver the economic and social objectives of the plan.

Paragraph 6.4

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	Thrupton Industrial Estate is not identified within the Local Plan as an existing employment site As such, policy LE17 does not apply to it. However, the operations within the estate reflect the characteristics outlined in the supporting text of LE17
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	Industrial Estates in a similar countryside location to Thrupton Industrial Estate are identified as existing employment sites and supported by policy LE17 (e.g. Harewood Forest Industrial Estate)
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	We are supportive of policy LE17 and would encourage the Local Planning Authority to transpose this Policy into the new local plan
Response:	Support noted. The policy approach to Employment sites in the Countryside will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	Para. 80 of the NPPF, alongside Para. 81 and 83, supports Thrupton Industrial Estate being classified as an existing employment site
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	University of Southampton Science Park (USSP) continues to see the development on both new R&D floorspace and new support facilities to further its position in the market. Anticipated USSP will continue to develop in the forthcoming Local Plan review period, both through the development and redevelopment of land on site of through facilitating additional development through modest amendments to USSP's designated policy area
Response:	The Council recognises the importance and contribution of the science park as a key asset in the Borough economy. The Council will review the policy approach for the science park, including the assessment of potential additional land within the

	policy area to meet future demand as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.
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Question 26: Should we allocate more land to enable more choice and flexibility to the market?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Whilst the Council should be actively encouraging larger business to the Borough we find it difficult to agree that protection should be given to strategic employment sites
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan. All employment sites are currently protected by policy, with Strategic Employment Sites due to their relative size and significance given additional protection.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	A prime example of the above is the Walworth Industrial Estate. Many units have been derelict for year, and are unsightly, having been subjected to vandalism and antisocial behaviour
Response:	The level of vacancy has declined in recent years as a number of plots have been refurbished or redeveloped resulting in their re-occupation. The Council has entered into a 15 year partnership with Kier to rejuvenate the business park.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Neglected buildings are off-putting to new investors and this could be avoided if the area was available for redevelopment, perhaps accommodating housing or a number of smaller industrial units.
Response:	The level of vacancy has declined in recent years as a number of plots have been refurbished or redeveloped resulting in their re-occupation. The Council has entered into a 15 year partnership with Kier to rejuvenate the business park. The size of units resulting from refurbishment or redevelopment is informed by commercial market considerations. The Council aims to provide overall a range and choice of employment sites and premises to meet market demand.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Depends on the nature of future employment in Test Valley, carry out a trial by converting a large unused unit into several smaller spaces
Response:	The size of units is informed by commercial market considerations. The Council aims to provide overall a range and choice of employment sites and premises to meet market demand. As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of

	employment land and premises for which development provision should be made.
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Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	No, adequate land is already provided. The Council should encourage employment providing high-quality jobs to rebalance the economy in Andover, reducing the need for some to travel out.
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include assessment of the needs of different sectors. The Council in assessing potential sites for allocation for residential development, will include assessment for mixed use to include an element of employment, in order facilitate local job opportunities. The Council supports the provision of skills training in order to maximise the potential of the local labour force to access such opportunities and raise their overall skill and qualification level.

Reference: 10036, 10105	
Summary of comment:	No, unless it is brownfield Yes but should be for businesses only on restricted existing brown field sites.
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. In assessing potential sites for allocation for employment development this will include both PDL and greenfield sites. The amount of land to be allocated and the need for such sites to be attractive to the market and viable, may warrant the use of greenfield land to meet forecast demand.

Reference:10040	
Summary of comment:	Appears to be adequate provision in the current plan
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include a review of existing allocations.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	This issue has to incorporate the level of business rates which seems to be punitive. No point in providing land for workspace units if the units attract rates which deter start-ups
Response:	Noted. Whilst the Council is responsible for the billing and collection of business rates, rateable values at set by HMRC

	and the rateable multiplier by HM Treasury. The Council keeps under review the discretionary reliefs for which it has responsibility to determine.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	New employment areas should be located where there is an identified need and demand
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include by broad location.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	New employment should be located in sustainable locations, with good access to public transport to attract employers and employees (e.g. Velmore Farm)
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on employment land and premises needed. Where the provision of new employment allocation is needed, options will be assessed taking account of sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	We would be keen to explore the opportunities to integrate needs through the development of Velmore Farm with the Council and local stakeholders
Response:	The Council will engage with site owners and developers as appropriate with regard to potential option for development allocations. Options will be assessed taking account of sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	Thrupton Industrial Estate should be included in the next Local Plan as an existing employment site, ensuring that the continuing commercial operations of the estate are supported by LE17
Response:	Existing employment sites are covered by Policy LE17. The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10045	
Summary of comment:	Thrupton Industrial Estate should not be restricted to being associated with the Motor Circuit and Airport but open to B1, B2 and B8 uses which typify an industrial estate
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan. Proposals for alternative or more flexible uses will be considered on their merits.

Reference: 10048	
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Summary of comment:	Yes, adequate land should be planned for employment use
Response:	Support, noted

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	No, provision is adequate
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. If further employment land is forecast to be needed then new allocations will need to be considered.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	There are existing employment sites that offer greater value to their redevelopment for alternative uses, such as SHELAA31
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council will also consider the policy framework for existing employment sites including their retention in employment use. Where the provision of new employment allocation is needed, options will be assessed taking account of sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	The loss of employment land at SHELAA31 would not undermine the function of the employment area
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council will also consider the policy framework for existing employment sites including their retention in employment use. Where the provision of new employment allocation is needed, options will be assessed taking account of sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10060	
Summary of comment:	There should be regular review of both the land allocation for development plans, and of land availability, which establishes whether developed land should remain identified for employment uses.
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council will also consider the policy framework for existing employment sites including their retention in employment use.

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the amount of land for business is very limited; although need concern over the effects on traffic
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. If further employment land is forecast to be needed then new development allocations will need to be considered. This will include assessment of transport issues including traffic impacts.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but because Test Valley should be an economic success and because currently people are out-commuting for employment Allocate more land for employment to make Test Valley an economic success and stem outmigration to other districts for work
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council wishes to support economic growth and future prosperity of the local economy and to do so in a balanced way. The level of out-commuting which is appropriate to aim for will be a consideration in determining this strategy, although the nature and size of the Borough's economy, and the location of Test Valley mean that a degree of out-commuting is not unusual or unreasonable.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Nursling and Rownhams needs to be separated from Southampton by re-instating local gaps and open space More than enough land has already been allocated in Nursling and Rownhams to provide the choice and flexibility required
Response:	The Council will review its approach to strategy for the area. This will include consideration of future development needs and the character of local communities, including the potential for local gaps and open space.

Reference: 10085, 10090, 10102	
Summary of comment:	More land should be allocated to enable more choice and flexibility in the market
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and

	choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market.
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Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Yes, with a mix of smaller sympathetic developments, as opposed to larger homogenised bland developments
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market, include size of sites and size of development allocations.

Reference: 10093, 10104	
Summary of comment:	There is no evidence presently to assess the quantum or type of sites required. This decision should be informed by study. The Council should allocate sufficient land for employment use which would be supported by the evidence base currently being produced
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market.

Reference:10105	
Summary of comment:	Road access should also be considered especially where LDVs are being used
Response:	If further employment land is forecast to be needed then new development allocations will need to be considered. This will include assessment of transport issues including traffic impacts.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Would be supportive of the new Local Plan identifying a range of suitable sites of varying sizes which would support the economic growth of both urban and rural areas. Local Plan should facilitate sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas and should recognise that sites to meet local business and community needs in rural areas may have to be found adjacent to or beyond existing settlements.
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and

	choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market. The needs of both urban and rural areas will be assessed and how these should appropriately be provided for. The Council recognises the value of a strong rural economy and the role this can play in providing local job opportunities and supporting sustainable rural communities.
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Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	The provision of employment as part of the Whitenap allocation (LE3) should be carried forward into the new Local Plan. It is intended that employment uses will be delivered as part of the new neighbourhood, the potential contribution continues to be significant
Response:	The allocation for Whitenap is intended to contribute towards meeting the development requirements for the current Local Plan period to 2029 for employment (Policy LE3) as part of the overall new neighbourhood including the allocation for housing (Policy COM3) at Romsey. The policy position to be adopted in the next Local Plan will be dependent upon future development requirements and the planning status of Whitenap at that time. However, it can be anticipated that the need is likely to remain and that the site continues to be suitable and appropriate to meet the identified need.

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	Previous approach of 'zoning' and segregating land for employment uses should be reviewed; well designed and liveable schemes have distributed appropriate employment uses within residential areas, rather than segregating them
Response:	The Council recognises the importance of local job opportunities and that these are accessible to residential areas. Where new development allocations are made, the potential for mixed use allocations with both housing and compatible employment and/or separate allocations for such uses, but in close proximity will be considered where appropriate. Office, research and development and light industry (Class B1) are in principle appropriate in a residential area, whilst general industry (Class B2) and storage and distribution are not (Class B8).

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The provision of employment floor space is critical to supporting the local economy
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council wishes to support economic growth and future prosperity of the local economy

Reference:10117

Summary of comment:	In providing employment land the Council should not restrict itself to a narrow definition of employment generating uses, with an over reliance on B1, B2 and B8 definitions. The plan should be more flexible. This should also be considered for existing employment sites (such as Bargain Farm in Nursling), with the restrictive nature of its uses acting as a barrier to investment.
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market. The Council will consider the forecast need for Class B employment uses as well as other uses.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	No
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. If further employment land is forecast to be needed then new allocations will need to be considered.

Reference: 10127	
Summary of comment:	Proposed extensions to the existing strategic employment site is consistent with the Council's aim to support economic growth and innovation and the NPPF objectives to ensure strategic employment sites can meet the anticipated needs over the plan period and to support rural businesses
Response:	The policy approach to Strategic Employment Sites and the list of such sites will be re-assessed as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan. The Council will take account of NPPF guidance. The Council will review the approach to the extension of existing employment sites, including strategic employment sites. Where the review of the evidence base on need for employment land and premises, leads to a need to consider new allocation for future development, options will be considered against sustainable development principles. This will include extensions to existing sites.

Reference: 10128, 10137	
Summary of comment:	No need to allocate more land; a matter of allocating appropriate parcels to provide flexibility/encourage developments by a wide range of developers Yes, allocating additional employment land provides choice/flexibility/mobility allowing businesses to move premises

	more easily and to grow and innovate. Employment requirements change constantly with technology and other innovation
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on need for employment land and premises.. Where the review of the evidence base leads to a need to consider new allocation for future development, options will be considered against sustainable development principles. The need for a range and choice of sites which are attractive to the commercial market will be a consideration in this regard. Account will also be taken of the changes in the structure of the economy and changing business needs.

Reference:10129	
Summary of comment:	Location adjacent to the existing USSP would give its future occupiers access to the facilities and services which benefit other SP occupiers
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. The Council recognises the importance and contribution of the science park as a key asset in the Borough economy. The Council will review the policy approach for the science park, including the assessment of potential additional land within the policy area to meet future demand as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference:10133	
Summary of comment:	The scale/location of additional land required through the Local Plan will need to be identified through an up to date evidence base. Continued protection of existing employment sites and supporting policies are likely to form an important part of future employment strategy
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include assessment of existing provision and the policy framework for existing employment sites and premises.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Role/function of individual settlements should play an important factor in locational requirements for additional employment land, ensuring the main settlements continue to provide the economic hub for the plan area
Response:	Assessment of the quantum and nature of employment land and premises forecast to be needed, will include consideration by location in different parts of the Borough. The needs of both urban and rural areas will be assessed and how these should

	appropriately be provided for. If new development allocations for employment are forecast to be needed then this will be taken into account in determining where these are located, including the potential for supporting sustainable local communities.
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	If there is demand for smaller sites, land should be allocated
Response:	As part of the evidence base for the next Local Plan the Council will taking account of economic growth and employment forecasts, assess the quantum and nature of employment land and premises for which development provision should be made. This will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market. Where there is identified forecast need for smaller sites then this will be taken into account is considering new development allocations, including a range and choice of sites which are attractive to the commercial market.

Question 27: What are your views on promoting smaller workspaces within the Borough?

Reference: 10001, 10010, 10043, 10130, 10137	
Summary of comment:	The Borough should promote smaller work places Agree. Small businesses should be encouraged Seems like a good idea for small businesses Offer of smaller work places is good idea for start-ups Number of small businesses continue to grow, Council must respond to this and plan for smaller workspaces
Response:	Support for smaller workspaces noted. The Council supports the establishment and growth of small businesses and the contribution they make to local economy and prosperity of the Borough.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	There should be a range of options that support the setting up of 'pop-up' businesses, small business and larger operations
Response:	The Council will consider how the different needs of small businesses can be appropriately provided for.

Reference:10036	
Summary of comment:	This would merely recognise a trend towards smaller businesses working from home or convenient business parks. Accessibility is a consideration as not all potential users have access to transport. Fundamentally important is the level of broadband connectivity.

Response:	In assessing potential development allocations, the Council will include the consideration of accessibility. The Council recognises the importance of provision of superfast broadband for businesses.
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Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Needs a greater deal of flexibility , encourage smaller scale employment attached to dwellings subject to constraints
Response:	The Council recognises the trend of growth in working from home. Where this requires planning permission proposals will be considered on their merits, taking account of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference:10048, 10062	
Summary of comment:	Smaller workshops should be provided for, without detriment to other uses in the locality Good availability of modern small premises is important
Response:	Where development allocations are proposed, assessment will account of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Supportive of the concept; many people now work from home at least part of the time and small industrial units offer opportunities for people to minimise their commute
Response:	The Council recognises both the trend of growth in working from home and the value of local job opportunities which are accessible to residential areas. In assessing the forecast need for additional employment sites and premises this will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market.

Reference:10054, 10064, 10083, 10085, 10106, 10113	
Summary of comment:	Home working/small work premises are generally of benefit to rural communities Very supportive, new entrepreneurs should be helped especially small scale development in rural areas Smaller workplaces in rural areas can support communities and the retention of facilities and services Smaller workspaces would seem to be in keeping with the rural/ small town context of the Borough Yes, the provision of smaller units in the villages should be promoted

	Supportive of promoting smaller working spaces within the Borough to support small business growth, particularly where it would support rural economic growth
Response:	Assessment of the quantum and nature of employment land and premises forecast to be needed, will include consideration by location in different parts of the Borough. The needs of both urban and rural areas will be assessed and how these should appropriately be provided for. The Council recognises the value of a strong rural economy and the role this can play in providing local job opportunities and supporting sustainable rural communities.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Fast broadband very important
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of provision of superfast broadband for businesses.

Reference:10065	
Summary of comment:	The Council could provide startup offices/small retail units in the town centre, on short (perhaps monthly) rental terms, with centrally managed reception/ IT / communication facilities. This approach has worked well for friends starting a small business (now a large business) in Stevenage
Response:	The Council will also consider the appropriate policy framework on the mix of ground floor frontage town centre uses. This will include for both retail and office uses. The provision of startup offices are included within the mix of employment premises on some of the business parks in Andover and Romsey. The need for further such provision will be assessed.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Smaller work places are a good idea for startup businesses
Response:	Support for smaller workspaces noted. The Council supports the establishment and growth of small businesses and the contribution they make to local economy and prosperity of the Borough.

Reference:10102	
Summary of comment:	Small industrial business parks on the outskirts of towns is to be encouraged. Having work spaces in residential areas should not be encouraged except single offices within homes
Response:	The provision of startup offices are included within the mix of employment premises on some of the business parks in Andover and Romsey. The need for further such provision will be assessed. Where any proposals are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10104	
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Summary of comment:	The allocation of small employment sites, which are flexible in their use, is an important topic for the Local Plan
Response:	Support for smaller workspaces noted. The flexibility over uses will be considered as part of the assessment of forecast need for employment land and floorspace.

Reference: 10113	
Summary of comment:	Supportive of policies which enable smaller workspaces to come forward as part of new development or allocate specific sites for this type of employment use, however need for new employment space must be market driven, employment policies within the Local Plan must be capable of responding to market change
Response:	Support noted. In assessing the forecast need for additional employment sites and premises this will include the need to provide a sufficient range and choice which is suitable, viable and attractive to the commercial property market.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Need a greater degree of flexibility, should encourage small scale employment attached to dwellings subject to constraints (number of workers, adequate off-street parking)
Response:	Where any proposals are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10129	
Summary of comment:	USSP offers space which is suitable for SMEs and it will continue to make an important contribution to the development and growth of innovative small businesses in the borough
Response:	The Council recognises the importance and contribution of the science park as a key asset in the Borough economy. The Council will review the policy approach for the science park, including the assessment of potential additional land within the policy area to meet future demand as part of the process of preparing the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Could help to encourage local innovation/entrepreneurship, also help to foster a more diverse network of local businesses. Commercial landlords should be encouraged to offer premises as flexible working spaces as part of a sustained strategy to encourage people into the town centre
Response:	The Council will also consider the appropriate policy framework on the mix of ground floor frontage town centre uses. This will include for both retail and office uses. Whether landlords choose to offer such space is a commercial decision for them.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Needs to be a rethink of business tax to encourage small businesses

Response:	Noted. Whilst the Council is the billing and collection authority for business rates, these and other business taxes are set by HM Treasury and agreed by Parliament, and not by the Council.
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Question 28: What provisions or controls should be made relating to people working from home?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Many larger companies/ government departments are supporting smarter working to make better use of resources
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises that this is an increasing trend.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Broadband needs upgrading in many rural locations to support this
Response:	Noted. The Council recognises the importance of provision of superfast broadband for businesses.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Home working should be positively supported and encouraged
Response:	The Council recognises the increasing trend for home working and flexible working patterns. Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Controls should be in place to ensure people working from home do not have an adverse impact on their neighbours or community
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Depends on the nature of the business and the size of the home. Some would need to comply with relevant legislation. Activities generating noise/fumes would cause problems. One overarching policy would be of no help.
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Home working should be encouraged, reducing traffic and increasing daytime residents in towns and villages supporting

	shops etc. However policy should prohibit home-based businesses which might attract regular vehicle movements
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This will include the consideration of vehicle movements, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Provisions: planning to allow use of outbuildings for specified business use and high quality broadband connectivity
Response:	The use of outbuilding for business purposes will be considered on their merits against the relevant policies of the Local Plan. The Local Plan has existing policies which specifically apply to ancillary domestic buildings in the countryside (Policy COM11) and the re-use of buildings in the countryside (Policy LE16).

Reference:10036	
Summary of comment:	Controls needed for nuisance and pollution
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Subject to constraints e.g. parking, hours, noise
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: parking, hours of operation and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	It is not practicable or reasonable to try and control business use in new residential property unless the use is inconsistent with residential use, requiring a change of consent
Response:	Noted. It is accepted that planning controls can only be exercised in circumstances where this would constitute development and require planning permission.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Any encouragement should be given to people working from home
Response:	Noted. The Council wishes to consider whether to support a positive framework for smaller workspaces, including working from home, where this also take account of the potential

	impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents.
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Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	A generic policy on live-work units should be avoided; instead they should be explored on a site-specific basis in a way that can be responsive to market demand and changes through the plan period
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy on live-work units is appropriate, including taking account of the need to be responsive to market demand and other changes.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Adequate parking on site would be required
Response:	Noted. Where planning permission is required, development would be expected to comply with parking standards.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	No loss of amenity to neighbours should be secured possibly by a limit on working hours and no industrial equipment installed to restrict noise nuisance etc.
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: hours of operation and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Constraints over the number of people who are visiting/ working at a venue; control over off-street parking to avoid inconvenience for neighbouring residents
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: parking, in so far as can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system. This would include an expectation of compliance with parking standards.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Only viable with good broadband speeds/mobile connections, should be a Local Plan priority that these are conditions for all new development
Response:	The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably.

Reference: 10058	
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Summary of comment:	Have a policy which encourages working from home within reasonable levels and subject to conditions
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. Where justified this would include the provision of planning conditions to development granted planning permission.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Home working which does not generate either more traffic or on-street parking is unobjectionable, and should be encouraged
Response:	The Council wishes to consider whether to support a positive framework for smaller workspaces, including working from home, where this also take account of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: parking, in so far as can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system. This would include an expectation of compliance with parking standards.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Care needs to be given to the kind of work; professional, clerical & office generally alright, but work involving noise, traffic, etc. undesirable in domestic areas
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Limits on noise or nuisances for local residents in surrounding areas and thought given to any increase in unwanted traffic on the road
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	No restrictions, provided the business use does not become predominant
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken

	into account and controlled through the planning system. Any restrictions would only be imposed where justified. The scale and predominance of the business use will be a material consideration. It is anticipated that 'working from home', should not normally go beyond that anticipated for a dwelling remaining predominantly in residential use, such that a change of use would not usually be acceptable.
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Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Fast broadband should be provided not to the street but to the property
Response:	The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably. Consideration of future broadband provision will include of fibre to the premises (FTTP).

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Since Test Valley has villages not well served by public transport, home working must be considered advantageous in the context of sustainability
Response:	Noted. It is considered that there are positive sustainable travel benefits from working from home, resulting from reduced journeys, particularly by private car. In rural areas, the potential benefits are greater.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	High quality broadband is essential to enable people to work from home
Response:	The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Control is needed to ensure the use does not give rise to unacceptable levels of deliveries, parking, noise, etc.
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: parking, traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Noise, parking, pollution and general nuisance to neighbours should be considered in any policy
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and

	neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Home working is not a substantive enough issue for the Local Plan
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy on home working is appropriate. It was been included as a question, given the changes in working patterns and the increasing number of residents who are working at home, at least part of the time. The trend of home working is expected to continue and it is therefore considered that this is a potential the next Local Plan might wish to respond to or at least explore whether and if so how it should be taken into account.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Home working should be encouraged as it is sustainable and places less strain on the employee
Response:	Noted. It is considered that there are positive sustainable travel benefits from working from home, resulting from reduced journeys, particularly by private car. This also potentially has wellbeing benefits for the individual due to less time spent commuting.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	Every encouragement should be given to people to work from home due to environmental, social and economic reasons
Response:	It is considered that there are positive sustainable travel benefits from working from home, resulting from reduced journeys, particularly by private car. This also potentially has wellbeing benefits for the individual due to less time spent commuting and saves on travel costs.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Recommend Local Plan contains no controls or restrictions relating to people working from home. NPPF states policy should be flexible enough to accommodate needs such as flexible working practices. May be opportunity for large allocations delivering flexible office space for residents who choose to work from home
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy on home working is appropriate. It was been included as a question, given the changes in working patterns and the increasing number of residents who are working at home, at least part of the time. The trend of home working and other flexible working practices are expected to continue and it is therefore considered that this is a potential the next Local Plan might wish to respond to or at least explore whether and if so how it should be taken into account. Where future employment allocations are proposed, consideration will be given to seeking

	the inclusion of flexible office space if justified by evidence, however this is an issue to be primarily led by market demand, within overall office floorspace provision..
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Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Excellent broadband access is essential for home businesses and leisure
Response:	The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	If they are running a business which involves regular visitors or daily distribution deliveries or collections the parish council would be against such provisions
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	If home working would alter the character of the neighbourhood then it should not be allowed
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Home working is only a concern if it results in visits by customers, frequent deliveries or if additional non-resident employees are based in the house
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: parking, traffic movements and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Home workers who are self-employed or running a business could require to be registered and some restrictions placed on the type of activities permitted, even if the activity would not justify a change of use in planning terms
Response:	The next Local Plan can only consider options which fall within the scope of development and planning control. Outside of the

	Local Plan, other legal or regulatory mechanisms may be available, but it is not known that any such registration scheme as suggested is possible under current law.
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Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	None
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy on home working is appropriate. It was been included as a question, given the changes in working patterns and the increasing number of residents who are working at home, at least part of the time. The trend of home working and other flexible working practices are expected to continue and it is therefore considered that this is a potential the next Local Plan might wish to respond to or at least explore whether and if so how it should be taken into account.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Hours and noise limits should be strictly applied if in proximity to neighbours
Response:	Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: hours of operation and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley has a large number of villages not well served by public transport, working from home must be considered advantageous in the context of sustainability. High quality broadband is essential. But, home working needs some form of control to avoid unacceptable levels of noise, parking, etc.
Response:	It is considered that there are positive sustainable travel benefits from working from home, resulting from reduced journeys, particularly by private car. In rural areas, the potential benefits are greater. The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Engage regularly to gauge working patterns, may not be necessary to allocate large areas of land for commercial development. Develop residential sites in town centres to help ensure footfall to counter those not coming in for work. Consider any implications for local transport usage/congestion
Response:	The Council will consider in light of its evidence base what future development allocations for employment land are appropriate and justified. This will include taking account of

	changes in working patterns. The opportunities for additional residential development and/or increased residential accommodation in general within the town centres will also be assessed and considered. It is noted that there are commercial benefits for town centres from increasing the number of residents in the area, including in terms of potential additional footfall generated. Future development allocations or policies which provide for additional development, will include the consequent implications for travel.
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Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Fast, reliable, consistent telecommunications are important for successful home-working, villages experience difficulties with internet connections. Work with HCC to improve links/access to Superfast Broadband
Response:	The Council will consider how best high speed broadband and mobile provision for new development should best be secured. In so far as the planning system is able to provide a suitable mechanism, this will be explored favourably. The Council has participated and supported the Hampshire Broadband Partnership and community led initiatives to deliver improved broadband provision in rural areas.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Working from home should be encouraged, as more sustainability benefits, saving on car journeys. Should not be controlled or restricted, particularly as there is limited evidence on existing 'work from home' patterns
Response:	It is considered that there are positive sustainable travel benefits from working from home, resulting from reduced journeys, particularly by private car. The Council will consider whether a specific policy on home working is appropriate. It was been included as a question, given the changes in working patterns and the increasing number of residents who are working at home, at least part of the time. The trend of home working and other flexible working practices are expected to continue and it is therefore considered that this is a potential the next Local Plan might wish to respond to or at least explore whether and if so how it should be taken into account

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Only if people working from home adversely affects their neighbours should there be controls on working from home
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy on home working is appropriate. It was been included as a question, given the changes in working patterns and the increasing number of residents who are working at home, at least part of the time. The trend of home working and other flexible working practices are expected to continue and it is therefore considered that this is a potential the next Local Plan might wish to respond to or at least explore whether and if so how it

	should be taken into account. Where any proposals which require planning permission are considered for residential areas, account will be taken of the potential impacts on the amenity of the local area and neighbouring residents. This would include issues such as: hours of operation and noise, in so far as these can be taken into account and controlled through the planning system
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Paragraph 6.9

Reference: 10112	
Summary of comment:	Essential that individuals and new families are encouraged to support local shops and facilities so they remain viable. Pressure from online shopping is growing and new customers are needed to keep them open
Response:	Noted. The importance of attracting visitors to town centres in order to increase footfall and potential shopping trips to local shops either as the primary reason for visiting or associated with and ancillary to other purposes of visiting is understood. The delivery of new residential development in the Borough is increasing the local population and therefore the local customer base of potential visitors and shoppers to our town centres.

Reference: 10555	
Summary of comment:	Competition between internet shopping and shops developed because the taxation system was slow to respond and destroyed competitiveness. Probably too late to save our town centres unless a new model is developed
Response:	Noted. The model of business taxes, including the differing regimes for online and high street shops is an issue for Government. It is not something with the next Local Plan, or the Council more generally can determine. Business taxes including business rates (National Non-domestic rates) are set by HM Treasury.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Retailers may want to move to showcase style stores to demonstrate goods with no stock instore, but sales coming through online
Response:	Noted. The move towards 'showroom' style stores, where examples of goods are displayed, but then predominately ordered online is an increasing trend in retailing.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	To encourage retailers back: remove parking restrictions, brighten up town centres, improve public facilities, extend opening times, improve public transport/access, remove alcohol restrictions to develop a relaxed café culture, provide grants/incentives to encourage retailers to return and lobby Government to address taxation

Response:	The Council seeking to manage public car parking with a regime to encourage shoppers and visitors and has maintained free parking after 4pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Parking provision and charges are kept under regular review. Significant investment in public realm improvements are taking place in our town centres, including enhanced access. The Independent Retailer Grant scheme supports new retail businesses.
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Paragraph 6.12

Reference: 10077	
Summary of comment:	Essential that people are encouraged to support local shops/facilities, so they remain viable. Stockbridge has good variety of shops, pubs, services/facilities. But pressure is from on-line shopping so new customers are needed to keep them going
Response:	Noted. The importance of attracting visitors in order to increase footfall and potential shopping trips to local shops either as the primary reason for visiting or associated with and ancillary to other purposes of visiting is understood. The delivery of new residential development in the Borough is increasing the local population and therefore the local customer base of potential visitors and shoppers. The role of Stockbridge is recognised as a local centre, serving both communities in the rural centre of the Borough and in attracting visitors from a wider area.

Paragraph 6.14

Reference: 10027	
Summary of comment:	Please ensure that the Theatres Trust is engaged in any planning applications concerning The Lights within the proposals for a new cultural quarter, as per their statutory remit.
Response:	Noted. The Theatres Trust is a consultee as a general consultee body as set out in Appendix 2 of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI) 2017.

Reference: 10027	
Summary of comment:	The Theatres Trust also encourage consultation at an early stage if plans regarding the cultural quarter are developed
Response:	Noted. The Theatres Trust is a consultee as a general consultee body as set out in Appendix 2 of the Council's Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI) 2017.

Question 29: Should the Council continue to encourage retail uses within primary frontages or should a more flexible approach be taken with a greater range of uses being allowed?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Whatever usage which brings people to the centre of towns should be promoted

Response:	The importance of attracting visitors in order to increase footfall and potential shopping trips to local shops either as the primary reason for visiting or associated with and ancillary to other purposes of visiting is understood. It is recognised that this includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.
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Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	The Borough should embrace changes and promote vitality.
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Taking into consideration the challenges of competing with on-line business, a more flexible approach should be considered.
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Part of the attraction of Stockbridge is the range and variety of shops so we would support the Council in encouraging retail use within primary frontages on Stockbridge High Street
Response:	Noted. The role of Stockbridge is recognised as a local centre, serving both communities in the rural centre of the Borough and in attracting visitors from a wider area.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	There is a need to consider parking provision to match demand when issuing consents/
Response:	The Council seeks to manage public car parking with a regime to encourage shoppers and visitors and has maintained free parking after 4pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Parking provision and charges are kept under regular review.

Reference: 10012, 10027, 10051, 10055, 10058	
Summary of comment:	Some flexibility is to be encouraged
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	If retail uses are to be encouraged, bus stops/ drop offs should be as close to the town centre as possible to attract visitors
Response:	The importance of accessibility and ease of access to the town centres is recognised. Both town centres have bus stations within them (Romsey bus station including a coach drop off

	bay) and provision for on-street drop off /ultra short stay parking. The provision of parking and public transport infrastructure will be kept under review.
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Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Depends on the price of units, if too expensive retailers will be discouraged, suggest a threshold survey to see how many small businesses might move to the primary frontage. Types of retailers residents want won't come to Andover. Cafes should offer free wi-fi for online shopping and Click & collect locations should be encouraged in town.
Response:	The rental price of units is in the hands of private landlords. It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. Whether retailers wish to have a presence within Andover is a commercial decision. The increasing desire and provision of 'click and collect' is noted. Whether premises wish to offer free wi fi is a decision for them.

Reference: 10027	
Summary of comment:	A broader mix of uses including cultural provision can help minimise vacancies and create activity at different times of the day and night
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. This includes culture and leisure type uses and other uses such as food and beverage which would encourage increased activity in the evening.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Trend is towards online shopping, it is essential to be as flexible in the type of legitimate business usage as possible, empty shops are a deterrent to shoppers. Town centres should be made more attractive to enhance attraction
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The Independent Retailer Grant scheme supports new retail businesses locating into vacant ground floor premises. Significant investment in public realm improvements are taking place in our town centres.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Needs more flexibility, internet shopping continues to grow. Maintain active frontages, town centres are meeting places. Mixed use for social interaction, recreation and doing business and retailing should still be a feature. Keep centres attractive to encourage visitors

Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. Significant investment in public realm improvements are taking place in our town centres.
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Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Car park charges make Andover uncompetitive. Encourage retail use in primary frontages to make the centre attractive. Retail is part of the leisure activity and planning flexibility coupled with good judgement is needed to keep the area vibrant. Encourage those with high spending power into the area with the right type of rural housing
Response:	The Council seeks to manage public car parking with a regime to encourage shoppers and visitors and has maintained free parking after 4pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Parking provision and charges are kept under regular review. It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted, however retail will continue to play a role as shopping is a leisure activity for many people. The delivery of new residential development in the Borough is increasing the local population and therefore the local customer base of potential visitors and shoppers. This includes from development in rural areas and from household with higher levels of disposable income.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Business rates are high and many small independent shops struggle to be successful. If something could be done to encourage small independent shops back that would be good. If a more flexible approach to retail makes shopping experience better that would be beneficial
Response:	The model of business taxes is an issue for Government. It is not something with the next Local Plan, or the Council more generally can determine. Business taxes including business rates (National Non-domestic rates) are set by HM Treasury. The Independent Retailer Grant scheme supports new retail businesses locating into vacant ground floor premises. It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, retail uses should be encouraged but not at the exclusion of some other uses where retail has failed
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted, however retail will continue to play a role.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The community benefit gained from town centres in respect of recreation and leisure should be encouraged
Response:	Noted. It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is recognised that recreation and leisure uses can also have wider community benefits and promote increased activity and wellbeing.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The priority for primary frontage property is that it is occupied by an active business, be it retail, service provider, financial organisation, charity shop or any other economically viable business
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is recognised that generally if a retail occupier is not forthcoming, or commercially viable, that it is usually preferable to have a unit occupied and therefore of economic and social value, rather than vacant.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support a policy of promotion of local town centres, essential to the character of towns and gives focus to the community. Diversifying the use of buildings within town centres is desirable and inevitable if they are to continue to thrive
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. This will take account of the characteristics of each town centre. The built heritage, including buildings and wider historic environment are importance assets for the town centres futures.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Retail use should be preserved as far as possible, but business rates are decimating town-centre retail
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted, however retail will continue to play a role. The model of business taxes is an issue for Government. It is not something with the next Local Plan, or the Council more generally can determine. Business taxes including business rates (National Non-domestic rates) are set by HM Treasury.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley Borough Council and Hampshire County Council continue to decrease the amount of parking in Romsey town

	centre, driving potential shoppers away since most require a car to access shops
Response:	The Council seeks to manage public car parking with a regime to encourage shoppers and visitors and has maintained free parking after 4pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Parking provision and charges are kept under regular review.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Retail patterns are changing; whilst retail should be retained, other uses should be permitted if there is clear evidence all efforts have been made to secure a retail use but have failed
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is recognised that generally if a retail occupier is not forthcoming, or commercially viable, that it is usually preferable to have a unit occupied and therefore of economic and social value, rather than vacant.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	There's a kitchen design business in Romsey - is this really a town centre use?
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is recognised that generally if a retail occupier is not forthcoming, or commercially viable, that it is usually preferable to have a unit occupied and therefore of economic and social value, rather than vacant.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	The high street is changing rapidly due to internet shopping so the planning system needs a more flexible approach
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Whilst flexibility within primary frontage may be acceptable, it must be kept vibrant and relevant to retailing
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted, however retail will continue to play a role.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Secondary frontages and more peripheral areas needs addressing; these areas need to be moved out of retailing and perhaps to residential to retailing is focused on the primary frontage

Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The future mix of uses in secondary frontage may be more flexible and this may include residential use where other uses are no longer commercially viable.
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	The needs of the local community should be met to avoid being saturated by betting shops, charity shops and takeaways
Response:	The role of town centres in meeting community needs for retail and other key services and facilities is noted. However, it is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is also recognised that generally if a retail occupier is not forthcoming, or commercially viable, that it is usually preferable to have a unit occupied and therefore of economic and social value, rather than vacant.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Secondary frontages and more peripheral areas needs addressing; these areas need to be moved out of retailing and perhaps to residential to retailing is focused on the primary frontage
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The future mix of uses in secondary frontage may be more flexible and this may include residential use where other uses are no longer commercially viable.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Some decline of retail frontage in town centres is probably inevitable. This is probably the biggest challenge that the Council will have to consider
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The importance of the role of the next Local Plan in this context is recognised.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	The community aspect gained from all town centres in respect of recreation and leisure should be encouraged
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. It is recognised that recreation and leisure uses can also have wider community benefits and promote increased activity and wellbeing.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	This would not be suitable for a Parish such as Ampfield
Response:	This question is aimed only at the town centres of Romsey and Andover. Stockbridge is identified as a local centre, recognising its role in serving the needs of communities in the rural centre of the Borough. Other rural settlements including Ampfield are not considered to fall within this context.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	More flexible approach should be taken
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Need more flexibility, internet retailing will continue to grow. Maintain live frontages is more important, town centres are becoming meeting places for social interaction, recreation, doing business as well as retailing all feature in town centre zones. Big issue is keeping such locations attractive so people continue to come into town
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. In this context the importance of town centres as places for social interaction and that activity. Significant investment in public realm improvements are taking place in our town centres.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	High street is changing rapidly, planning system need a more flexible approach in secondary areas, perhaps introducing residential to keep frontages vibrant/relevant to retail in primary areas
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The future mix of uses in secondary frontage may be more flexible and this may include residential use where other uses are no longer commercially viable.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Continue encouraging retail in primary frontages to help visual attractiveness/appearance. However, consumer needs/trends should be considered, must ensure appropriate flexibility to maximise footfall
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted,

	however retail will continue to play a role. This will be considered in the context of changes customer needs/trends and the desire to generate footfall.
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	No option other than to have a more flexible approach, allow a greater range of uses. Parking charges have an adverse effect on market towns
Response:	It is recognised that the future of town centres includes uses beyond retail and the next Local Plan will consider the types of uses and degree of flexibility which should be permitted. The Council seeks to manage public car parking with a regime to encourage shoppers and visitors and has maintained free parking after 4pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Parking provision and charges are kept under regular review.

Question 30: How should we best continue seeking apprenticeships?

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Actively seek and encourage youngsters and employers to join legitimate schemes and when they're qualified ensure there is a real job in the sponsoring organisation or one that is similar
Response:	The value of apprenticeships and work related training is recognised. Where this can lead to a potential job on completion of the training is of great benefit to both the individual and organisation, although it is accepted that this is not always possible.

Reference: 10040, 10051, 10128	
Summary of comment:	<p>Continue to generate Test Valley Borough Council apprenticeships, encouraging others to create opportunities is not a role for the planning system</p> <p>It is appropriate for the Council to continue generating apprenticeships within its organisation. However, I cannot see how the Local Plan can encourage apprenticeships apart from enabling adequate affordable housing be available for low paid workers and apprentices in training</p> <p>The Council should continue to generate apprenticeships and encourage others to do so, but this is not a role for the planning system</p>
Response:	The Council as a public sector organisation hosts its own apprenticeships. As regard to what has been secured through the planning system, the focus so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP). The Council will consider what is the appropriate role of the planning system in securing

	apprenticeships and contributions towards skills training in the future.
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Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Apprenticeships are a sound investment secured in the mechanisms of legal agreements with planning permissions
Response:	Support for apprenticeships noted. Where delivered through the planning system, these have been secured through legal agreements associated with planning permission.

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Council should encourage apprenticeships across the widest range of technical and rural disciplines to ensure inclusion in the community
Response:	The focus so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP).

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Enterprises need to be a minimum size to provide apprenticeships, which runs contrary to the trend towards smaller businesses. We have no constructive suggestions
Response:	It is accepted that the size and nature of a business impacts on its ability to host apprenticeships. Where apprenticeships and skills training are secured through the planning system, this will be taken into account. The provision of apprenticeship more generally, including the potential burden this places on business is an issue for Government.

Reference: 10064, 10090, 10136	
Summary of comment:	Provide continuing opportunities for businesses that might encourage apprenticeships Business leaders should be encouraged to offer apprenticeships Important that young people have a chance to develop skills with an employer, Council should work closely with local business to help promote the benefits of hiring apprentices and identify these opportunities
Response:	The Council as a public sector organisation hosts its own apprenticeships. As regard to what has been secured through the planning system, the focus so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP). The policy context of apprenticeships in general is set by Government. The Council will review what role the next Local Plan can play in the supporting the provision of apprenticeship in future. In preparing the next Local Plan and in

	general terms the Council will continue to engage with the local business community and employers.
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	New development should provide a percentage of employees for apprenticeships and should be encouraged to engage local residents
Response:	For new developments the focus so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP).

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	The quality of apprenticeships has to be addressed
Response:	The regulation and standard on apprenticeships is outside the scope of the planning system and an issue for Government and apprenticeship regulator bodies

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Working with local colleges/employers could help facilitate the creation of a database of local apprenticeship opportunities alongside a campaign promoting their value for the local economy in the long term. Encouraging growth in the local economy will lead to more apprenticeships
Response:	The Council supports the principle of apprenticeships. The focus of the planning system so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP). The Council will consider what is the appropriate role of the planning system in securing apprenticeships and contributions towards skills training in the future, and how could support and encourage apprenticeships more generally.

Reference:	
Summary of comment:	Agree that there should be proper apprenticeships and it must be sensible to have properly trained builders
Response:	As regard to what has been secured through the planning system, the focus so far has been on apprenticeships linked to construction training and placements working through the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) Client Based Approach by means of an Employment Skills Plan (ESP). CITB aims to work with the construction industry to ensure a skills workforce for the future.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Encouragement in skills training is a sound investment

Response:	Support noted. The Council has secured contributions towards skills training from large scale commercial developments. The Council will consider what is the appropriate role of the planning system in securing apprenticeships and contributions towards skills training in the future.
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Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Review the Farmer Report; better promotion at schools and colleges; incentives to encourage businesses to participate; give clear guidance on how to sign up; public education to that society respects skills that don't need a degree.
Response:	The Council will take account of relevant guidance, advice and good practice on apprenticeships, as relevant. The Council will consider what is the appropriate role of the planning system in securing apprenticeships and contributions towards skills training in the future.

Question 31: What should be included in any tourism policy in the next Local Plan?

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	If village halls and local pubs could be encouraged to permit parking for walkers or Council parking areas could be created where paths meet main roads this would encourage more tourism
Response:	The Council has provided additional car parking in Stockbridge. Hampshire County Council operates a number of rural car parks associated with nature conservation and heritage sites and long distance footpath/cycle routes. The regulation of private parking at public houses and village halls is a matter for the operator, however some do permit their use.

Reference: 10013, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Andover Tourist Centre should return to the town centre & tourism policy should include locally sourced food and drink production Encourage tourism through subsidies to the Tourist Information Centre (Andover and Romsey) and provide printed material advertising what the Borough has to offer tourists and locals alike
Response:	The Council has produced a Taste of Test Valley leaflet of local food and beverage producers, as part of a suite of tourism publications, including an annual visitor guide, and which are available both online and as hard copy. The Council continues to financially support the Romsey TIC which is managed by Tourism South East.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Economic value of tourism should be recognised in policy. Tourists come to see heritage assets, attractive villages and landscapes

Response:	The Council recognises the economic value of tourism and has commissioned studies as part of its evidence base on this issue.
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Reference:10026	
Summary of comment:	Tourism policy should discriminate against development that would be harmful to the tourism economy, tourism/recreation on sensitive sites should be monitored, managed and dispersed
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy, including its scope. Where a planning application would have a potential detrimental impact on tourism, then this could be a material consideration as far as relevant. Account would be taken of impact on sensitive sites.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Flexibility in planning to allow tourism use for existing buildings. A national marketing exercise to show off the attractions of Test Valley. Allow for a range of attractions
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy, including the use of existing building, and range of attractions. How Test Valley is marketed as a destination will be kept under review.

Reference:10040	
Summary of comment:	Continue to increase commitment to encourage tourism with a caveat, there is a need to maintain balance between economic activity and the preservation/enhancement of townscape, landscape and biodiversity
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy. It is recognised that there is a balance between economic activity and the protection of environmental assets, which are part of the quality of life and value which itself is an economic factor for the Borough.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Is there anywhere for visiting coaches to park?
Response:	The Council has provided specific parking for coaches at Romsey Rapids and there is a drop-off point for coaches at Romsey Bus Station. Romsey has been granted Coach Friendly Town status by the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT).

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Tourism should be encouraged but not at the expense of detriment to the area by inadequate parking or adverse disruption to the character of the area
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy. It is recognised that the character of the area and the issue of parking standards are relevant policy considerations. Any

	planning application would also be expected to comply with the other relevant local plan policies.
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Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support tourism in Test Valley, but local infrastructure is being exceeded and requires additional investment, principally local roads and parking provision and safe pedestrian routes. Must recognise the strain major visitor attractions place on local community
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy. The Council will consider what infrastructure provision is necessary in order for development to take place, including accessibility. The local plan parking standards would apply.

Reference: 10062, 10128	
Summary of comment:	More places for tourists to stay Romsey is short of hotels and B&B's; there is a need for a hotel of the "Premier Inn" class too Continue to support and encourage tourism, need to address the lack of hotel accommodation and touring caravan sites
Response:	A recent study commissioned by the Council has similarly suggested that there is in principle market capacity for a new "budget" hotel within Romsey.

Reference:	
Summary of comment:	More attention to road access and parking near to tourist centres
Response:	While cars and parking provision do continue to play a role it is also important to plan for future behaviours; studies suggest that the younger generation especially are moving away from car ownership, therefore more sustainable modes of transport may also need to be investigated

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Car parking requirements for tourism facilities should be more liberal
Response:	While cars and parking provision do continue to play a role it is also important to plan for future behaviours; studies suggest that the younger generation especially are moving away from car ownership, therefore more sustainable modes of transport may also need to be investigated

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Tourism should be encouraged for local centres that can accommodate parking, toilets, etc. such as in Romsey and Andover
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy. It is recognised that that tourism within existing centres can utilise and support existing services and facilities. However, tourism is

	more rural locations will less services and facilities available, can also be appropriate, with each case considered on its individual merits, taking account of the detailed nature of the proposals and its location.
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Tourism should be discouraged in areas which require the use of cars and the provision of extra facilities, which will commercialise the area
R	The Council will review its approach to tourism policy. It is recognised that that tourism within existing centres can utilise and support existing services and facilities. However, tourism in more rural locations will less services and facilities available, can also be appropriate, with each case considered on its individual merits, taking account of the detailed nature of the proposals and its location, including accessibility.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	A policy that encouraged and facilitated access to and an understanding of heritage assets would be welcomed, so long as increased access did not harm the significance of the site.
Response:	It is recognised that the heritage assets and the historic environment are important factors for tourism. That tourist proposals can assist in the understanding of such assets is also noted. The consideration of any impacts on assets would be appraised under the heritage policy of the local plan and national guidance. Specific relevant heritage consultation bodies would also be consulted as relevant.

Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should make allocations for tourism uses that will help to promote the Borough as a destination and support the local economy
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism. An option would be to make allocations for tourist accommodation e.g. hotels if this was considered justified, however tourist attractions would more likely be considered through the development management process. Consultation to be undertaken on preparing the next local plan will provide the opportunity for representations to be made seeking such allocations.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Hotel rooms, longer stay options, more attractions
Response:	It is recognised that in principle that additional tourism provision would be beneficial. Proposals will be considered on their individual merits against the relevant policies of the local plan.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable tourism is an important element of development in Romsey as a local and should be encouraged, although the

	character of the town must be protected from inappropriate development
Response:	It is recognised that in principle additional tourism provision would be beneficial. Any proposals for Romsey would be considered on their individual merits with the character of town a material consideration.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Tourism contributes significantly to the local economy; policies which actively encourage, advertise/ support tourism should be incorporated.
Response:	The Council recognises the economic value of tourism and has commissioned studies as part of its evidence base. The Council will review its approach to tourism policy.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	In the Council's 'Economic Strategy 2017-2019', Stockbridge is described as an attractive visitor destination and a local centre for a large rural catchment. However, whilst there are detailed plans to upgrade Andover and Romsey centres, there is no similar plan to invest in the public realm & parking in Stockbridge. Such improvements would help in attracting tourists to Test Valley.
Response:	The Council recognises the role of Stockbridge as a visitor destination and local centre. Consideration will be given to how it can be supported and promoted. However, its circumstances are different to those of Andover and Romsey town centres. Additional parking provision has been provided in Stockbridge recent years.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	More effort should be made to protect and improve Stockbridge's conservation area, and attention should be paid to the increasing heavy use of the Common Marsh which the National Trust is struggling to protect.
Response:	The value and heritage importance of the Stockbridge conservation area is recognised. Any proposals will be considered with regard to their impact on the conservation area. The importance and need to protect the nature conservation and landscape interest of the Common Marsh is also recognised.

Question 32: Should there be measures to support tourism proposals, and if so, what?

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	There should be an easing of planning permissions for applications with enhanced tourism as their purpose. Some financial help may be considered specifically to generate greater touristic footfall.

Response:	Noted. There are likely to be instances where applications for leisure/tourist facilities which are proposed in a countryside location could benefit rural communities economically but would have an adverse impact on the environment/landscape of the Borough. Each application would have to be considered on its merits on an individual basis.
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Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Should formalise policy to encourage tourism; activities to attract tourist will attract locals & contribute to the vitality/viability of settlements
Response:	Noted. Tourism is an industry that has growth potential and Test Valley has a lot of natural and historical potential on offer. What is essential is that any increase in visitors that new policies may generate does not also put too much pressure on what makes the Borough so inviting and put it at risk.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to tourism.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	A balance must be struck between preservation of the environment, landscape, and townscape and biodiversity, alongside increasing economic activity
Response:	Noted. The natural beauty of Test Valley is one of the Boroughs best attributes, caution must be taken when considering future development in the countryside even if the intentions are good ones

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Allocate sites, but keep developments in character with the area
Response:	Noted. Any future allocations would have to go through in-depth scrutiny before being finalised to ensure they benefit the Borough its residents, the environment and the economy.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable tourism contributes greatly to Test Valley and proposals for small scale local tourism which is sensitive to the environment and increases awareness of local features / the countryside should be encouraged to start/ grow
Response:	Noted. Recognise that tourism does have the potential to be environmentally friendly and that this should be encouraged in Test Valley

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Policy is already fairly supportive
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	There is a need for a hotel in Romsey to encourage overnight stays
Response:	Noted. The Council has reviewed its evidence base, including a study on hotel accommodation. This is potentially something the South of Town Centre Masterplan will take into consideration

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Support for more leisure activities in the countryside, including countryside interpretation
Response:	Noted. The natural beauty of Test Valley is one of the Boroughs best attributes which provides its quality of life and attraction for visitors. Proposals for leisure activities and those which provide for interpretation of the countryside will be considered on their individual merits.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Greater access to the River Test, both in Romsey and the countryside; game fishing should not dominate
Response:	The River Test is of great ecological importance and is internationally recognised. Much of the river and land with riparian rights and riverside access is privately owned. If a scheme is found to be suitable which would allow for more access to the public this may be explored in future.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Existing facilities should be maintained in existing tourist locations, with care given not to commercialise and therefore damage the natural landscape (e.g. at Forest Park)
Response:	Noted. The value of facilities in supporting tourism is recognised. Any proposals will be considered with regard to their effect on the landscape. The Forest Park is intended to provide for enhanced public access in a manner consistent with other interests and objectives for the woodlands.

Reference: 10105, 10102	
Summary of comment:	For all tourism proposals adequate car parking should be made available Provision of parking spaces required. Congestion in Romsey caused by North South through traffic should be studied and improvements made
Response:	Noted. While car parking is an issue the Council is also concerned with including more sustainable modes of transport within future proposals within the Borough especially if they are expected to generate increased numbers of visitors. Proposals will be assessed against local plan parking standards. The Council will consider the issues of future parking provision and traffic movement in Romsey more generally as an overall issue for the next local plan to take into account.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but suggestions are limited. Enhancing Romsey as a place to visit (greater range of specialist shops, improved parking), and encouraging development of tourist accommodation
Response:	The Council will review its approach to tourism, including accommodation and the future strategy for Romsey.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, depends on the measures proposed
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to tourism.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Yes, principally in respect to tourist accommodation
Response:	Noted. The Council will review its approach to tourism, including accommodation.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Would it be possible to have a partnership between the Iron Age Museum in Andover and Stonehenge? Similarly a connection between Andover and the Army Flying Museum at Middle Wallop
Response:	Noted. While it would be out of the remit of the Council to suggest to private enterprises how to cooperate with one another there are opportunities for the Council to work with each of these individually. This is something the Council could explore in the future. The Council has worked with attractions within Test Valley on promoting visits to multiple attractions.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Guidance / assistance to local businesses who rely on the tourist industry, and Council support to promote local events
Response:	Noted. There are opportunities for the Council to work with local businesses; this is something the Council could explore in the future.

Chapter 7: Enjoying Test Valley

General

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	Experience of the East Anton development has shown developers riding roughshod, e.g. rights of way diverted along estate roads or closed entirely during building work in contravention of DEFRA and other guidelines
Response:	The next Local Plan will give consideration to rights of way in the allocation of new development and it will be something to consider through the preparation of general planning policies. This matter is currently covered through policy T1 of the adopted Local Plan.

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should state clearly that it intends to protect and enhance the rights of way network within Test Valley and explore how this can be done
Response:	The preparation of the next Local Plan will need to review this matter in the context of the planning system and national guidance. Hampshire County Council has a wider remit on this matter with its Countryside Access Plan (2015-2025) setting out the approach to managing rights of way. The way the adopted Local Plan considers impacts on rights of way is covered through policy T1.

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	We fully accept major developments will take place but they should accommodate existing and new rights of way along green corridors at the initial planning stage
Response:	Noted. This matter would need to be considered through both the identification of sites for allocation and the determination of planning applications.

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	Place an obligation on the Council to work to improve planning related economic activities and actively work to reduce the impact of the overall building activity.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared in accordance with national planning policy and guidance, this includes all aspects on social, economic and environmental objectives.

Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	Take decisions that will help slow down/halt the depletion of natural resources and improve the situation - must happen to meet the Climate Change requirement to reduce net carbon by 80%
Response:	National planning policy indicates some of the ways that the planning system can contribute to reducing greenhouse gas

	emissions and other natural resources e.g. through the sources of energy available and the location and design of new development. This will need to be considered along with other objectives within national policy through the preparation of the next Local Plan. Climate change will be a key issue throughout the content of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	UK Green Building Council states approx. 45% of carbon emissions come from the operation of existing buildings; building development must be addressed to meet carbon targets.
Response:	Noted. There are limited opportunities through the planning system to address the emissions associated with existing building stock. The next Local Plan will need to consider opportunities to reduce carbon emissions associated with new development in a way that is consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The principal areas of interest for the RSPB concern biodiversity and mitigation for any impact on the environment that development within Test Valley may have.
Response:	Noted. The Council will take these issues into account as relevant to the consideration of policies and allocations for new development.

Reference: 10028	
Summary of comment:	Impacts of new development should be minimised or mitigated by locating development in the most sustainable location.
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to ensure that the most sustainable locations for development are identified and put forward within the next Local Plan, as required by national planning policy.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The protection and enhancement of a neighbourhood's natural and built environment is key to the long term prospects of any settlement
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to review how policies seek to conserve, and where possible enhance, the natural and built environment. This will need to align with existing legal obligations and national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Flood protection and improvements to drainage are critical to future developments in Wellow, especially with its proximity to the river Blackwater.
Response:	National planning policy and guidance provides a framework for how flood risk should be considered through the planning system and the evidence base required on this matter. The next

	Local Plan will need to be consistent with this, taking account of flood risk through the allocation of sites across the Borough and through more general planning policies.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Light pollution should be considered to ensure the preservation of specialist ecological features such as protection zones for bats.
Response:	Light pollution needs to be considered in a number of ways, including impacts on the local character, amenity and ecology. The adopted Local Plan includes policy E5 on biodiversity, which does not specify particular causes of harm but indicates how such matters will be considered. The next Local Plan will need to review whether this approach remains appropriate, or whether more specific policy wording is required on certain matters.

Reference: 10114	
Summary of comment:	Mindful of the Court of Justice of the European Union judgement in the People over Wind and Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta, case C-323/17 (the CJEU) issued 12/4/18, given that the proposed development (either alone or in combination with other plans/projects) may have a significant effect upon the sites of European importance in relation to recreational disturbance. The judgement confirms the need to undertake an Appropriate Assessment which does not take account of measures intended to avoid or reduce harmful effects of a plan or project on a site of European importance at the screening stage
Response:	Noted. The implications of this Judgement will be taken into account in how the Habitat Regulations Assessment process is undertaken.

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Ask about the fact the document covers marginal issues such as air and water quality, as it is unclear how local planning, as opposed to national legislation, can determine this
Response:	Regarding matters such as air quality and water quality, the planning system as a role in considering such matters in relation to new development but there are other legal and policy requirements in place that have a wider remit and involve a range of additional organisations. The Council will have regard to national planning policy in how such matters are addressed through the next Local Plan.

Paragraph 7.1

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	The A303 cuts through a number of rights of way if these could be joined it would greatly enhance the countryside accessibility
Response:	This is unlikely to be a matter that can be addressed through the next Local Plan; however this may depend on strategic options being considered as the plan develops. Hampshire County Council may be best placed to advise on mechanisms to increase the connectivity of such routes.

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should be encouraging the rights of way network by joining up existing paths so as to provide circular routes to encourage countryside walking as well as establishing routes that connect local communities
Response:	Opportunities for the next Local Plan to join up existing paths can be considered as the document progresses, this could be through infrastructure enhancements alongside new development. Hampshire County Council would also have a role in promoting joined up routes.

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	The countryside is also a place of work for many and an important source of food security. Needs of agriculture and wildlife need to come before leisure uses
Response:	The multiple uses of the countryside are recognised, including in relation to agriculture and other rural economic activities. These roles will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including having regard to the advice provided through the National Planning Policy Framework.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Although the majority of Test Valley is rural it is not just countryside which makes it attractive; the built environment plays an equally important role in making Test Valley a desirable place to live and work

Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to consider policy approaches to the built environment, taking account of national planning policy and guidance on this matter.
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Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Plan positively for the creation/protection/enhancement/management of green infrastructure. A well planned strategic approach will help deliver the Council's vision for the borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the approach to green infrastructure having regard to national planning policy and guidance on this matter. The Council has a Green Infrastructure Strategy that was approved in 2014.

Paragraph 7.2

Reference: 10086	
Summary of comment:	NFNP is pleased the document referenced the National Park and North Wessex Downs, and that the Authority is responsible for the part of Test Valley that falls within the National Park boundary.
Response:	Noted. It would be intended that future versions of the next Local Plan will continue to refer to these designations and be clear about the area for which the document relates (i.e. excluding the land within the New Forest National Park).

Reference: 10086	
Summary of comment:	We encourage the Council to include a specific policy coverage for the legal 'duty of regard' to ensure development within Test Valley considers potential impacts on the New Forest National Park.
Response:	The Council will consider whether a specific policy in the context of this legal duty is the best way forward on this matter as part of the preparation of policy wording in future versions of the next Local Plan.

Paragraph 7.3

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The present assessment is too descriptive and not helpful to either the Local Planning Authority and to developers
Response:	The document referred to represents a review and update of the existing Landscape Character Assessment. It seeks to provide sufficient description and guidance to inform the way forward given the scale at which it is prepared and so as to avoid being overly prescriptive. It does not provide policy but is a source of evidence to aid in considering landscape matters. It may be necessary for more detailed assessments to be prepared in conjunction with the submission of planning applications.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	This is a silly statement, as all features make up the landscape
Response:	Noted. The Landscape Character Assessment will seek to reflect on valued characteristics (in the context of a specific character area).

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The Council should be considering what creates the character of the landscape and what activities/ development could jeopardise that character or what could enhance it
Response:	Noted. The review of the Landscape Character Assessment is seeking to provide a basis for such considerations, this includes through the identification of valued characteristics, detractors and providing guidelines.

Paragraph 7.4

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	Valley Park Parish Council strongly supports the current policy on Local Gaps
Response:	Noted. The approach to gaps, including continuation of the existing approach, will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10015	
Summary of comment:	The land beside the park in Upper Clatford is much valued by residents due to being building free land
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will be reviewing policy provisions linked to this matter. It could also be considered through the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Reference: 10015	
Summary of comment:	Having moved to Upper Clatford to live in a village, local gaps are supported to prevent villages from merging with Andover
Response:	Noted. The approach to gaps, including those between Andover and surrounding villages, will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Define local gap boundaries and stick to them. Areas of green space need to be joined up to make them worthwhile as wildlife corridors or for large scale recreation. Better to designate these via the Local Plan rather than Neighbourhood Plans which should input at a local level
Response:	There is a need to review policy approaches as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan to ensure they remain appropriate and consistent with national policy. In relation to local gaps, this will include consideration of continuing the existing approach. In line with national planning policy, the next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to enhancing the

	natural environment, including ecological networks and wildlife corridors.
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Paragraph 7.5

Reference: 10035	
Summary of comment:	Permission should not be granted for residential development within local gaps when there are other more suitable sites within Southern Test Valley
Response:	The Revised Local Plan establishes the existing approach to development within gaps. This will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan in the context, along with the approach to other matters including the scale of development needed and other factors to be taken into account. In all cases, a judgement would need to be taken, starting with the adopted planning policies but also taking into account other relevant planning considerations.

Question 33: Should we continue to retain the principle of local gaps? Should we define specific boundaries or a more general policy which aims to avoid coalescence?

Reference: 10001, 10062	
Summary of comment:	Yes. They are vital and important and should enhanced/ maintained/ introduced.
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the option of retaining local gaps as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes. In certain cases it might be advantageous to define specific boundaries
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the retention of local gaps in the next Local Plan, and if they are pursued will also consider the option of defining specific boundaries.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes. They reinforce a sense of community
Response:	Noted, including this benefit of the provision of gaps. The Council will consider the option of retaining local gaps as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The

Reference: 10013, 10136	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Local gaps should be associated with communities and aim to avoid coalescence
Response:	Noted, including regarding the role in avoiding coalescence. The Council will consider the option of retaining local gaps as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10015	
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Summary of comment:	Strongly believe we need a gap between Andover and the surrounding villages
Response:	Noted. Should local gaps be included within the next Local Plan, consideration would be given to locations where such provisions would be needed, this could include between Andover and the surrounding villages. The adopted Local Plan sets out a number of gaps in this area through policy E3.

Reference: 10016	
Summary of comment:	Strongly support preserving the local gap that separates Upper Clatford, Anna Valley and Andover
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10017	
Summary of comment:	Yes. I am a resident of Anna Valley/Abbotts Ann. I support maintaining a clear space between these villages and Andover
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10018	
Summary of comment:	I support local gaps and believe strongly in retaining a gap between Anna Valley/Upper Clatford and Andover. Part of English heritage is villages on the outskirts of towns
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Settlement identity is one of the features that gaps seek to retain through avoiding coalescence.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	I strong support the retention of the Local Gap between Upper Clatford / Anna Valley and the Southern limit of Andover defined by the A303
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The Council should maintain strictly defined local gaps which can be reinforced via Neighbourhood Plans, rather than a general policy that avoids coalescence
Response:	Noted. The option of whether to continue to establish local gaps, as well as whether they should have specific boundaries as identified through the next Local Plan will be options for consideration.

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	We strongly support the retention of local gaps around North Baddesley, which preserves local identity in the area
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining the gaps in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Principle of Local Gaps should be retained to protect physical and visual separation of settlements. It should be an integral part of settlement policy.
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining local gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Local Gap policy should protect against development that would individually or cumulatively erode the integrity of the gap which would not necessarily be prevented by countryside policy.
Response:	Should gaps continue to be a tool used to avoid coalescence, the wording of such a policy would need to give consideration to such matters. The existing Revised Local Plan policy E3 wording specifically refers to individual and cumulative effects.

Reference: 10030	
Summary of comment:	As residents of Anna Valley we support retaining the gap between Anna Valley / Upper Clatford and Andover
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Avoiding the coalescence of settlements is a long-established objective of local planning policy
Response:	Noted. This aspiration would be a matter to consider as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	If the current approach is retained then the existing gaps should be reviewed and justified having regard to housing need
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the approach to gaps and their boundaries would need to be reviewed in the context of all the plan objectives and national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	A more general policy with the aim of avoiding coalescence could be considered, although it should not be misused to the extent of undermining its value
Response:	The option of a more general policy seeking to avoid coalescence could be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Considerations about the way forward would include the likely effectiveness of such a policy at achieving the intended objective and whether such an approach would provide clarity as to how proposals would be determined.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Local gaps have already been heavily eroded, they essential to maintaining the attraction of Test Valley and preserving community individuality and identity

Response:	Noted. The option to retain gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10038	
Summary of comment:	I would like to express my support for maintaining a clear green space between Anna Valley/Abbots Ann and Andover
Response:	Noted. The option of retaining a gap in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10039	
Summary of comment:	Preserve local gaps at all costs as they are vital to stop the merging of villages and towns and help the settlements stay separate
Response:	Noted. The option to retain gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Local gaps are the only way to prevent settlement coalescence, a change in policy makes them more vulnerable to developer pressure
Response:	Noted. The option to retain gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Favour the retention of local gaps which serve to preserve the identity of settlements and villages
Response:	Noted. The option to retain gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	The principle of Local Gaps must be maintained, this policy prevents unwanted development and coalescing of communities
Response:	Noted. The option to retain gaps will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	PPS7 (2004), para. 24-25, stressed the need for criteria-based policies in place of Local Landscape Designations. PPG7 indicated the Development Plans should state what it is in local countryside designations that require extra protection and why. NPPF para.113 (2012) stresses the hierarchy of such sites need to be distinct. This is followed through in NPPF para. 171 (2018).
Response:	Comments are noted in context of preference to no longer retain local gaps. The Council would take account of national planning policy in considering options in relation to this matter through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
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Summary of comment:	No, as they would duplicate para. 100 of NPPF, making them unnecessary We recommend gaps be replaced with a more 'evidence-based landscape approach' when allocating essential land needed to maintain physical and visual separation. If they are to be retained specific boundaries should be identified and a proper explanation of its objectives should be provided. Do not include more land than is necessary to prevent the coalescence of settlements; the land must be an important component to the landscape between said settlements
Response:	Noted. The Council would consider options available to address matters including avoiding coalescence, this could include local green spaces. If defining boundaries, the approach would also be reviewed ensuring such designations only includes the land necessary to provide the required function. This reflects the approach of the current Revised Local Plan policy E3, as set out in paragraph 7.29.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	They play an important role preventing the coalescence of smaller communities and providing/enhancing ecological corridors, increasing biodiversity. However, there may be instances where coalescence of communities may be acceptable to maintain coherent ecological corridors
Response:	Noted. Through the next Local Plan the role of gaps as a tool to prevent coalescence will need to be reviewed, taking account of wider objectives, which could include maintaining ecological networks.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Overall they should be retained, but in conjunction with the LNP's ecological network mapping
Response:	Noted. The approach to local gaps will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, this will include consideration of other objectives – this could include opportunities to also link to ecological networks.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	They retain some distinctiveness of settlements, retains the countryside between built-up areas and gives developers a clear statement where development is excluded
Response:	Comments noted in terms of the role of gaps. This policy approach would be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10050	
Summary of comment:	It is essential you preserve the Local Gaps between Ampfield and the surrounding villages. Failure to preserve the local gaps around Ampfield will lead to the merging of Chandlers Ford, Ampfield, Hursley and Valley Park, ruining the village feel of the area. Removing the local gaps around Ampfield may lead to

	ribbon development, the ultimate danger being a continuous urban area from Romsey to Portsmouth.
Response:	Noted in terms of the importance of the gaps and the role they play. The option of retaining gaps in this area would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	They are the only way to avoid the coalescence of settlements
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan the role of this policy tool in avoiding coalescence will be reviewed.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Define local gap boundaries and stick to them.
Response:	Noted. If gaps are used as a policy tool in the next Local Plan, the consideration as to whether to define specific boundaries would be reviewed along with policy wording. There would be an opportunity to comment on such proposals as the next Local Plan develops.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	They protect visual and physical separation of settlements, integral part of settlement policy
Response:	Note the comments regarding the role of gaps in the separation of settlements.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Specific boundaries should be defined
Response:	Noted. If gaps are used as a policy tool in the next Local Plan, the consideration as to whether to define specific boundaries would be reviewed.

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	Yes. This is one of the most important guidelines to retain in the new Local Plan
Response:	Noted. The use of gaps would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	The local gaps provide the residents with walking/hiking environments where we can educate children on farming/wildlife and a safe environment for our local nature habitats
Response:	Noted. The role of gaps and opportunities for multiple uses of any such designations could be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10061	
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Summary of comment:	Local gaps clearly define the suburbs surroundings Ampfield which stop the area from changing from a rural to an urban one
Response:	Note comments regarding the role of gaps in the Ampfield area.

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	These are vital to the survival of small villages in rural areas, especially acting as buffer to unwanted large developments
Response:	Noted. The role of local gaps would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Why retain them if there's poor management of land between settlements? General policies based on criteria far more helpful
Response:	The planning tool of gaps does not influence the way the land is managed, unless relevant through the determination of a planning application. Therefore this matter is often beyond the influence of the planning system. Options for criteria based policies or designation of gaps can be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The Council could provide grant aid to sustain good management in urban edge areas
Response:	This matter is unlikely to be something that could be dealt with through planning policy, unless relevant as part of a planning application (e.g. retaining a landscaped area within a development proposal).

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The plan should definitely include the protection of local gaps
Response:	Noted. The use of gaps would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next local plan.

Reference: 10074	
Summary of comment:	Local gaps will continue to be extremely important in maintaining the essential character and separation of our towns, villages and parishes. Current policy should be continued, rather than a general policy that seeks to avoid coalescence
Response:	Comments noted regarding the role of local gaps and the continuation of the current policy approach with defined gap boundaries. Such matters will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Coalescence is a non-issue; the rural settlement scale means it would take hundreds of years for any settlement to coalesce
Response:	Comments noted. The use of gaps would be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan. This would need to

	include consideration of whether harm from coalescence is likely without a policy intervention and what tools may be appropriate to address this where relevant.
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Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Coalescence is only a danger when national volume builders seek to develop
Response:	Comments noted. Any policy mechanism would need to look at the potential of coalescence in general, rather than risk from particular types of developers.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Andover and Romsey will always expand towards nearby settlements, in some cases enveloping them
Response:	Noted. There will need to be consideration of whether this has the potential to be harmful (for example to settlement identity) and therefore whether any policy mechanisms are needed to address such an issue.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Local Gap policies have been successfully challenged at Planning Inquiries, which is confusing for residents who see it as an absolute restriction on development
Response:	Comments are noted regarding the confusion about gap designations being seen as absolute restrictions. Whilst adopted policies within the local plan are the starting point for determining applications, there does need to be consideration of other relevant factors and then a balancing exercise undertaken in relation to all matters. The existing Revised Local Plan policy on gaps (reference E3) does not preclude all development in gaps. Also, through the determination of applications (including at appeal) other factors may be given more weight in the balancing exercise. The same position could apply to other policies within local plans.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	A more criteria based policy is needed to address the issues of coalescence
Response:	Noted. A criteria based approach as an option to address coalescence will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Retain the gap between Nursling & Rownhams to separate it from Southampton (e.g. Fields Farm). Maintain Bargain Farm gap to provide visual separation
Response:	The local gap between Nursling and Rownhams and Southampton was contained within the 2006 Local Plan but removed in the 2016 Revised Local Plan. Bargain Farm (as far as it lies within Test Valley) is allocated for commercial uses and a park and ride site through the Revised Local Plan with

	provisions to include a landscaping area along Brownhill Way. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, any policy approach to addressing coalescence would need to consider different approaches to addressing such matters (e.g. criteria based policies, defined local gaps) as well as where it would be appropriate for such policies to apply.
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Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Both a policy on Local Gaps and a general policy seeking to avoid coalescence should be sought.
Response:	Noted. Such approaches would need to be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan ensuring that policies due not result in duplication / overlap that could result in a lack of clarity on the way applications would be considered by the Council.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Wellow has a variety of valued green space 'Local Gaps' that shape the character of the area.
Response:	Noted. In addition to local gaps, local green space designation may also be relevant. This is something that could be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan, as well as potentially being a matter to review as part of any neighbourhood plan.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Local Gaps should not preclude development where it would not adversely affect the function of the gap
Response:	Noted. This is the approach within the existing Revised Local Plan policy on gaps. If such a tool is used within the next Local Plan, the wording of such a policy would need to be prepared so as to be clear in how it would be applied and how its purpose could be achieved.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	A future Local Gap policy should be supported by clear justification for the designation in terms of visual amenity and landscape character; it should be made explicit local gaps are not landscape designations
Response:	Noted. The wording of any policy and supporting text on this matter would be subject to consultation which would present a further opportunity to highlight if it is considered that such matters have not been adequately addressed.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	Local Gap policies have been successfully challenged at Planning Inquiries. A more criteria based policy to avoid coalescence is needed
Response:	Noted. A criteria based approach to avoiding coalescence would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	There should be a general policy as opposed to an inflexible specific boundary
Response:	A general policy approach would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	They should be retained where it can be demonstrated coalescence will harm the character and identity of settlements
Response:	Noted. Any specific boundaries defined would need to ensure they are sized so as not to include unnecessary land that would not be important to the function of the designation. This reflects the approach within the Revised Local Plan (policy E3).

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	There is no need for multi-layered constraints in the countryside to suitably manage development
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration would need to be given to whether a policy approach is required, and if so, what would be the best tool to achieve this.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	They should continue to be retained within the new Local plan
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan there would be consideration of whether gaps are retained.

Reference:10102	
Summary of comment:	They are an essential requirement to ensure that any development does not detract from the beauty of towns and villages
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan there would be consideration of whether gaps are retained.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	They are important to the character of each Parish. Refer to the Ampfield VDS which the Borough has supported
Response:	Noted. The role of gaps as a mechanism to retain the character of settlements would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Avoiding coalescence is hardly an ambitious aim; instead local gaps should be clearly defined to avoid creeping development
Response:	Noted. Planning tools to address both matters can be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10106	
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Summary of comment:	Inevitable that some development will be needed in existing gaps but new boundaries should be defined, perhaps using natural features such as field boundaries
Response:	Noted. This is a matter that will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan taking account of different objectives of the plan, as well as national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	It is debateable whether continuation of this policy is appropriate in the context of national policy where general countryside policies could perform the same role
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to give consideration to the approach to this matter in the context of national planning policy, including whether such tools provide overlapping or different functions.

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	If the policy were to continue, gaps need to be justified using clear evidence with their boundaries clearly defined. Some flexibility for development within gaps based on a criteria-based policy may be appropriate
Response:	Noted. These matters would need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. There would be an opportunity to review the proposed approach through consultation on the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10111, 10117	
Summary of comment:	Gaps can only be justified where there is a genuine risk of coalescence and that no more land than what is necessary is included. As such no likely justification for new gaps or the extension of existing gaps can be given
Response:	Noted. Such matters would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	National Planning Policy does not provide explicit support for the 'gap' policies, and it is debateable whether they are needed when general countryside policies perform the same role of avoiding coalescence
Response:	Noted. Based on the Revised Local Plan, countryside policies allow some forms of development that may have implications on coalescence as they are not blanket bans on development – as such the definition of local gaps was supported. Such matters would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	If the gaps were to remain, they should be clearly defined and justification provided for their existence

Response:	Noted. This would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	There should be some flexibility for appropriate development in gap locations, such as a criteria based policy, as is currently in the adopted plan
Response:	Noted. Such an approach would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Whilst there is no guidance on local gaps in the NPPF, the need to be flexible to support sustainable development should be given due weight in considering this
Response:	Noted. Any approach to this matter would need to have regard to the wider objective of achieving sustainable development.

Reference: 10118, 10119	
Summary of comment:	Local gaps are considered unnecessary and a blunt anti-development tool which runs contrary to the NPPF in trying to promote sustainable development
Response:	Noted. The Council would review the approach to this matter in the context of national planning policy.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	Retaining settlement identity is important but this can often only be considered at detailed design stage, when consideration of the issue can be fully informed by master planning details and character assessment
Response:	Noted. Policy mechanisms for considering settlement identity will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	If the policy is to be retained, a general policy would be appropriate and justified, as this would guard against land being unnecessarily constrained in circumstances where the intent/objective of the gap is not breached
Response:	Noted. Different approaches to avoiding coalescence would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	The use of gap policies unnecessarily duplicates policies relating to development within countryside areas
Response:	Based on the existing Revised Local Plan, countryside policies allow some forms of development that may have implications on coalescence as they are not blanket bans on development – as such the definition of local gaps was supported. Such matters would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Good design ensures settlements maintain their own separate identity and character regardless of physical proximity, making the value of gaps challengeable against a backdrop of the housing crisis and Brexit to stimulate development
Response:	Noted. The approach to this matter would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The importance of good design is highlighted in national planning policy.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	If the policy is to be retained, a general policy would be appropriate if justified.
Response:	Noted. Different approaches to avoiding coalescence would be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Policies related to location and character of development can be used to ensure settlements retain separate identity. Gap designations should be fully justified against policy, it must be clear why other Plan policies cannot deal with such areas between settlements
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan there would be consideration to such matters and whether there is a risk of duplication of policy objectives.

Reference: 10123	
Summary of comment:	Local gap policy restricts development contrary to the NPPF and fails to encourage sustainable development. Spatial strategy should consider all potential development sites in terms of sustainability and potential to accommodate future growth without his policy applied. Council has adequate controls to avoid settlement coalescence through other policies
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to avoiding settlement coalescence through the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of national planning policy. This will include having regard to the wider objective of promoting sustainable development.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	They should be retained. Andover has less green space than London
Response:	Noted. The approach to local gaps will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Consideration will also be given to the provision of open space in conjunction with new developments.

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Such designations are not offered permanence in the same fashion as a Green Belt, can be subject to change or deletion where on balance development can be located that contributes to meeting development need

Response:	Noted. The Council would need to give consideration to the different tools available to address the issues identified.
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Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Yes, it is vital to maintain local gap policy to avoid coalescence. Specific boundaries need to be defined to make planning decisions objective and not subject to negotiation
Response:	Noted. The approach to this matter will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, this will include whether to designate specifically defined gaps. Any resultant policy would need to be considered alongside other policies within a local plan and other relevant considerations when determining planning applications.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	This policy has been successfully challenged before, need to develop a more criteria based policy to address the issues of coalescence
Response:	Noted. A criteria based policy approach to this matter would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Significant level of housing required to address unmet need of Southampton HMA, seriously consider quality of areas currently designated countryside/gaps, only retain land essential to prevent coalescence
Response:	Noted. Any approach to the use of local gaps would need to be done in the context of the wider objective of sustainable development and other specific objectives of the next Local Plan, including meeting housing need.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Undertake qualitative assessment of boundaries re: landscape features and capacity for accommodating development without causing significant harm, utilise the sites which score poorly
Response:	Noted. Any approach to the use of local gaps would need to be done in the context of the wider objective of sustainable development and other specific objectives of the next Local Plan, including meeting housing need. Should local gaps be used within the next Local Plan, their extent would need to be reviewed.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Explore opportunities to strengthen the significance of landscapes/boundaries through the allocation of sites with accompanying strategic landscaping
Response:	Noted. This matter would be considered in relation to allocations and any mitigation needed, as well as opportunities to enhance their integration with the landscape and the relationship with existing communities.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Should they be retained they should be justified based on robust evidence, identifying land that performs an important role protecting setting, separating settlements/avoiding coalescence
Response:	Noted. The approach would need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including whether the designation of local gaps remains the most appropriate tool to avoid the coalescence of settlements.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Support the principle of local gaps where used to avoid coalescence and preserve important landscapes, rather than as a means to simply limit development
Response:	Noted. This is the main purpose of this tool and it would be important to ensure that if such designations are used, only enough land to serve this purpose is included within the designations.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Most important to retain the principle of local gaps
Response:	Noted. The use of local gaps will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10139	
Summary of comment:	The countryside of south Hampshire is one of the greatest assets and helps define the identity of towns/villages within it. It is at risk from unplanned/uncoordinated development
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given as how to promote sustainable development in such a way as to ensure the necessary provision of housing, commercial space and other forms of development whilst conserving the environment, amongst other objectives.

Reference: 10139	
Summary of comment:	A new green belt, meeting the five purposes set out by the NPPF should be introduced within the STV boundary to contribute to more sustainable and controlled development of the area. There is strong justification for the designation of a new green belt in Test Valley as part of PUSH strategy for green infrastructure. Introduce new green belt policy to realise the following benefits: check unrestricted sprawl along the southern boundary, limit settlement encroachment, assist in preserving character of settlements, protect valued landscapes and assist with urban regeneration. Green belt is essential to prevent potential impact of housing pressures which may increase as adjacent local authorities seek green field sites to meet their housing targets within the same HMAs
Response:	Through the preparation of the next Local Plan there could be consideration of whether such a tool would be appropriate,

	when accounting for national planning policy on green belts as well as the needs for development within the area in the long term.
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Reference: 10139	
Summary of comment:	The Council presides over landscape of extremely high quality. These qualities bring significant tourism to the area and draw in residents and businesses. A new green belt would improve the ability of the Council to protect assets and promote sustainable development
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to give consideration as to how to conserve the natural and built environment, including the landscape, whilst achieving other objectives and consistency with national planning policy.

Question 34: Should the Local Plan identify and designate Local Areas of Green Space or should this be undertaken via Neighbourhood Plans?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Local Plans should identify Local Areas of Green Space in conjunction with those Parishes able to produce Neighbourhood Plans.
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will be consideration of the role of these different approaches to identifying local green spaces.

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	For those not able to make Neighbourhood Plans, the Council should be speaking to Parishes on a case-by-case basis
Response:	This approach will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan which will be prepared in collaboration with local communities.

Reference: 10013, 10040, 10043, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should recognise local green spaces where they are key to the character of the area. Absence of a Neighbourhood Plan should not signify that a local green space is not important Yes, where Neighbourhood Plans don't exist or haven't allocated green space it should be done by the Council by default Reliance on Neighbourhood Plans is not the only way forward; if a Neighbourhood Plan can designate a green space then it should be allowed to, otherwise the Local Plan should designate areas with consultation of the local community
Response:	Noted. The role for the next Local Plan in designating local green spaces will be reviewed and how this sits alongside neighbourhood planning. The Council will continue to engage with those preparing Neighbourhood Plans, including where they wish to designate local green spaces. The Council will

	engage with all parish councils as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Whatever decision is made, it must be enforceable and enforced in the face of developer opposition
Response:	Noted. Where local green spaces are proposed, this will need to be done in line with national planning policy and guidance, and would be considered through the examination of the next Local Plan or Neighbourhood Plan.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	There is merit to both of the approaches
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will be given to different ways of addressing this matter.

Reference: 10031	
Summary of comment:	Local Green Space should be applied in a careful and systematic way, consistent with NPPF para. 100
Response:	Noted. The Council would need to have regard to nationally planning policy and guidance on this matter when taking a view as to whether or not to make such designations.

Reference: 10036, 10096	
Summary of comment:	NDPs are closer to a village community's wishes and stand alongside the local plan, those should not be disturbed.
Response:	Noted. Where being prepared, Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) can include local green spaces when justified.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Areas of green space need to be joined up to make them worthwhile as wildlife corridors or for large scale recreation. Better to designate these via the Local Plan rather than Neighbourhood Plans which should input at a local level
Response:	Comments are noted, however the Council would also need to be mindful that national guidance sets out that local green spaces should not be an extensive tract of land. There may however be spaces that form part of wider recreation areas or wildlife corridors.

Reference: 10048, 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes, and should set out the Local Areas of Green Space and not rely on the Neighbourhood Plan, unless the Neighbourhood Plan already sets out green space Ideally every area should have a Neighbourhood Plan which designates greenspace, but until that is achieved it is very important that the Local Plan should identify such spaces.

Response:	The role of the next Local Plan in designating local green spaces alongside those contained within Neighbourhood Plans will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of this document.
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Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support the principle of defined local communities and protection for green space, but no view on how best to achieve this
Response:	Noted. This matter will be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10058, 10047, 10063, 10062, 10064, 10106, 10101, 10102,	
Summary of comment:	Support the current approach of designating areas of open space in the Local Plan They should be in Local Plans, as they would be more strategic and therefore function better to support a coherent ecological network. If they are in Neighbourhood Plans they may tend not to be optimally location and may be isolated from other areas The Local Plan should, otherwise communities without Neighbourhood Plans will suffer
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the role of the next Local Plan in designated local areas of green space. This would need to have regard to national planning policy in terms of the types of spaces that may be appropriate for this designation. The Council will also engage with parish councils as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan and where Neighbourhood Plans are being progressed.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	It would be best to work with local people on this, in general
Response:	Noted. There will be further opportunities for parish councils and members of the public to get involved in the preparation of the next Local Plan, including on this matter.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10083, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Leave them to Neighbourhood Plans, although the skill set of Neighbourhood Plan Teams is limited and it is essential advice is provided by the Council
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to engage with parish councils as part of the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans (where being prepared) and more broadly regarding the production of the next Local Plan. This would include on matters such as the designation of local green spaces. The Council would also need to consider the approach to this matter for areas where Neighbourhood Plans are not being prepared.

Reference: 10085, 10105	
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Summary of comment:	Both
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to review the approach to the designation of local green spaces within the next Local Plan, and how this works alongside those parish councils preparing Neighbourhood Development Plans.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should identify areas of green space to ensure the NIMBY effect does not occur
Response:	The designation of any land as local green spaces would need to accord with national planning policy on this matter.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	This should be informed by an up to date evidence base that reflects local needs for green space and accord with national policy.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will be prepared taking account of national planning policy and guidance, with the evidence base being updated as needed to ensure the document is robust.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Andover Vision seeks to improve access to green space. Bere Hill incorporates a Country park to help achieve this
Response:	Noted. Any proposed allocations would be considered through a sustainability appraisal process and would need to bring forward appropriate infrastructure provisions (including open space) to support them.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, need to build them into the urban areas
Response:	Noted. There is scope for such designations in both urban and rural areas where they can be justified in line with national guidance.

Reference: 10128, 10137	
Summary of comment:	Ideal if this is done by a Neighbourhood Plan, in the absence of one provision should be made in the Local Plan
Response:	Noted. Consideration will be given to the role of the next Local Plan in the situation where a Neighbourhood Plan does not exist.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	These designations should be left to Neighbourhood Plans, but advice from the Council is essential
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider this approach as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10131	
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Summary of comment:	Local Plan already identifies area of POS which should reflect green space needs of local communities, if further areas are required this should be based on evidence of need and be based on functional open space
Response:	Whilst areas of public open space can be designated as local green spaces, there are differences between these two terms and the implications (e.g. loss of open spaces is currently covered through policy LHW1 of the Revised Local Plan, while paragraph 100 of the NPPF explains that development proposals within local green spaces would be assessed in the same way as development in a green belt). It would be important to ensure that the next Local Plan considers the approach to both matters.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Designation of Local Green Space will enjoy the same protection as Green Belt, critical the aspirations/objectives of the Local Plan are not constrained by them
Response:	Noted. The designation of any local green spaces would need to be done in the context of national planning policy, including taking account of the three objectives of sustainable development.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Commitment to identifying and designating local areas of green space should be enshrined and embedded into the new Local Plan part of Council's commitment to environmental sustainability
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to give consideration to this matter through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Certain landscapes such as Danebury and Quarley Hills should have higher designations, this type of information on landscape should come from the commissioned Landscape Character Assessment
Response:	Noted. Should the next Local Plan designate local green spaces, the use of this designation for such spaces could be considered however it would need to be borne in mind that they are not to be used for large swaths of land. The review of the Landscape Character Assessment provides an opportunity to refresh information on the valued characteristics within the landscape character areas and guidelines, however it will not result in any designations.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Local Green Space should be consistent with the Local Plan objective of sustainable development and complement investment in homes, jobs and services. They should be capable of enduring beyond the plan period. Consider these

	designations alongside other strategic land use policies to ensure consistency in approach
Response:	The use of this designation would need to be consistent with national planning policy, which sets out these matters.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Reflecting NPPF (para 96), strategic importance of green spaces is of Borough significance so overarching framework should be established within the local plan, with neighbourhood plans where progressed conforming with the established spatial framework. Using overarching spatial framework would ensure an appropriate and balanced distribution, as well as would be related to the spatial distribution of development sites.
Response:	

Paragraph 7.6

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Council should resist the incorporation of air quality policy until further stringent research is carried out on the issue to see if the concerns are valid
Response:	Noted. Any policies on air quality would need to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance, as well as based on local evidence.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Air quality should be monitored, particularly outside schools at busy times of day. Policy could ensure buses/coaches/cars switch off engines while they wait
Response:	Noted. These matters are largely beyond the remit of planning policy, however, future consideration of development can take account of receptors that may be sensitive to pollution (which can include air pollution). A planning policy or condition could not require that vehicle engines are switched off outside schools whilst waiting.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Would welcome considerations of changes to air quality as a result of housing/infrastructure delivery as part of the Local Plan evidence base
Response:	Potential effects on air quality will need to be considered as part of the sustainability appraisal process. Part of Test Valley falls within the remit of an air quality assessment undertaken on behalf of the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire, which considers effects on human health and certain ecological receptors.

Paragraph 7.8

Reference: 10052

Summary of comment:	Cycle routes should be extended which would also bring health benefits. Better and inexpensive public transport is also key
Response:	Noted. Opportunities to support the cycle network will be considered as a form of infrastructure to support new development, as well as to improve connectivity with facilities and services where appropriate and feasible to do so.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Better and inexpensive public transport is also key
Response:	Noted. The availability of public transport would be a consideration, taking account of differences between rural and urban areas (as noted national planning policy). There may be some opportunities for new development to support the sustainability of existing public transport provisions.

Paragraph 7.9

Reference: 10068	
Summary of comment:	Local groundwater quality is generally good, the majority of public water supply come from this source. However, it is under pressure from oil/chemical pollution in urbanised areas and a rising trend in nitrates at sources is causing failures under the Water Framework Directive for groundwater quality
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to work with the Environment Agency in taking account of these matters and opportunities for the next Local Plan to support the attainment of the Water Framework Directive obligations.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	River Test is a key asset for the borough, welcome recognition of the pressures it face. Expect the Local Plan to address water quality and resource issues within policy and scope of the planning system
Response:	Noted. Water resource availability and water quality are matters that will need to be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan, supported by input from the relevant Government agencies, water companies and others.

Paragraph 7.10

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley is an area of water stress, increased abstraction from the River Test will ultimately have an effect on its flow
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to work with, and seek input from, water companies and the Environment Agency in taking account of these matters.

Reference: 10068	
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Summary of comment:	Some areas have no mains sewer connection, would advise that any sites that come forward are supported by necessary infrastructure
Response:	Noted. This matter would need to be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan; this may include through the consideration of any potential allocations as well as development management policies to support the determination of planning applications.

Paragraph 7.11

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Innovative approaches are required on new developments, re-use of grey water should be considered. Housing numbers should be decided by water availability
Response:	Noted. The Government has established optional technical standards in relation to water efficiency; if these standards are to be applied then justification would need to be provided to support this. If the Council sought to go further than this, or require the use of specific technologies to achieve water efficiency standards there would need to be strong justification to do so.. The Council will continue to liaise with water companies and the Environment Agency regarding water availability in the context of planned development.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Innovative approaches are required on new developments; every bathroom should have an overhead shower. Housing numbers should be decided by water availability
Response:	The Council will continue to liaise with water companies and the Environment Agency regarding water availability in the context of planned development. The optional technical standard on water efficiency sets out a water efficiency target but strong justification would be required to set out specific ways of achieving this..

Paragraph 7.12

Reference: 10068	
Summary of comment:	There is an existing position statement for Fullerton Waste Water Treatment works, advise that it is reviewed to ensure it remains fit for purpose providing sound info/evidence
Response:	Noted. The evidence supporting the local plan will need to be reviewed to ensure it is up to date. The Council will work with the Environment Agency and relevant water companies to ensure that our understanding of the capacity of waste water treatment works and the wider network is up to date.

Question 35: Should the next Local Plan continue to promote water efficiency from new developments?

Reference: 10001, 10010, 10012, 10040, 10043, 10047, 10048, 10051, 10054, 10057, 10062, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10083, 10090, 10102, 10105, 10106, 10124, 10128, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Yes; this is a crucial matter for the Borough
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence on this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of the evidence indicated to be necessary within national planning policy guidance. This will include taking account of any changes since the adoption of the Revised Local Plan, which was able to demonstrate that higher levels of water efficiency were justified.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Yes, with the likelihood of warmer weather water efficiency promotion should be part of the local plan
Response:	Noted. National planning policy and guidance indicates consideration of adaptation to climate change adaptation should include water supply matters. This is a matter that will need to be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference:10022	
Summary of comment:	Southern Water's regional supply area is designated as an 'area of serious water stress'. It is addressing the above issue by reducing leakage and encouraging greater water efficiency in homes and businesses. Its ambition is to reduce average water demand to 100L per person per day by 2040, as part of its Target 100 program
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to work with Southern Water, and other water supply companies covering the Borough, through the preparation of the next Local Plan to ensure that appropriate water efficiency measures are in place, having regard to national planning policy and guidance on this matter.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Yes, this is essential; water supply is a real problem in Test Valley, over-extraction causes environmental problems
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10026, 10055	
Summary of comment:	Developers should be strongly incentivised to install water saving measures and owners also to retain them. Should require developers to demonstrate water efficiency
Response:	The existing Revised Local Plan seeks to secure a higher level of water efficiency from certain new developments than is required through Building Regulations (however compliance with this higher standard is assessed through the Building Regulations process). The next Local Plan will consider whether such an approach remains justified.

Reference: 10036	
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Summary of comment:	Yes, create reservoirs where necessary, avoid taking too much out of rivers, use boreholes. Ensure adequate drainage, effective SuDS and make greater use of surface water
Response:	<p>The Council will continue to work with water supply companies serving those in Test Valley in terms of the availability of water resources. The Council also responds to the consultations undertaken by water companies on their proposals for ensuring sufficient water resources are available (which set out measures for how this will be achieved).</p> <p>The Council will also work with Hampshire County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, in relation to the approach to sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).</p>

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Support water efficiency, but not at the expense of public health issues
Response:	Noted, both matters would need to be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	It is not at all evident that the Council currently promotes water efficiency
Response:	The existing Revised Local Plan policy E7 includes criteria seeking higher levels of water efficiency in association with certain new developments (this includes the optional technical standard for residential development as set out within national planning policy guidance). Through the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to whether this remains the most appropriate approach.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Greater encouragement needed of the use of grey water for non-potable purposes and Catchment Sensitive Farming, respectively
Response:	Through national planning guidance a higher water efficiency standard is available to require where it can be justified and set out in local plan. However, strong justification would be required to set out specific ways of achieving this. Promotion of catchment sensitive farming falls beyond the remit of planning policy. It is recognised that some local water companies are getting more involved in catchment based measures, including working with landowners and farmers.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Currently there is a poor use of SuDS, and a poor relationship to drainage on highways; perhaps an SPD is needed
Response:	The Council seeks advice from Hampshire County Council, as Lead Local Flood Authority, in relation to the suitability of Sustainable Drainage Systems in conjunction with new development where relevant. As part of the next Local Plan,

	consideration will need to be given as to whether the approach and level of guidance on this matter needs to be reviewed.
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Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Yes, possible for LA's to work with water companies to ensure adequate water treatment. Essential to give rivers the highest level of protection from contamination. If groundwater is not adequate, future development needs to be halted until plans are made
Response:	Noted. The Council seeks input from the water companies about the capacity of infrastructure in relation to water supply and the management of waste water. However, there are parts of the Borough that have no mains sewer connection. The Council also works with the Environment Agency in terms of the wider water environment.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Prioritise keeping chalk streams and rivers leading into the Test pristine as this is a rare habitat
Response:	Noted. The River Test is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which is of national importance. Implications on water quality, as well as on biodiversity, will need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Concerned if fracking is given the go ahead, the Council must be involved to consider whether there is enough water for the process and containing toxic waste water. This is a problem Test Valley Borough Council must contest on behalf of residents
Response:	Applications for the extraction of oil and gas using hydraulic fracturing techniques would be considered by Hampshire County Council as the Minerals and Waste Planning Authority. This process would include consideration of potential effects on the environment and availability of water resources.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Flooding has been a major problem in the past; plans need to be put in place to reduce this happening again. Need more research/work on slowing down water before it enters the rivers: suitable tree planting, construction of swales, investigate permeable surfaces
Response:	Flood risk would be a consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including ensuring an up to date evidence base is available on this matter. The next Local Plan would need to be consistent with national planning policy, which sets out the approach to how to consider flood risk and the scale of development that should be providing sustainable drainage systems.

Reference: 10085, 10136	
Summary of comment:	Yes, from new developments Should continue to promote water efficiency from new developments to ensure long-term sustainability
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to consider this matter and whether the existing approach to water efficiency remains appropriate.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Yes, on new developments. This would include not building on flood plains and having plans for flood protection. This is especially important in Test Valley which has such high water content and is susceptible to flooding.
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider this matter and whether the existing approach to water efficiency remains appropriate. Similarly, the risk of flooding will need to be taken into account, having regard to national planning policy.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Drought and heatwave conditions should also been considered since they impact water reserves
Response:	National planning policy indicates that local plans should consider such matters as part of their approach to adaptation to climate change. The Council would also seek to work with water companies and the Environment Agency in relation to these matters and their potential effects on the water environment.

Reference: 10101, 10131	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should advocate the use of building Regulations to determine the level of water efficiency to be achieved This is a matter for Building Regulations, which is a national standard, evidence needed that if higher standards are justified they do not affect viability
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the approach to this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The existing Revised Local Plan secures higher levels of water efficiency for certain new development. For residential development this is the optional higher standard, which is implemented through the Building Regulations process.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Promotion within the Local Plan to improve potable water efficiency within new development and protect the quality of water bodies from runoff from developments can be considered pragmatic. Policies should aim to promote appropriate measures, take into account site specific circumstances, technical considerations and viability, in order to achieve a reduction of water consumption and use of SUDS minimise surface water discharge into local water bodies

Response:	Noted. The Council will review these matters as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of national planning policy and guidance.
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Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Council should promote water efficiency within new developments through Building Regulations, the optional water standards of restricting use from 125 to 110l/p/d can only be used where there is evidence of local need
Response:	Noted. The Revised Local Plan justified seeking the optional water efficiency standard, which is being applied through policy E7. This would be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Supplying water to ever increasing number of houses is a concern, without making new residents live with water efficiency controls how can this be achieved?
Response:	The Council will aim to work with the Environment Agency and water companies to ensure that the next Local Plan takes account of the availability of water resources and the necessary infrastructure to supply this. Water companies may also be implementing other measures that improve water efficiency from existing development and reduce water demand / consumption.

Question 36: Should we identify suitable sites for renewable energy, including onshore wind, in the Local Plan?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	No. I do not believe we have the space for onshore wind or that it would be a viable option.
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to review the approach to renewable energy accounting for national planning policy, the feasibility of different technologies and other considerations.

Reference: 10110, 10013, 10051, 10063, 10105, 10106, 10124	
Summary of comment:	Yes, renewable energy will become increasingly important
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to review its approach to this matter having regard to the feasibility of different technologies within the Borough.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	No, individual applications should be taken on their merits
Response:	Noted. This is one option the Council will need to consider as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10040	
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Summary of comment:	Yes, but installations should be removed and the land restored once sites cease to be operative
Response:	Noted. This would be a matter for consideration as part of the determination of planning applications.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but no wind farms
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to review the approach to renewable energy accounting for national planning policy, the feasibility of different technologies and other considerations.

Reference: 10047, 10055, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130, 10136	
Summary of comment:	<p>Only if evidence of sufficient detail is used to identify suitable locations</p> <p>Identify sites for renewable energy, subject to rigorous environmental assessments</p> <p>Sites should be identified through consultation with public & local businesses ensuring consensus on positions to not negatively impact the visual appearance</p>
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider the option of identifying suitable areas accounting for technology specific considerations (including feasibility) and other matters including effects on the environment. Should suitable areas be proposed, there would be an opportunity to comment on them through future consultation stages.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Dubious; local 'solar farm' schemes have occupied prime farmland, which makes no sense. Onshore wind is highly controversial and with good reasons
Response:	Noted. Should suitable areas be identified these would need to take account of the feasibility of different technologies as well as other considerations, including the effect on the environment.

Reference: 10062 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	<p>All new housing should have solar electricity and solar hot water</p> <p>Housebuilders should be encouraged to ensure their homes were well insulated, with their own photovoltaic panels</p>
Response:	Noted. Consideration can be given to the approach to energy efficiency and the use of smaller scale renewable and low carbon energy measures as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	There is a danger in doing so, as it might lead to refusals for appropriate and sustainable development at sites outside the 'suitable area'
Response:	Noted. This will be a factor that needs to be taken into account in considering the way forward on this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	A greater understanding on the role of renewables and their impact should inform the wording of any criteria
Response:	Noted. Should suitable areas be identified, this would need to be done so taking account of the feasibility of different technologies and other considerations.

Reference: 10069, 10087	
Summary of comment:	Yes. The Government states sites need to be identified in the Local Plan The government has set a rule that a renewable energy site has to be in every Local Plan otherwise it can not be considered
Response:	The Council will have regard to consistency with national planning policy and guidance, which at present indicate that consideration should be given to identifying suitable areas, rather than a requirement to do so.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	However due regard should be given to the character of the area
Response:	Noted. This would need to be a factor taken into account should suitable areas be proposed, as well as through the determination of planning applications.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Yes, including wind
Response:	The Council will need to consider this approach as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Hampshire should commission a study of wind resources to assess whether an area could facilitate wind farms
Response:	Should suitable areas be identified, this would need to take account of the feasibility of different technologies – for wind resources this would need to include an understanding of wind speeds.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Yes, although the policies to encourage renewable energy in general without being specific

Response:	The Council could consider a more general / criteria based policy on renewable and low carbon energy as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference:10138	
Summary of comment:	Feel it necessary to think of further renewable energy sites, but concerned about sites being chosen with no regard to countryside protection. Here when wind/solar farms finish their useful life it is too expensive to clear the site
Response:	The Council will need to further consider the approach to renewable energy as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. This will include consideration of the feasibility of different technologies and other effects of such proposals.

Question 37: If so, which areas of the Borough would be appropriate and for which types of technology (e.g. wind turbines, solar panels)?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Solar panels should be placed on all new farm buildings or industrial / brown sites
Response:	The Council can consider options around energy efficiency and renewable energy requirements for new development as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10110	
Summary of comment:	Wind turbines, PV cells, small scale anaerobic digesters might be suitable if sites can be identified in Neighbourhood Plans
Response:	This could be a matter considered through the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans, as well as through the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Climatic conditions will dictate this, Council is best placed to identify suitable sites
Response:	This would be a matter for further consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Clusters of wind turbines are unsightly and would detract from the natural beauty. Solar farm efficiency rates need to improve
Response:	Should suitable areas be proposed to be identified, the impact on the local environment would be a factor taken into account.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	The north west quadrant could be a starter for windfarms, care should be given not to sacrifice too much arable land
Response:	Noted. The feasibility of technologies as well as other considerations would need to be taken into account should suitable areas be identified.

Reference: 10040, 10051, 10128

Summary of comment:	<p>Not for the Borough to say where, but for wind/solar sector to find optimum locations and the Borough to decide the applications</p> <p>This question needs to be answered by the renewable energy technology industries in consultation with the Council</p> <p>Not for Local Plan to state the best sites. Wind/solar sector will find optimum locations and the Council would take each application on its own merits taking into account pros and cons. Possible draft guide to where installations might be appropriate/inappropriate</p>
Response:	This could be an approach considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, for example using a criteria based policy, rather than identifying suitable locations.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Gaps between settlements should not be compromised by the introduction of solar panels on farmland, one of the most unsightly of land uses
Response:	Such considerations can be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan, as well as the determination of planning applications. This would need to be done in such a way as to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Small scale hydroelectricity generators in the fast flowing river. Have developers put photovoltaic cells on every new build
Response:	Should suitable areas be proposed to be identified this would need to take account of the feasibility of technologies as well as other considerations, for hydroelectric generators this could include the adequacy of the flows as well as ecological interests for example. Consideration can also be given to renewable energy requirements for new buildings.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	It is worth noting that extensive survey work will be required to assess the impacts of proposals on specific species groups
Response:	The comments are noted and it is recognised that different technologies may have different implications, such as risks to airborne species from wind turbines as indicated in the comments. If suitable areas are to be identified, any resultant policy would need to be clear on whether such factors have been fully assessed or they would need to be subject to more detailed assessment through any specific proposal.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The importance of renewable energy is acknowledged but does the local planning authority have the resource/skill to allocate sites for such purposes? Otherwise continue with a criteria-based approach

Response:	Any proposal for identifying suitable sites would need to be based on an assessment of feasibility of the different technologies and other considerations. A criteria based approach could be an alternative way for the matter to be addressed through the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Proposal will need to be considered individually by the Borough's planning processes as to its merits
Response:	This is one option available that could be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10058	
Summary of comment:	Should require the renewable energy/energy efficiency performance of new developments to be assessed on their merits
Response:	This is one option available that could be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	None on farmland
Response:	Noted. The Council would need to balance a variety of considerations when preparing policy and determining planning applications for renewable and low carbon energy proposals.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Install solar energy devices on buildings - existing and new
Response:	The Council can consider options for renewable energy requirements for new development as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Rather than promoting acceptable areas, Test Valley should question why renewable proposals are damaging to designated areas (AONB's and the New Forest National Park)
Response:	The Council would need to have regard to national planning policy and guidance in considering the potential effects of renewable and low carbon energy proposals, including in relation to protected landscapes.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Wind farms should be allocated to higher ground and open landscape near to national grid connections. Data available for best sites for this and land for solar panels. Photovoltaics often best placed on roofs of buildings on industrial estates close to where the electricity is used.
Response:	Noted. The factors that influence the feasibility of specific technologies would need to be taken into account alongside other considerations should suitable areas be proposed.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Farmers/landowners could be asked if they want to suggest potential sites and identify them in the local plan. Low grade/unproductive farmland, although some aspects of farming can take place around renewable energy plants
Response:	Noted. The availability of land for such proposals would need to be considered alongside other matters, such as the feasibility of the technologies in such locations and other potential effects.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	If sites identified aren't used they will remain in their previous use, it is better to have more sites than required.
Response:	Noted. The identification of suitable areas does not necessarily indicate that proposals would come forward in these areas.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Need sites for other renewable infrastructure: anaerobic digesters, geothermal energy, combined heat and power stations. Best places are on industrial estates close to the houses receiving the benefits
Response:	Comments are noted on the wider range of renewable and low carbon technologies that should be considered. Should suitable areas be proposed, this would need to be done so based on the feasibility of the technologies (and any location specific requirements) as well as other factors, including effects on the environment.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	PV panels should be installed in the roofs of large commercial and industrial buildings; this would preserve the countryside and make efficient use of developed land (e.g. Walworth, Portway, the new Co-op warehouse)
Response:	The Council can consider options for renewable energy requirements for new development as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. There is limited scope through the planning system to influence existing buildings, unless further development is proposed.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Areas of less landscape value
Response:	Noted. This would be a consideration should suitable areas be proposed.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Areas should be chosen very carefully where their impact would be minimised
Response:	If suitable areas are proposed, this would need to take account of the feasibility of technologies and other considerations.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Brownfield or greenfield major transportation corridors where other land-use options are minimal
Response:	Such locations could be considered should suitable areas be proposed. It would also be necessary to take account of the feasibility of specific technologies in such locations and other potential effects.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	We have seen the benefits of solar farm installations around Romsey and sites of low grade agricultural land can be used for solar farms
Response:	Noted. Agricultural land quality can be a consideration in the identification of suitable areas for such technologies. This would need to be balanced with other matters.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Renewable waste energy disposable systems can be looked at, to produce bio fuel as energy carrier or feedstock for fuels
Response:	Noted. There are some examples of this type of energy generation in operation within the Borough. Should it be proposed to identify suitable areas, a range of technologies could be considered.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	Significant research and public consultation would be needed for any sites for wind turbines or solar panels to be included in the Local Plan
Response:	Should suitable areas for wind energy be proposed, this would need to be done so in accordance with national planning policy and guidance, including regarding public consultation. There would be further opportunities to comment on the next Local Plan and any proposed policy approaches.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield is not suitable for wind turbines as there are insufficient wind speeds and they would change the character of the Parish
Response:	The feasibility of specific technologies (including wind speeds in relation to wind energy sources) would need to be considered alongside other matters should suitable areas be proposed.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Community support for any designated area for wind turbines is a key factor
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan would need to be prepared in line with national planning policy and guidance, including in relation to community involvement in relation to wind energy proposals.

Reference: 10106	
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Summary of comment:	The Test Valley landscape is much valued and there are few lightly-populated areas where windfarms or solar farms could be accommodated without adverse impacts (visual, landscape, noise)
Response:	Noted. Should suitable areas be proposed the effects on the landscape (including cumulative impacts) and other matters would need to be taken into account.

Reference: 101024	
Summary of comment:	Solar panels should be put on every Council building, all new builds should have charging points
Response:	The provision of solar panels on every Council building would not be a matter for the next Local Plan, as it is outside the scope of planning policy. This has been something that the Council has looked at separately, which has resulted in a solar array being installed on the Portway Depot roof. The approach to the installation of charging points would be something to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of national planning policy and other matters (such as any emerging requirements through Building Regulations).

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Should be determined through consultation, the type of technology most appropriate for specific sites can be identified, considering what could help drive efficiencies most effectively and be most visually pleasing
Response:	Noted. There would be opportunity to comment on any proposals for suitable areas through future consultation on the next Local Plan. If such areas are identified, they would need to account for technical feasibility and other considerations.

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Reference: 10019	
Summary of comment:	This is not necessary; there is no reason not to act now. The new NPPF provides the legislation that would allow Test Valley Borough Council to take the lead
Response:	The comments are noted regarding the content of the Romsey Future document. The Council can consider opportunities to promote sustainable construction standards, including the energy performance of buildings through the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of national planning policy.

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	Industrial estates should have solar panels on roofs when constructed & housing developers encouraged to build in solar panels and plan layouts to maximise solar gain

Response:	The Council can consider options for renewable energy requirements for new development as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Question 38: Should the Local Plan encourage energy efficiency when constructing new development?

Reference: 10001, 10040, 10043, 10051, 10062, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10083, 10085, 10090, 10124, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Yes
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Yes. However, it is not enough to look at new builds. The Council should press the government for more support to improve energy efficiency in our old housing stock
Response:	This is not something that can be progressed through the planning regime but there are other ways we can look at this matter, as identified through the Council's Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Action Plan.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Yes, for hot and cold weather
Response:	Noted. National planning policy recognises that overheating is a risk of climate change that needs to be taken into account through the planning system. Such matters will need to be considered alongside designing to enhance energy efficiency to avoid the creation of new issues.

Reference: 10020	
Summary of comment:	Yes, Zero-carbon housing should be promoted throughout the Borough
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development, and the promotion of zero carbon homes, is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of national planning policy.

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the Local Plan should encourage energy efficiency when constructing new housing developments (including mandatory integration of solar roof panels)
Response:	This is something that can be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. It is unlikely that the Council could insist on specific ways of achieving improved energy efficiency however.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Certainly, building regulations should be followed to their most stringent level
Response:	Compliance with Building Regulations are assessed through a separate regime. Any planning policies seeking to promote energy efficiency would need to avoid duplicating existing controls through other legislation.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Most certainly: triple glazing, insulated walls and solar panels on roof tops should be standard
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044, 10089	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should promote sustainable construction standards through the supporting of national policy rather than through prescriptive requirements. Building Control should enforce this.
Response:	Noted. This option will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan. It is unlikely that the Council could be prescriptive about the specific ways of achieving certain sustainable construction standards.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Any standards in the Local Plan need to be tested against other policies to ensure that cumulatively they are viably achievable
Response:	Noted. Such viability testing of implications of policies would need to be undertaken as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but Building Regulations may already cover this
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. Any planning policies seeking to promote energy efficiency would need to avoid duplicating existing controls through other legislation, such as Building Regulations.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	If it is to be included any necessary changes of the detailed designs need to be incorporated in detailed or reserved matters applications, not after
Response:	Noted. Any proposal will need to include the necessary level of detail for the application to be determined. Any proposed amendments post permission would be assessed as to what procedures are required in order for them to be approved.

Reference: 10054	
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Summary of comment:	Support measures to improve energy efficiency, more emphasis placed on solar power especially in new developments
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan. It is unlikely that the Council could insist on specific ways of achieving improved energy efficiency however.

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Yes, subject to not making it so onerous that people won't want to build
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan. There would need to be viability testing of any additional policy requirements.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Of course, certainly for new buildings, if not for extensions/ retrofits
Response:	This would need to be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, in terms of both where additional energy efficiency requirements are pursued and the type / scale of development they would apply to.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Housebuilders should be obliged to consider energy generation by new housing
Response:	Through the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration can be given to whether to introduce policy criteria regarding energy generation.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The Council should lead the way on sustainable operations
Response:	Noted. The Council can review opportunities to promoted such matters, including through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Yes, keep up with and go beyond the standards, beneficial for the climate and residents. Include efficiency measures to keep homes cool in summer/warm in winter
Response:	The support for encouraging energy efficiency for new development is noted. This matter will be explored further through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Developers should install renewable energy generation plants and consider the orientation of buildings for effective light and shade. Zero carbon buildings are the target to aim for

Response:	The support for planning policies to cover renewable energy generation and design approaches to reduce energy demand are noted, along with the aspiration for zero carbon buildings. Such matters can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Yes, absolutely. There is a golden opportunity to ensure new development complies with the highest energy efficiency criteria.
Response:	Noted. This matter will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	We have seen excellent work by the solar farm managers to encourage seeding of wildflowers and bee friendly plants to encourage pollinators
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10093	
Summary of comment:	Yes, new homes should include at least one energy efficiency measure (solar panels, PV, ground source heat pumps, biomass, rainwater harvesting, etc.)
Response:	Noted. This matter will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10096, 10101, 10104	
Summary of comment:	A 'fabric-first' approach prioritises design and construction that minimises the need for heating and cooling, and so should be encouraged Local Plan should apply Fabric First principles to encourage energy efficiency through methods of design and minimises energy consumption (Ref: NPPF para. 150)
Response:	Noted. Such approaches could be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Not appropriate for Local Plan to impose other targets or principles that may restrict delivery/viability of future development. Recommend Local Plan only refer to energy efficiency targets adopted through national planning policy
Response:	Noted. Any additional proposals through policies would need to be subject to viability testing. One option to consider through the preparation of the next Local Plan would be relying on existing Building Regulation requirements, rather than introducing additional requirements.

Reference:10102	
Summary of comment:	Energy efficiency should be an essential requirement for all new developments

Response:	Noted. The option to consider additional energy efficiency requirements would be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10104	
Summary of comment:	It is not considered appropriate to impose other targets or principles that may restrict the delivery and viability of future development, and may also now allow flexibility as new technology comes forward
Response:	Should it be proposed to include additional energy efficiency standards, this would need to be subject to viability testing alongside any other additional policy requirements.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Yes this is essential that efficient forms of energy are part of any planning approval
Response:	Noted. The option of encouraging energy efficiency will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	This should be reviewed in the light of developments in Building Regulations
Response:	Noted. The Council would have regard to the outcomes of any Government led review of Building Regulations in relation to energy efficiency, and any related changes in policy or guidance, through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference:10128	
Summary of comment:	Yes, Local Plan should encourage this, building regulations should stipulate what has to be done
Response:	Noted. The option for encouraging energy efficiency will be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan. This would need to avoid duplicating existing controls through other legislation, such as Building Regulations.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Energy efficiency has significant cost saving for developers and as such is reflected within current practice, no requirement to set specific policy hurdles
Response:	Noted. If higher levels of energy efficiency (than Building Regulations) are sought through planning policy, it may be that some developers are already achieving this, as such there would be no additional burden.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Specific energy requirements for new development are a matter for Building Regulations, no optional standards are in national guidance. Will a policy to encourage energy efficiency be necessary?
Response:	The Council will review this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, taking account of any changes to Building

	Regulations and seeking consistency with national planning policy. For reference, the Government's response to the consultation on the revisions to the NPPF indicated that the NPPF does not present local authorities to set higher ambitions in terms of energy efficiency standards. This is having regard to powers through the Planning and Energy Act 2008.
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Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Yes, would help to reinforce importance of working efficiently/encourage good behaviour
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider this matter as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Fully supportive of energy efficiency in new developments, sustainable construction standards are best dealt with via building regulations, will be subject to review later this year, worth following that before deciding how to proceed
Response:	Noted. The Council will have regard to any review to Building Regulations regarding energy efficiency as part of the consideration of this matter through the next Local Plan. This may be dependent on the timing of the anticipated Government review.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Energy efficiency should be encouraged especially with the ever increasing cost of energy, should always be part of good attractive design
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider this matter through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

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Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	Planning reaction to village design statements is not encouraging, the will of those consulted does not seem to be respected
Response:	The comments are noted. Village Design Statements are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, alongside other matters.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Welcome the concept of Village Design Statements ensuring sympathetic local development, but need to see evidence these are enforced by planners and not ignored by developers
Response:	Comments are noted. Village Design Statements are normally supplementary planning documents or guidance, so are a material consideration in the determination of planning applications, however there may be circumstances when the guidance they contain is outweighed by other material considerations.

Question 39: How can we improve design quality within the Borough?

Reference: 10010, 10058, 10062	
Summary of comment:	<p>Ensuring Village Design Statements are reviewed and kept up to date and respected during the planning process Village Design Statements adopted by the Council would be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications. Design quality can be improved within Test Valley by the encouragement of VDSs to inform development</p> <p>Emphasise the Village Design Statement as a good approach to better design</p>
Response:	<p>The Council has prepared guidance to support the preparation of Village Design Statements where local communities wish to consider preparing them (available via the Council's website). Village Design Statements adopted by the Council would be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.</p>

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	<p>Ensure that the number of plots per site is not given priority over how the overall development fits its surroundings</p>
Response:	<p>Noted. Considerations around density would need to be balanced with other design considerations and other matters. The next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to density of new developments.</p>

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	<p>Learning from experience. Looking at existing developments and considering what works and what doesn't.</p>
Response:	<p>Noted. This will be one consideration as part of the preparation of policy wording. The Council is undertaking an evaluation of new development, particularly in Andover and Romsey, to review the quality and impact of their design, integration, and social infrastructure as part of its Corporate Action Plan. It is intended that the outputs of this work will feed into the preparation of the next Local Plan.</p>

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	<p>Look at best practice elsewhere</p>
Response:	<p>Noted. This will be a consideration in the preparation of design policies for the next Local Plan.</p>

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	<p>Surroundings and setting should be studied before design decisions are made on particular development. It should relate to topography, nearby building, approved landscaping. Tree planting is essential to protect soil and reduce flooding.</p>

Response:	All identified matters should be appropriately considered through the determination of planning applications; therefore the next Local Plan will need to consider how any design policies incorporate these matters.
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Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Incorporate sustainable development; urban form; housing and employment; inclusive and accessible environments; community facilities; green infrastructure; air, noise, light and water management; active travel, encouraging healthier food choices; healthy high streets
Response:	All of these matters will need to be considered through the next Local Plan, including reflecting the approach set out in national planning policy and guidance. It may be appropriate for these matters to be considered through multiple policies, however all relevant policies should be considered when determining planning applications.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Ensure an adequate and proportionate mix of traditional and modern housing. Business premises should be functional but as attractive as possible
Response:	Noted. Future policies should consider opportunities for different design solutions that respond to the local character and are consistent with other considerations, including those set out within national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10040, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Good design should be an issue, where guidance exists it should be updated by the Borough. Officers need to be confident enough in design to advise applicants at pre-application stage. Planning Officers should undertake this task and appropriately advice applicants at the earliest stages of a planned new development
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to update policies taking account of national policy and guidance, as well as local considerations. Village Design Statements are prepared by Parish Councils with input from the Council.

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	There is a need for more architectural excellence in Test Valley, a local architectural forum with contributions from outside Test Valley and newly qualified architects would raise the issue to greater importance
Response:	Noted. Local policies can consider opportunities to promote high quality design, reflecting on local considerations, and national planning policy and guidance. The Council will review its approach to design policy.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Any policy should be consistent with section 8 of the NPPF and Sport England's Active Design Guidance. The principles of the this guidance should be incorporated into a policy of good design, referring and signposting to the document
Response:	Noted. The Council will consider the Active Design guidance as part of the preparation of this policy, alongside consistency with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Design quality should be enhanced and staff may need specific design training at an urban design level.
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the policy, consideration will be given as to how design quality can be enhanced.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Design codes and design guides provide a useful tool
Response:	Noted. This also reflects national planning policy.

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Support improved design of residential development, national housebuilders have delivered poor layouts and identikit dwellings at low dwellings with no local distinctiveness. If development is to be acceptable in small village locations, must be sympathetic to its surroundings poorly designed development should be refused
Response:	Noted. Policies on design will need to consider how to reflect local character and distinctiveness, as well as how to promote higher quality buildings and places.

Reference: 10062, 10083	
Summary of comment:	This needs a lot of work; Abbotswood is poor in terms of design. Examples of poor design quality include Abbotswood where cramped buildings and parking are issues
Response:	Noted. An evaluation of new development, particularly in Andover and Romsey, is being undertaken to review the quality and impact of their design, integration, and social infrastructure as part of its Corporate Action Plan. It is intended that the outputs of this work will feed into the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	By recognising local vernacular
Response:	Noted. It will be important to ensure that design policies are sympathetic to local character.

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Summary of comment:	Provide strong policy that is encouraging and not prescriptive
Response:	Noted. This will need to be taken into account as well as reflecting on the latest national planning policy and advice regarding design matters.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	By understanding sense of place and asking local people what design they want
Response:	Noted. This reflects national planning policy and guidance, which will need to be taken into account in the preparation of local policies.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	By holding design competitions
Response:	Noted. This proposal is likely to be beyond the remit of local planning policies.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Start by having lower roof pitches on houses
Response:	Noted. It is unlikely that design policies could be this specific with the next Local Plan, however it would be important to ensure that any new development has regard to local characteristics / vernacular. Design guidance could consider the issue of the pitch of roofs alongside other characteristics.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Do not accept bland designs promoted by multiple housebuilders
Response:	It will be important to ensure that the design policies in the next Local Plan are robust, such that any new development is of a high quality.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Get development management staff to understand design principles and be innovative
Response:	Noted. It will be important to ensure that design policies in the next Local Plan provide a robust basis for assessing the design of planning applications.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Recognise trees and shrubs are not add-ons to schemes but should inform the design
Response:	Noted. It will be important to ensure that consideration is given as to how best to ensure such matters are covered through design and other policies.

Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	By allowing people to express themselves in community art
Response:	Noted. The adopted Local Plan recognises that the inclusion of art within new developments can provide interest and enhance design, with opportunities being encouraged.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Meeting current building standards whilst respecting the historical environment can be achieved through the right materials and sensitive design; modern generic volume housing should be strongly opposed in rural settlements
Response:	Noted. These matters will need to be considered through the preparation of policies on design through the next Local Plan, whilst also being consistent with national policy and guidance.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	A 'one-size fits all' policy adversely affects S&M housebuilders as it introduces more unnecessary 'red-tape' and restricts the variety of design which could contribute to the Borough
Response:	Noted. Consideration will need to be given as to how design policies can provide a clear direction on the expectations, including recognising local distinctiveness, without being prescriptive.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130	
Summary of comment:	This requires robust and clear policies supported by appropriate documentation
Response:	Noted. The Council will seek to develop such policies through the next Local Plan that are consistent with national planning policy.

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090, 10130	
Summary of comment:	Policies could include the provision of a design guide, development briefs for specific areas and engagement with neighbourhood planning
Response:	Noted. All such matters will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The Council is working alongside parish councils that are preparing Neighbourhood Plans.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Design quality is essential, not only of the building, but the area within which the building is located
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to ensure design policies cover new buildings / features and their context.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Look pro-actively at design quality best practice approaches in the result of the country and in European countries
Response:	Noted. This can be considered in the context of local characteristics and national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	The new NPPF (para. 124-132) underlines the importance of establishing good design particularly at planning application assessment stage.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	The environmental growth agenda, good street design, engendering of civic pride, connectivity and inclusion of communities, mixed land uses and possibly facilitating a relationship between new development and sustainable farming could be considered.
Response:	Noted. Such matters will need to be considered as part of the preparation of design and related policies in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	By Officers and Councillors insisting that to obtain planning approvals design quality is paramount
Response:	National planning policy highlights the importance of high quality buildings and places. It will be important to ensure design policies in the next Local Plan provide an appropriate basis for the Council to assess planning applications.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Design forms an important part of the Ampfield VDS and we would expect this to be followed as set out
Response:	Noted. Village Design Statements adopted by the Council would be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Input from bodies such as the Architects' Advisory Panel and Romsey and District Society has been useful in the past
Response:	Noted. The consultation of such organisations for planning applications would be beyond the remit of the next Local Plan, however, such organisations can also input into the preparation of policies within the next Local Plan, which will provide the basis for future assessment of proposals.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Perhaps more 'informed third party' advice could be sought to advise and support the Council's views
Response:	There will be further opportunities to input to the preparation of the design policies of the next Local Plan as the document is developed.

Reference: 10122	
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Summary of comment:	Regarding NPPF Chapter 12 creation of high quality buildings/places is fundamental to what the planning/development process should achieve. Plans should set out a clear design vision/expectations, providing the Council with flexibility to create design policy responding to borough wide/specific areas
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy and guidance.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Proper design statements that are enforced
Response:	Noted. This is more relevant to the process of determining planning applications, including the information submitted with them and the application of conditions. It would be important to ensure design policies in the next Local Plan provide a robust basis for assessing design considerations, which should then be the starting point for any material submitted alongside applications.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	To be done by encouragement rather than regulation. Planning officers should provide strong advice during pre-app stage. Only exception in areas which have specific designation such as conservation areas where design quality must be a material consideration
Response:	Noted. It will be important to ensure appropriate policies are included within the next Local Plan to support the determination of applications and providing a clear basis for advice being provided.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Design quality is built into the planning process and reflected in the NPPF, there are sufficient measures in place to ensure that design quality is improved
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	NPPF paragraph 126 notes this can be addressed in SPDs, would be too prescriptive of the Local Plan to set out specific design policy, unlikely to account for local distinctiveness/reflect local character, not a one size fits all subject
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to give consideration to the level of detail to be provided in policies within the next Local Plan and whether it is appropriate for further guidance to be provided through other mechanisms, such as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). A number of Village Design Statements have been adopted by the Council as SPDs and would be a material consideration in the determination of relevant planning applications.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Design quality can be improved through early/positive engagement to clarify expectations and reconcile local/commercial interests. Note NPPF para. 128, this approach should help secure early applicant engagement and better design schemes. Local Plans promote distinctiveness but should not impose particular architectural styles
Response:	Noted. It will be important for the next Local Plan to provide robust policies to facilitate clear advice being provided and to promote high quality schemes.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Less objections to planning applications if developments had good quality designs to fit into the local landscape. In small/attractive villages do not want dwellings that stand out for the wrong reason.
Response:	Noted. Design policies in the next Local Plan will need to consider how best to achieve these objectives without being prescriptive.

Paragraph 7.21

Reference: 10052	
Summary of comment:	Create a hierarchy of open spaces, not just small areas within developments, small developments should contribute to the creation of larger areas to take pressure off more sensitive areas. Recreational open space should not mean using SINCs etc.
Response:	Noted. The approach to open spaces will need to be reconsidered, including the mechanisms of securing on site provision. Should Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) be used for recreational open space, consideration would need to be given to the risk of harm to such areas in the context of the reason for their designation.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	The borough is not well served by leisure provision
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider how best to ensure appropriate leisure provision in conjunction with new development, taking account of existing opportunities.

Reference: 10068	
Summary of comment:	Public open space is not just for recreation, protecting/creating multi-functional green spaces for residents, connecting to neighbouring local authorities green space is fundamental to the Local Plan. If incorporated in robust policy and comprehensive master planning green space has the ability to improve health and

	wellbeing, provide sustainable transport links, manage surface water, tackle climate change and provide a biodiversity net gain
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider how best to achieve the multiple benefits identified, including through the provision of open space. Regard will need to be had to national planning policy and other guidance.

Reference: 10068	
Summary of comment:	Projects to open up River Anton/River Test for riverside walks would also benefit health and wellbeing
Response:	Noted. There may be opportunities to consider this beyond the remit of the next Local Plan.

Paragraph 7.23

Reference: 10023	
Summary of comment:	We would prefer if the land behind our property in Upper Clatford was developed as a park for the community, with maybe allotments.
Response:	Noted. The preparation of the next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to future development needs and infrastructure to support this. More detail will be available in future stages of the emerging plan.

Question 40: Should the Local Plan be specific on the type of open space to provide or should it take account of existing provision/future requirements?

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	Often developers start with a green field site with the only feature being rights of way; there is no reason why rights of way cannot set the scene for development, encouraging more healthy living and a positive design feature
Response:	Noted. Existing public rights of way should be taken into consideration through the master planning of sites. The approach to public rights of way will need to be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10010, 10013, 10026, 10043, 10046, 10063, 10064, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10085, 10090, 10124, 10136	
Summary of comment:	The plan should take into account existing provision and future requirements
Response:	Noted. It is agreed that both existing provision and future needs will need to be taken into account when preparing policies on public open space. This will need to be based on a robust assessment of such needs, as set out in national planning policy.

Reference: 10029	
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Summary of comment:	Table 2 from the Fields of Trust (2018) document could be used to determine if there is a need for equipped play areas for new development Table 3 from the Fields of Trust (2018) document determines whether additional informal open space is required for new development
Response:	Noted. This guidance can be taken into consideration along with the outputs of assessments of needs within the area.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The quality of open space is important; should consider its perceived quality, perceived safety, and its ability to encourage both physical activity and social cohesion
Response:	Noted. All of these factors will be important considerations in the design of new open spaces to ensure it is high quality. These matters may relate to wider design principles as well e.g. around social cohesion and safety.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Firm guidelines required geared towards providing community based activities; from sports to culture. Such as community/church hall, open space for sports/dog walking/cycling
Response:	Noted. There will need to be consideration of the infrastructure needed to support new development and how this would be most effective, taking account of local needs and aspirations. There will also need to be consideration to the best approaches to providing new infrastructure / facilities or enhancing existing provisions.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Yes, but Borough should review the ratios for different types of POS
Response:	Noted. This will need to be reviewed through the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Borough is currently well served by leisure provision, with indoor and outdoor sports facilities supplemented by open space controlled by Parish Councils
Response:	Noted. As part of the next Local Plan consideration will need to be given to existing provision, future demand, and how to ensure needs are provided for.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan should provide an evidence base for both existing and future requirements for open space
Response:	Noted. The need for evidence to support policy is reflected upon in national planning policy.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The type of open space should be informed by an evidence base, but assessed on a case by case basis, where each site provides a justification for the type of open space being proposed against the evidence of local and strategic need
Response:	This approach is noted. National planning policy reflects on the need for a robust evidence base assessing needs and opportunities, which would reflect local policy. Any proposal would need to be assessed against the policies and other material considerations.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley's sports facilities and playing pitch strategy are now out of date and no longer constitute a robust assessment of needs
Response:	Noted. The Council will review the evidence base on these matters as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Yes, on the basis of an updated survey and analysis of what is already available and any shortcomings of that supply
Response:	Noted. The Council will undertake a review of the evidence base in order to inform the approach in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Yes, the Local Plan should be specific, but also take account of current provision and future requirements
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be based on up to date information of needs and opportunities and provide a clear indication of what will be expected in terms of the provision of open space.

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	Create a hierarchy of open spaces, not just small areas within developments, small developments should contribute to the creation of larger areas to take pressure off more sensitive areas. Recreational open space should not mean using SINC's etc.
Response:	Noted. It is recognised that open spaces of different scales can provide a different offer and in turn serve a different catchment. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan consideration should be given to expectations about whether the enhancement of existing provisions, or the availability of new provisions would be most appropriate, as well as the scale of such provisions.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	The current Local Plan is obsessive on outdoor open space, whilst there is just as much need for indoor recreation spaces.
Response:	Both indoor and outdoor sports and recreation provisions will need to be taken into account. The evidence base in both

	respects will be updated as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. For information, within the adopted Local Plan, outdoor sports provisions are considered through policy LHW1, whilst indoor provisions would be within the remit of policy COM15.
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Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	It must take account of future requirements and be fit for purpose in both size and quality
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan the evidence base will need to be update to consider needs and opportunities that are anticipated across the plan period. This will also need to consider the amount and quality of open space.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Future requirements for open spaces are essential
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan there will need to be consideration of future requirements for open space provision.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The evidence base needs to identify if there is a deficit in POS and determine if there are opportunities for sites to provide new POS within their proposals
Response:	Noted. At present this is done through a combination of the Public Open Space Audit, Playing Pitch Strategy and Sport and Recreation Strategy being used alongside policy LHW1 in the adopted Local Plan. The evidence will need to be reviewed as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, so as to inform policies on the expectations for the provision of open space in conjunction with new development.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Andover Vision identifies a (unquantified) need in POS. Bere Hill, through a Country Park provision, can assist in meeting this need. A Country Park at Bere Hill will produce high quality POS to address a wider deficit in provision of Country Parks with chalk downland landscapes and local recreational pressures
Response:	Noted. As part of the next Local Plan, consideration will be given to the needs and aspirations for new open space, so as to inform the drafting of policies . There would also need to be consideration of strategic sites in terms of the infrastructure, facilities and services they would need to provide in this context. Sites would be assessed through the sustainability appraisal process.

Reference: 10089

Summary of comment:	Any policy should be adaptable to allow for off-site provision where appropriate, which can be beneficial through pooling contributions towards the provision of larger-scale facilities
Response:	Noted. This would need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The adopted Local Plan policy on public open space already takes this approach, as indicated within the supporting text to policy LHW1.

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Rather than a one-size-fits-all approach, Test Valley should be creative in the use, content and appearance of public open space.
Response:	Noted. Consideration will need to be given to the best approach to secure sufficient open space in conjunction with new development, whilst ensuring it meets local needs and expectations.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	The Local Plan must describe types of public open space taking into account existing provisions and carefully consider those Parishes which are rural and those which can continue to develop
Response:	Noted. It will be appropriate to take account of existing provisions, alongside considering future needs. Any enhancements to existing provisions or new provisions would need to take account of the local context.

Reference: 101022	
Summary of comment:	Requirement for open space as part of new developments should be informed by robust evidence, informed by existing provision/deficiencies in quantitative /qualitative terms. Scale/nature of provision should be commensurate with the proposed development
Response:	Noted. This approach reflects the expectations set out in national planning policy.

Reference: 10128	
Summary of comment:	Shopping list of types/quantities of POS should be established; developers encouraged to provide one or more sorts to meet the need. A formulaic approach is too rigid
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to consider how to balance ensuring appropriate provision of public open space in a way that is clear on the expectations but allowing for local needs to be accounted for.

Reference: 10130	
Summary of comment:	Essential to examine existing provision when considering future requirements. Could look to adopt a Planning Obligations SPD after having first examined existing provision
Response:	Noted. It will be important to consider existing provision as part of considering future needs. Further consideration will need to

	be given to the level of detail provided within the next Local Plan and whether further supplementary guidance may be beneficial.
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Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	This is helpful for developers, but should be evidence based, reflecting lower/higher demand in certain areas
Response:	Noted. This approach reflects national planning policy in terms of considering needs for such provisions and accounting for surpluses and deficits. The application of policy LHW1 in the adopted Local Plan takes account of variations in existing provision in the locality.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	For proposed sites specific policies/templates setting out the nature of public open space requirement should form part of the allocation process; be informed by and have regard to, existing provision and future requirement. Scale/nature of provision should reflect the scale of development, should also have the option to support enhancements to existing nearby provision
Response:	Noted. There will need to be consideration of both wider needs for public open space as well as any site specific requirements in association with any proposed allocations through the preparation of the next Local Plan. As noted, in some cases the enhancement of nearby facilities may be a more appropriate way forward rather than wholly new provisions – this would need to be based on up to date evidence.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Provision of public open space will form a key objective to promoting healthy and safe communities, delivery should strike an appropriate balance between meeting this objective and ensuring future requirement is informed by up to date assessment of need/demand and an analysis of viability
Response:	Noted. An evidence based approach to understanding needs for open space will be required in line with national planning policy. The next Local Plan will also need to ensure viability is taken into account in forming proposals and policies.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	POS requirements in new development must be based on up to date evidence of need. Particularly relevant to the Council who look to adopt/manage all public open space in private development and therefore will want to ensure they are only managing land that is needed/well used
Response:	Noted. An evidence based approach to understanding needs for open space will be required in line with national planning policy.

Reference: 10138	
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Summary of comment:	There is not sufficient POS of decent size for residents, so parishes have no land to allocate for exercise/allotments. This should not be allowed to happen with new developments. Land for exercise/allotments should be on all new developments considering current garden sizes
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to review the need for additional public open space in conjunction with new developments, taking account of surpluses and deficits. The provision of open space will need to ensure any new spaces are usable and appropriate for their intended use. Consideration can also be given to how such provisions would be funded.

Question 41: Should we continue to set a per dwelling or per hectare standard for recreational open space provision on residential developments?

Reference: 10010, 10079, 10124	
Summary of comment:	Continue with per dwelling or per hectare
Response:	This will be one option to consider through the preparation of the next Local Plan. Consideration may also need to be given to whether different approaches might be necessary for different types of open space.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Open space should be set per dwelling so as not to disadvantage those living in smaller properties. Should be based on need of all age groups, not just school children
Response:	Noted. A per dwelling standard would be one option to considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan. The different types of open space needed would also need to be considered, accounting for a range of different users and uses.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Yes. This relates to particular development and is more likely to be local to it
Response:	Noted. This will be one option to consider as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference 10029	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Follow guidance within Table 1 from the Fields in Trust (2018) document, which outlines whether additional formal open space is needed for new development by type, size and location
Response:	Noted. This approach and the guidance provided by Fields in Trust can be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Small developments set the standard based on local needs which should be higher than the Playing Pitch Strategy. Major

	developments, the national standard should apply, provision to link open space together making linear green space corridors.
Response:	It will be important to ensure that the approach to the provision of public open space takes account of the different scales of development that may come forward, and the different context of sites. Any policy will need to provide clarity on the expectations and take account of local circumstances. The next Local Plan will also need to consider wider green infrastructure provisions and the availability of green corridors and stepping stones.

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	New public open space should relate to new settlement but subject to ability of existing residents to benefit from the same open space
Response:	Noted. As suggested, opportunities should be sought when considering site layouts to ensure any facilities, services and other relevant infrastructure are accessible to new and existing communities / residents.

Reference: 10043	
Summary of comment:	Yes. It provides flexibility in the type of green space
Response:	Noted. This will be one option to consider as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	No. A standards-based approach is generic and does not take into account specific needs of the area
Response:	Noted. Specific needs in the area, for example for specific types of sports pitch, would be an option that should be considered through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	No. A standards-based approach could lead to smaller parcels of land which are not large enough for local needs, putting pressure on wildlife-rich areas and nature reserves
Response:	Noted. Any approach would need to ensure that the resultant open space was usable for its purpose, met local needs and did not have other adverse effects.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Yes. Where there are large developments then the provision of public open space should be required
Response:	Noted. Consideration would need to be given to whether any policies need to be specific about the scale of development that would necessitate on site public open space provision, or whether this would need to be assessed on a site by site basis accounting for the local context and needs.

Reference: 10128	
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Summary of comment:	No. Formulaic approach too rigid, developers need to provide public open space locally. Provision of formal/informal public open space should be aggregated to provide larger, better equipped facilities; except on very large sites. In some cases a financial contribution might be better
Response:	Noted. Different approaches to when on site provision, or contributions to larger scale provisions off site, are sought will need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. Alternatively, this may need to be assessed on a site by site basis accounting for local context and needs.

Reference: 10136, 10063	
Summary of comment:	Consideration should be given to a combination
Response:	Noted. There may be options where different approaches are taken for different types of open space. This will need to be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Specific public open space requirements should be based on needs set out within the Playing Pitch Strategy and met within the local area where practicable. More general public open space requirements can be met through a standard per dwelling/per hectare requirement
Response:	A combination of approaches for different types of public open space can be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan. It will be important to ensure that up to date evidence is used to inform the approach.

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Whatever scheme gives more space should be chosen
Response:	Noted. Alternative approaches will be reviewed through the preparation of the next Local Plan taking account of up to date evidence considering local needs.

Question 41A: Or, should the Council require the provision of recreational open space on residential developments to be based on the needs set out in the Playing Pitch Strategy?

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	Local need should be assessed, in part using the playing pitch strategy, rather than continuing to set a standard per dwelling. Paragraph 96 of the NPPF concurs with this approach.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan would need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy, including the mentioned paragraph. It will be important to ensure up to date evidence is used as the basis for this.

Reference: 10046	
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Summary of comment:	Sport's England strongly supports this approach and opposes the other. A Playing Pitch Strategy provides a more detailed, nuanced picture of whether playing pitches need to be improved or provided by new development.
Response:	Noted. This approach will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	It may be necessary to allocate public open space by the hectare, then allow a set number of dwellings to be built around it, ensuring the public open space is sufficient for the number of users
Response:	Noted. Consideration will need to be given as to how best to ensure sufficient infrastructure (including public open space) is provided to support additional development.

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Whilst agreeing with this approach, the details of the Playing Pitch Strategy are not known
Response:	Noted. The preparation of the next Local Plan will need to be informed by up to date evidence.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	There needs to be an appropriate proportional allocation of recreational open space
Response:	Noted. Further consideration will need to be given to this matter through the preparation of the next Local Plan so as to ensure sufficient open space provision is available, when accounting for existing surpluses and deficits.

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	I do not know the precise difference between these 2 formulae for setting standards
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider how best to ensure the provision of public open space in conjunction with new development. Options to consider could include a standardised rate of provision relative to the scale of new development, focus on the specific types of facility required, or another approach. Whichever approach is taken, it would need to take account of up to date evidence on the need for public open space, in terms of both quantity and quality.

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	For villages, any provision needs to be made in or near the village; no good expecting people to travel long distances for facilities
Response:	Noted. As well as the amount of public open space provided, consideration should be given to whether it would be usable. This would include consideration of the ease of access to the community it is serving.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	This approach should be taken
Response:	Noted. It would be important to ensure that the approach taken through the next Local Plan takes account of up to date evidence.

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy guidance is vague and unhelpful. Rounding up the per dwelling or per hectare equation to the nearest full sports pitch should allow the PPS to be fully incorporated.
Response:	The Sport England guidance is intended to inform the preparation of local playing pitch strategies, so this would be taken into account in the preparation of such a document for Test Valley. There may be different approaches appropriate for sites of different scales, as well as for different types of open space.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	A formula is needed for reference purposes, but emphasis should be given to on-site provision
Response:	Noted. A formula based approach can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. It will also be important to consider when it is most appropriate for provision to be made on site or alternative ways of securing public open space be considered. The adopted Local Plan indicates a preference for on site provision, as well as outlining the circumstances when off site provision may be considered.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Rely on Playing Pitch Strategy rather than a per development approach each with some 'token' open space provision
Response:	Noted. It would be important to ensure that whatever approach is taken, it results in the provision of usable open space.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	A Playing Pitch Strategy should be used if it were updated as part of the evidence base to avoid a prescriptive approach
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be based on up to date evidence, this includes in relation to the Playing Pitch Strategy.

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Needs set out in the Playing Pitch Strategy appear to formalise provision and as such does not cater for incidental open spaces, play areas etc. While there is a need to plan for formal pitches, delivery of such facilities needs to be coordinated through Infrastructure delivery Plans
Response:	Playing Pitch Strategies focus on pitch based sports (such as football and hockey). Consideration will need to be given to all

	types of open space and the evidence available in relation to them.
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Paragraph 7.25

Reference: 10035, 10039	
Summary of comment:	A higher degree of protection should be given to SSSI sites to stop them from being "boxed in". SSSI habitats benefit from a variety of landscapes together. The Council should take a view on whether the cited 15m buffer zone is truly adequate to maintain ancient woodland
Response:	Noted. Local Plan provides an appropriate policy basis for the conservation, and where possible enhancement, of SSSIs in the context of the wider ecological network. Policies would need to be in accordance with national planning policy and legislation.

Reference: 10035	
Summary of comment:	Ancient woodlands and their surroundings should be given a higher degree of protection from encroaching development
Response:	Noted. The Council will look to reflect on the approach to the conservation of ancient woodland set out within national planning policy as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. National planning policy now categorises ancient woodlands as an irreplaceable habitat.

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable drainage should include ponds to help newts etc. Areas of water and woodland within new developments make for attractive surroundings for residents. There should be specific provision for the local Biodiversity Action Plan
Response:	The next Local Plan can consider ways to promote the enhancement of biodiversity, as well as its conservation. This can also link to the provision of green infrastructure and associated multiple benefits that can be secured. There will then need to be site by site consideration of the appropriate options / ways of achieving this.

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF seeks net environmental gain as a result of development. Provide for nesting birds with nest boxes and bat boxes. Hedgerows should be retained and enhanced for the biodiversity. Adequate space should be allowed for future growth of existing mature trees; they should not be felled to make way for buildings/extensions
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy, which considers environmental net gain. For information, the supporting text to policy E2 of the adopted Local Plan sets out the approach to ensure future retention of existing trees.

Reference: 10140	
Summary of comment:	Welcome work being undertaken by the Council to identify ecological networks across Hampshire providing important evidence to enable the Council to identify/assess/improve the environment
Response:	Noted. The ecological network will need to be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, ensuring consistency with national planning policy on this matter.

Paragraph 7.27

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The RSPB expect to see and comment on the Council's evidence base (including the emerging Habitats Regulations Assessment) and specific proposals in relation to the agreed strategic mitigation for these Special Protection Areas (SPA).
Response:	Noted. The Council will ensure evidence used to inform the preparation of the next Local Plan, including satisfying the requirements of the Habitats Regulations, is available alongside future consultation stages.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The RSPB will be interested to assess area standards for Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (and the housing developments to which they should apply), any other mitigation that is expected and funding for the mitigation
Response:	The comments are noted. Details on potential mitigation measures, which may include the provision of suitable alternative natural greenspaces, are likely to emerge in later stages of the preparation of the plan including through the preparation of a Habitats Regulations Assessment.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The RSPB welcomes the Council's commitment to mitigation for any adverse impacts of residential development caused by increased recreational disturbance on the New Forest and Solent SPA
Response:	Noted. The Council is part of the Bird Aware Solent partnership and is working with other local authorities on updating evidence in relation to the international nature conservation designations of the New Forest.

Reference: 10086	
Summary of comment:	Welcome the continued commitment to work with other partners and Authorities to develop and implement a strategic approach to protecting international and European sites from development, including recreational disturbance from the increase in population.
Response:	Noted. The Council will continue to work with the New Forest National Park Authority in relation to updating evidence on

	recreational pressures on the New Forest international nature conservation designations.
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Paragraph 7.29

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	We are pleased to see this paragraph and fully support this approach
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to ensure that the next Local Plan is prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy on this matter.

Reference: 10052, 10053	
Summary of comment:	Interconnected wildlife corridors need to be identified and written into the local plan, they need to be broad enough to enable wildlife to move through them without disturbance
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to give consideration to wildlife corridors as part of the ecological network.

Question 42: Should alternative open space for mitigation be provided as part of new developments or should land be specifically allocated, or a combination?

Reference: 10010, 10036, 10043, 10044, 10080, 10081, 10082, 10085, 10090, 10130, 10138	
Summary of comment:	The inclusion of open space within a development should be encouraged, but where this is impossible alternative open space should specifically be allocated. As such a combination may be best, as different sites might require different solutions A combination is preferred as each site must be judged not only on potential size but also its suitability as a reserved area for habitat/wildlife
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider these options as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Difficult to answer without examples of approaches to both approaches
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to consider this further as the next Local Plan is progressed, which may enable greater opportunity to comment on the options put forward.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	Different sized SANGs perform different and complimentary functions as attractors for visits and for day-to-day uses.
Response:	Noted. This will need to be explored further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan in the context of the development proposed, an understanding of likely affects and the recommendations through the Habitat Regulations Assessment process.

Reference: 10024	
Summary of comment:	The RSPB look forward to seeing the Council's decision and reasons on the balance of SANGs that the Plan seeks
Response:	Noted. Future stages of the preparation of the next Local Plan will provide more information in relation to the identification of effects on nature conservation designations and the proposed approach to mitigation.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	No protected land should be affected by development. Alternative land rarely replaces the precise biodiversity of land affected.
Response:	As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will be given to the approach to allocation of land for development. This will be informed by the assessment of potential effects, including on biodiversity. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with legislation and national planning policy, including on this matter.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	If mitigation entails allowing a developer to build on existing public open space, it should only be accepted by consensus
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to consider the approach to the retention of public open space, including having regard to the approach set out in national planning policy on this matter.

Reference: 10040, 10051	
Summary of comment:	Flexibility needed, public open space should relate to new development but the wider needs of landscape and biodiversity should be considered too. Public and members should be involved at an early stage.
Response:	Noted. The provision of open space will need to be considered in the context of the wider matters identified, as well as its usability. There will be further opportunities to comment on the proposed policies as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. The opportunity to comment on specific proposals for open space in conjunction with new development would be through the planning application process. The Statement of Community Involvement indicates how the Council will encourage applicants to involve the community prior to the submission of applications.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Sports England does not have a strong preference for either approach
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	The key issue is that suitable replacement provision is delivered where facilities are lost (NPPF paragraph 97 and Sport

	England's objectives). Replacement provision should be equal or better than that which has been lost in terms of quality, quantity and accessibility
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy on this matter.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	As the Lawton Report highlights, to stop current declines in biodiversity larger areas of open space should be created and maintained
Response:	Noted. This will need to be taken into consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	For mitigation measures for the New Forest to be effective, mitigation sites need to be of sufficient size and character to encouraging people to use them
Response:	Noted. The Council is working with other local planning authorities to update evidence on recreational pressures on the New Forest designations, which will inform the approach to mitigation. This will be considered further through the Habitat Regulations Assessment process.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	Mitigation sites must be linked together to give wildlife the space to flourish and move around
Response:	Noted. The opportunity for mitigation sites to provide multiple benefits and link into the wider ecological network should be taken into consideration.

Reference: 10047	
Summary of comment:	The best approach would be a combination of larger strategic areas linked to smaller areas within new developments. Smaller mitigation sites should be provided on new developments, as this provides open space for residents whilst improving the resilience of local wildlife
Response:	Noted. The approach to mitigation will need to be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. There may be opportunities for mitigation sites provided as part of new developments to provide multiple benefits, as indicated.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Specific allocation is necessary; each areas needs are different and we would not like a rigid policy which excludes alternative approaches
Response:	Noted. This option will need to be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The terminology is unhelpful; you don't mean leisure/recreation open space but habitat creation or enhancement

Response:	It is recognised that the terminology used was not entirely clear. This will need to be re-considered in future stages of the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Oxlease Meadows is a site where a dual leisure/habitat use can form, although I fear public access is likely to be over-restricted
Response:	Noted. This area has been brought forward as a nature reserve, with some public access. As is the case on this location, a balance will need to be struck taking account of site specific matters when considering ecology and public access.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	Little mention is given to how nature and biodiversity can be helped by each home including integrated nest sites, despite a key objective of the Biodiversity Action Plan being the enhancement of biodiversity. This is of particular relevance to Swifts (entirely dependent on man-made structures for nesting in urban areas) and House Sparrows (also dependent on dwellings for nesting) which can use swift bricks to nest effectively. House-sparrows are a red-listed species, and Swifts are expected to be notified as red-listed at the next review
Response:	Noted. Future stages of the preparation of the next Local Plan will provide more detail on the approach to biodiversity, including opportunities for enhancements. There will need to be consideration of the level of detail that policies provide on this matter.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	Current building regulations for new homes are not conducive for Swifts and House Sparrows to nest, but home owners are supportive or ambivalent to having swift bricks in their homes. Councils which have adopted such a policy have had good results
Response:	Noted. The Council will need to give consideration to the level of detail provided on policies relating to biodiversity in the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10067	
Summary of comment:	A supplementary policy should be provided which addresses how biodiversity can be designed into new developments (e.g. through swift bricks and bat boxes), which would benefit natural species and residents alike
Response:	The Council can give consideration to the preparation of supplementary documents in light of policies in the next Local Plan and the level of detail they provide.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Planting on new developments should benefit wildlife, food productions and human enjoyment. Grass does not need to be kept short, this is not helpful in summer. Grassed areas for ball

	games, otherwise mixed and varied range of planting. Habitats function best when connected. Biodiverse mixed planting can be encouraged on all the small green areas in towns to help link biodiversity
Response:	Noted. The policies in the next Local Plan can consider the opportunities for multi-functional spaces and green infrastructure in conjunction with new development. It is likely that site by site consideration of the management of such areas would be required.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	If a new development is disturbing the landscape then land should be specifically allocated within that area to mitigate the impact
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan further consideration will need to be given to the approach to landscape matters, having regard to national planning policy on this matter.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	I think it is like reducing ones carbon footprint with energy payback so mitigation plans by new developers is important
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to give consideration to policy approaches regarding securing mitigation, including through the options identified in the question.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	The Council has done so much good work in this area (e.g. Fishlake Meadows)
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Planting to encourage pollinators can also be a requirement on new development
Response:	Noted. Further consideration will need to be given as to how biodiversity policies provide for conservation and enhancement, as well as the level of detail provided on how to achieve this.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	It is inappropriate for the Council to seek open space for mitigation as part of new development; it should only be sought in areas of identifiable need such as south Test Valley in areas affected by the Solent SPA.
Response:	Noted. Further consideration will need to be given to this matter alongside the Habitat Regulations Assessment process, through which the likely significant effects and mitigation recommendations will be identified.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	There should be a mechanism that enabled the Council to secure off-site contributions if individual sites are unable to

	provide alternative public open space, be it through CIL or S106 agreements
Response:	Noted. This can be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan. Such mechanisms exist through the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) at present.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	The Country Park provision at Bere Hill is an opportunity to provide formalised public open space in Andover, but should not be for mitigation but to address the public open space deficit.
Response:	Noted. This proposal could be considered as part of the assessment of sites through the sustainability appraisal process.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	Mitigation should be provided as part of new developments
Response:	Noted. This option can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. It would need to take into account the scale of developments proposed and the effectiveness of associated mitigation.

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Recommend use a combined approach in Local Plan to provide alternative open space to mitigate for recreational impacts. Mechanism to contribute financially to the creation /management of strategic SANGs is needed. Some sites might be large enough in a suitable location to mitigate their own impact. There should also be an option to over-provide SANGs
Response:	Noted. These options will need to be considered further through the preparation of the next Local Plan, ensuring the delivery of effective mitigation measures including suitable alternative natural greenspaces (SANG) where relevant.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Land should be provided both as part of a new development and also open space should be required
Response:	Noted. These options can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10111, 10117	
Summary of comment:	A combination of both approaches is appropriate, but allowances for contributions where these would facilitate the provision of SANGs should be made (as is currently the approach through the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy)
Response:	Noted. These options can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10111, 10117	
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Summary of comment:	Residential sites should be prioritised for allocation where they are appropriately located and of sufficient scale to be capable of delivering SANG as part of a development
Response:	Noted. There are a number of considerations that will need to be taken into account in identifying appropriate locations for development. In relation to biodiversity and nature conservation matters, the mitigation hierarchy would be taken into account. This would need to be balanced with other considerations.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The proactive approach of some local planning authorities such as East Hampshire in searching for 'Strategic SANG' as part of their role in facilitating sustainable development could also be adopted by Test Valley
Response:	Noted. This option can be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Council should identify requirement for development to mitigate potential impact on existing sites with a clear justification. Combination of on and offsite mitigation depending on impact, development size, location can be an appropriate strategy
Response:	Noted. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, the Habitat Regulations Assessment process will include the identification of likely significant effects and thus where mitigation would be needed. A combination approach of on and offsite mitigation is one option that can be considered.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Land should be specially allocated for open space
Response:	Noted. This can be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10130, 10131	
Summary of comment:	Need a more flexible approach to provision of public open space for mitigation so perhaps a combination of the two approaches may be best
Response:	The comments are noted. There may be opportunities to consider the role of multi-functional spaces where the objectives of such provisions align. This would need to have regard to evidence on these matters.

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Where a proposal results in the loss of existing provision the nature of mitigation will be dependent on the nature of the loss. Mitigation in terms of on/off site provision should be assessed on a site by site basis. Overarching objective is to not have a net loss in existing provision
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will need to be given as to how a policy

	framework can provide clear expectation in relation to this matter balanced with flexibility to achieve this in different ways where appropriate to do so.
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Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	If the site is of a sufficient size with sufficient interconnected habitats, then open space for mitigation can be provided within the site, however if the site is small or otherwise constrained then an off-site solution/mitigation should be considered
Response:	Noted. It would be important to ensure that any mitigation is suitable and effective, which may be influenced by its scale. This will need to be considered further as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Paragraph 7.30

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	For housing site allocations, they should be located based on full and proper consideration of the potential impacts on the historic environment. This will require a robust evidence base.
Response:	Noted. Potential effects on the historic environment would need to be considered as part of the sustainability appraisal process, along with other matters.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	<p>The Council should have an adequate, up-to-date historic environment evidence base. If this does not exist then research will need to be commissioned.</p> <p>Historic England have recently raised with you the desirability of commissioning a 'Heritage at Risk Survey' to form the evidence base for the next Local Plan. It may be helpful to gather evidence on heritage assets throughout the Borough and collate the data in a Heritage Topic Paper.</p>
Response:	Noted. The Council will be reviewing its evidence base as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, including identifying evidence gaps and where studies need to be updated.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	Specific development management policies are likely to be needed to provide a clear indication of how a decision maker to react to a development proposal affecting a heritage asset or assets. Such development management policies should identify those particular characteristics of each type of heritage asset that should be protected or enhanced through development proposals.
Response:	Noted. Specific policy provisions on the historic environment and heritage assets will be considered as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, which would need to be consistent with national planning policy on this matter. The level of detail of such policies would also need to be considered.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF (paragraph 8) requires a positive strategy to be developed; therefore Test Valley should be proactive in the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. The NPPF also explains that non-strategic policies should be used to set out more detailed policies, which can include conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy.

Reference: 10049	
Summary of comment:	When commenting on the Pre-Submission version of the last Local Plan we welcomed reference to HCC's Hampshire Register of Historic Parks & Gardens; Archaeology and Historic Environment Record and Historic Landscape Assessment; and the Council's Conservation Appraisal. However none of these appeared on the Council's "Evidence Base - Environment" website
Response:	The webpage has been updated to include a link to the Conservation Areas page of the website, as well as to Hampshire County Council's website in relation to archaeology and the historic environment. The related webpage on the Test Valley Landscape Character Assessment also links to the Hampshire Historic Landscape Assessment.

Question 43: Is there anything additional which the Council should be taking account of?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Protection given in the NPPF also to be underlined
Response:	The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy.

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Should not ignore local heritage (Andover's status as a coaching town)
Response:	Noted. The comments are noted. National planning policy sets out the approach to the historic environment that the next Local Plan will need to be consistent with. This includes both designated and non-designated heritage assets.

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Support active consideration of our tree and plant heritage on land and in rivers, should rate as highly as built and archaeological heritage.
Response:	Noted. There may be links to such considerations from a number of related policy perspectives, including the historic environment, landscape and biodiversity matters.

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Space standards should also apply to private outdoor space (e.g. gardens), due to associated health and well-being benefits of this
Response:	Noted. This will need to be given further consideration as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Listen to all opinions, those who live somewhere as it's conveniently located and those who wish to be part of a community have equal opinions
Response:	Noted. The Council's Statement of Community Involvement sets out the approach to consultation and engagement in the planning process.

Reference: 10040, 10128, 10051	
Summary of comment:	As settlements grow they engulf rural/old farm buildings. Policy should preserve the settings of old farmsteads so they can be seen in a cultural/historic context. New development that surround and isolate a significant older building and/ or farmstead need to be constrained to preserve the surroundings of such historic icons.
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy, which includes recognition of both designated and non-designated heritage assets. The level of detail of policies on such matters will also need to be considered.

Reference:10043	
Summary of comment:	There is no mention of transport. If sustainable development is to be successful a decent a robust transport network is essential
Response:	Noted. Transport and travel will need to be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, having regard to national planning policy and the content of the Local Transport Plan (as prepared by Hampshire County Council as the relevant highways authority).

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The NPPF gives policy support and analysis to the consideration of the Heritage sites and their setting
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy, including on this matter.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No. Not knowing how the policy works, we cannot comment
Response:	Noted. As the next Local Plan is prepared, more detail will be available on draft policies with additional opportunities to comment.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	The Conservation staff are normally constructive
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	A more relaxed attitude should be taken to slimline double glazing in conservation areas/ listed buildings
Response:	Noted. The approach to specific proposals would need to be considered in light of legislation and policy requirements (including national and local policy).

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Why is there no question on other aspects of infrastructure aside from transport? There was no reference to sewerage, flood management measures, tertiary education or space for burials (including woodland burials)
Response:	Whilst it is recognised that there are many types of infrastructure, the questions focused on key issues identified by the Council at this stage of the process, with the consultation document indicating any comments on planning policy matters would be welcome. More detail on other types of infrastructure are likely to come through future stages of the preparation of the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Test Valley should consider buildings that are part of the character and history of the area, even though the building may not be listed or registered but still form the character of the area. This applies to woodland such as in Nursling adjacent to Crescent Estates and Horns Drove
Response:	Noted. Such matters may be considered through a combination of policies, including on the historic environment, landscape character and wider design matters. As part of the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will need to be given to how such policies work together.

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Continue liaison with Historic England
Response:	Noted. Historic England is a statutory consultee in relation to the preparation of local plans.

Reference: 10092	
Summary of comment:	Romsey is a market town which makes it such an attractive place. The Council should always seek to keep it this way
Response:	Noted.

Reference: 10092	
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Summary of comment:	In relation to Whitenap, it is hoped lessons are learnt from Abbotswood regarding its road density which obstructs the passage of Emergency Services.
Response:	Noted. The Council is undertaking an evaluation of new development, particularly in Andover and Romsey, to review the quality and impact of their design, integration, and social infrastructure as part of its Corporate Action Plan. The outputs of this work will feed into the preparation of the next Local Plan and potentially can inform the approach to other sites and proposal.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	The development for Romsey Marketplace ignored the heritage aspect of the town centre. This is an essential obligation of local government
Response:	Through the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will need to be given to the historic environment including heritage assets.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	It is important the character of each Parish is maintained, especially those in a rural setting
Response:	Noted. The preparation of the next Local Plan will need to take account of local character considerations in planning for future development needs and the formation of policies on design and landscape matters.

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Existing venues for informal recreation (e.g. Ampfield Wood) must be protected with suitable parking (e.g. Jermyn's Lane, as Knapp Lane gets blocked with cars)
Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan can consider the approach to retention of recreation facilities. The influence on existing provisions would depend on whether planning applications are required for any changes. Regard would also need to be given to whether public use of spaces is formalised / secured.

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Some recent planning decisions have, in the view of the Parish Council and residents, adversely affected listed buildings or their settings. We question whether the existing policies are applied robustly and consistently
Response:	Noted. Consideration will need to be given to the wording of policies on the historic environment to ensure they are robust, in the context of national planning policy and legal requirements. Each planning application is considered on its individual merits taking material considerations into account.

Reference: 10124	
Summary of comment:	Make more of and protect proud Roman heritage, in Andover & log properly

Response:	Noted. The next Local Plan will have a role in providing a policy framework to conserve the historic environment, including archaeology. There may be other ways of promoting and recording the historic environment, including the Roman heritage beyond the planning system.
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Education should be top priority, Test Valley would improve its attractiveness to companies thinking to move here if they know they can recruit at all levels of expertise, not just at lower levels
Response:	Noted. Through the preparation of the next Local Plan, consideration will need to be given to the availability of facilities and services to support new development (including education provision) as well as opportunities to support economic development which could include supporting skills development. The adopted Local Plan policy ST1 provides a mechanism to promote skills and training development.

Chapter 8: Infrastructure in Test Valley

General

Reference: 10002	
Summary of comment:	Access to the War Memorial Park needs to be improved for safety reasons (accidents have occurred)
Response:	Test Valley works closely with Hampshire County Council to ensure that access to all of our Public open Spaces are safe and maintained, if there are any current issues regarding access please report this via the Hantsweb portal: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Reference: 10002	
Summary of comment:	The river bridge by the War Memorial Park needs to be widened
Response:	Any alterations or replacement to this bridge need to take account of the age of the structure and the character of this part of the town, there are no current plans to alter the bridge

Reference: 10003	
Summary of comment:	Current infrastructure unsustainable in villages if more houses are to be built through proportionate distribution amongst parishes
Response:	Any development would consider issues surrounding sustainability and accessibility during the planning application process. The Council would also undertake sustainability appraisals in order to determine which locations are best suited to grow sustainably

Reference: 10004	
Summary of comment:	The highway network in Southern Test Valley is at full capacity and further development will only make it worse
Response:	The capacity of the highway network will be taken into account as part of the assessment of any development proposals

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	Give consideration to assessing the cumulative impact of new proposals together with already planned growth on the Strategic road Network (SRN)
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	Highways England is appointed by SoS for Transport as highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the SRN which is a critical national asset
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	Highways England looks forward to working with all parties to identify and produce a robust transport strategy within the Test Valley boundary.
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	We are supportive of the approach set out in the consultation
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	We will be concerned with proposals that have a potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of the SRN (M27, M271, A303, A34 & A36)
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	When considering proposals for growth any impact on the SRN will need to be identified and mitigated as far as reasonably possible
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10007	
Summary of comment:	Would be concerned if material increase in traffic were to occur on the SRN as a result of planned growth in Test Valley without careful consideration of mitigation measures
Response:	Noted. The Council will be having discussions with Highways England throughout the Plan Making process regarding the SRN within the Borough

Reference: 10009	
Summary of comment:	The lack of off road parking means some areas of great natural beauty are not easily accessible, perhaps village halls and local pubs could be encouraged to permit parking for walkers
Response:	Noted, such schemes could be investigated in the future

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Easier access to rail transport for those living outside Abbey ward and southern Cupernham and Tadburn wards (for most people Romsey station is beyond a reasonable walking

	distance and the A3057 leading to the station is frequently busy)
Response:	Noted, schemes to better connect communities to rail transport could be investigated in the new Local Plan

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	If large operators are to take root in and around Romsey, heavy traffic through Romsey on the A3057 should be minimised.
Response:	Any new developments for business use would be encouraged to include a travel plan at the application stage to ensure the most sustainable options for their businesses and neighbouring residents. The impact on the highway network would also be assessed as part of any development proposal

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Minimum road width should be specified for new housing sites to allow the passage of buses (public or charity/ community operated)
Response:	Details such as these are taken into account at the application stage, the Council will always endeavour to deliver schemes that are attractive to public transport operators to encourage them to commence services once buildings are occupied

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	The 4pm free parking in Romsey is a welcome policy.
Response:	Noted, support welcome

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Why are large coaches still making three point turns at Church Place?
Response:	Romsey has the status of a CPT Coach Friendly town, there is provision in place for visiting coach parties to drop off and pick up visitors at the bus station and for the coaches to park at allocated bays at the Rapids, driver error could be the reason for some coaches having to manoeuvre in Church Place but this is out of the control of Test Valley

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	A reduced speed limit and quiet tar should be promoted to reduce noise pollution.
Response:	This would be a subject for HCC and/or Highways England to take into consideration

Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The Council should engage with the DfT, Highways England and HCC in reducing noise pollution from fast moving traffic on the A303 Andover bypass.
Response:	This would be a subject for HCC and/or Highways England to take into consideration, the impact of highway noise would be taken into account as part of any development proposal

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	North Baddesley has seen significant development to a point where now local infrastructure is beyond capacity
Response:	The impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10025	
Summary of comment:	There is also further development around North Baddesley especially surrounding Romsey which will impact existing infrastructure in the area
Response:	The impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	It is not too late to try and achieve agreement for a station stop on the existing railway to pass through the new village of Whitenap. Such a railway station stop at Whitenap would mitigate the impact on already overburdened roads to Southampton
Response:	Noted, to date while the land is allocated there have been no plans submitted for the Whitenap site, therefore all options are being examined to ensure the development is connected sustainably to the rest of Romsey and the surrounding area

Reference: 10061	
Summary of comment:	Ampfield benefits from having a primary school and a community hall, as well as great pubs and restaurants. It would be nice to see additional small shops or a post office nearby
Response:	Noted, the Council recognises the benefit of local facilities in supporting the sustainability of rural villages, however the provision of particular facilities is subject to commercial viability

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Your officers should have a much wider appreciation of what infrastructure comprises; it is more than transport
Response:	Noted, the Council recognises the importance of local infrastructure and that this includes many types of facility solely beyond transport

Reference: 10065	
Summary of comment:	The plan should seek to 'sell' the benefits in infrastructure terms for villages, utilising S106 funds as required
Response:	Noted, almost all developments will have to make a contribution through either CIL or S106 payments which go towards mitigating any impact of that development. 15% of CIL will be made available to Parish Councils rising to 25% should they

	have a Neighbourhood Plan. Both Parish Councils and community groups can submit bids for CIL funding
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Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	High performing schools are in such demand that when they are in rural settlements it causes out commuting from nearby urban areas, making village schools no longer 'village schools'
Response:	Education comes under the remit of HCC, however, all schools have admission criteria to decide which children get places, therefore it is down to an individual school whether or not a child from a nearby urban area is or isn't permitted to attend a 'village school'

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Future development in Wellow must provide the necessary infrastructure to support it.
Response:	The impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Most households have more than 2 adults who all have cars, making a mockery of the 4.5 total car movements per household per day.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Rural country roads are being used to circumnavigate snarl-ups / roadworks. These are not designed for large volumes of traffic or large vehicles (HGV's). Limits need to be placed on rural roads to restrict such use.
Response:	This would be a subject for HCC and/or Highways England to take into consideration. Where justified restrictions are placed on particular routes regarding the size or weight of vehicles

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The current plan is weak on local transport and the integration of transport, especially in rural areas.
Response:	Noted, many matters relating to transport would not fall under the remit of the Local Plan. The transport policies within the current Local Plan (T1 – T3) were written to assist the County Council in meeting the objectives of creating sustainably connected communities as laid out in the Hampshire Local Transport Plan

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	The increase in traffic generated is a major concern.

Response:	Noted, the impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal
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Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Cycling, walking and public transport should be considered more robustly in the document
Response:	The current transport policies within the plan do attempt to encourage sustainable forms of transport including walking and cycling where ever possible, the transport policies will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	New development must make provision for public transport routes, infrastructure and marketing throughout the site
Response:	The impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	New development standards must ensure routes within them comply with adoptable standards by HCC
Response:	This would be a subject for HCC and/or Highways England to take into consideration

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	Flood risk is not highlighted within the I&O document. HCC is a Lead Local Flood Authority, responsible for preparing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS)
Response:	The Council will consult the LFRMS when reviewing allocations and looking to make new allocations

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	LFRMS are there to ensure that local planning authorities take full account of flood risk when allocating and permitting land for development, and therefore should have regard to the strategy
Response:	The Council will consult the LFRMS when reviewing allocations and looking to make new allocations

Reference: 10099	
Summary of comment:	There are two Household Waste Recycling Centres in Test Valley which are subject to review. HCC is in the process of revising its Strategic Infrastructure Statement that highlights areas of pressure and the need for all services including waste management
Response:	Noted. The Council awaits the findings of the Strategic Infrastructure Statement by Hampshire County Council

Paragraph 8.4

Reference: 10101

Summary of comment:	An Infrastructure Delivery Plan should of be prepared independently of the Local Plan, instead should become an adopted document within the Local Plan
Response:	As part of the Local Plan preparation process, the Council needs to establish what infrastructure may be required in order to support the delivery of development proposals and growth across the Borough. The Council will liaise with key infrastructure providers during the formulation of the new Local Plan proposals from an early stage to inform the locations and deliverability of sites as well as identifying infrastructure capacity and deficits. These discussions will inform the content of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).

Paragraph 8.5

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Education and health might better be regarded as services that can be delivered through various infrastructure
Response:	While education and health are not areas which come under the remit of the Council will work with our partners to do what we can within our powers (e.g. planning) to deliver these services

Paragraph 8.6

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Broadband capable of greater than 20 MBps download and commensurate upload speeds should be provided (notwithstanding 8.6)
Response:	Many improvements have been taking place recently by providers to get high speed broadband to rural settlements within the Borough, the Council recognises the importance of superfast broadband and will continue to work with our partners to improve provision

Reference: 10076	
Summary of comment:	No mention relating to digital technology, there is critical need for fast, reliable broadband, lack of infrastructure is a limiting factor in rural areas in particular
Response:	Many improvements have been taking place recently by providers to get high speed broadband to rural settlements within the Borough, the Council recognises the importance of superfast broadband and will continue to work with our partners to improve provision

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Provision of high quality reliable broadband will be vital as the digital economy grows across rural areas, reaching the last 5% without useful provision will be vital for future economic health of the Borough
Response:	Many improvements have been taking place recently by providers to get high speed broadband to rural settlements

	within the Borough, the Council recognises the importance of superfast broadband and will continue to work with our partners to improve provision, particularly in the less well served rural areas
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Paragraph 8.9

Reference: 10003	
Summary of comment:	Proportionate distribution to parishes will create green travel issues (more people will have to travel further away to access work, schools, retail, leisure, etc).
Response:	The Council will consider transport and accessibility as part of the assessment of the distribution of future development, The current transport policies within the plan attempt to encourage sustainable forms of transport including walking and cycling where ever possible, the transport policies will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable work place travel should be supported, especially for industrial estates. People working from home could partially solve the problem
Response:	Travel plans are one of the tools that are used to support the promotion of more sustainable modes of travel. National planning policy indicates that developments that will generate significant amounts of movement should be required to provide a travel plan (paragraph 111). The next Local Plan will need to be prepared so as to be consistent with national planning policy.

Question 44: How can the Council promote more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Provision of footpaths to link housing to settlements where narrow roads and increasing traffic is making walking unsafe. Also footpaths providing access to areas of open space
Response:	It is the aim of the Council to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10010, 10029, 10069	
Summary of comment:	Dedicated cycle paths
Response:	It is the aim of the Council to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10010

Summary of comment:	Long stay park and ride facilities with cheap fees. Short stay car parks in towns
Response:	The current Local Plan has already identified a potential park and ride site at Bargain Farm in Nursling and this process will explore the option of adding more potential sites for a similar purpose. Regarding short stay parking in town the Council will need to assess the need for such facilities as it also intends to encourage more sustainable forms of transport

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Regular, efficient, safe and cheap public transport
Response:	For the most part public transport is a private enterprise and apart from entering into negotiations to attempt to convince companies to provide regular, efficient, safe and cheap public transport there is little the Borough Council can do to ensure a service. The Council can however permit schemes which plan for sustainable transport modes in the hopes this encourages public transport in the future.

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	For public transport to be used it must be sufficiently frequent and within walking distance to be more attractive than using a car
Response:	For the most part public transport is run as a private enterprise and apart from entering into negotiations to attempt to convince companies to provide regular, efficient, safe and cheap public transport there is little the Borough Council can do to ensure a service. The Council can however permit schemes which plan for sustainable transport modes in the hopes this encourages public transport in the future

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	As towns expand additional bus routes will be needed, but not at the cost of making the existing bus routes more convoluted and therefore longer than at present
Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Better access to the rail network on the periphery of towns should be planned for
Response:	Noted, schemes to better connect communities to rail transport could be investigated in the new Local Plan

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Promote cycling through more cycle routes and secure cycle parking, promote walking through providing more walking routes and promote public transport by providing better services

Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys
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Reference: 10021	
Summary of comment:	The Council should encourage the development of more bicycle tracks, by supporting communities who wish to extend them, especially in Andover
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10125	
Summary of comment:	Strong inter-relationship between where new development is located and how sustainable forms of transport are achieved; Andover Business Park represents a significant investment in growth of the town, capitalises on location adjacent to A303, is clearly beneficial to town's growth. Relationship between employment and new housing is a positive factor, especially where new development would enable investment in the town's existing infrastructure
Response:	Noted, the impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Transport seems to be a prime concern when any development is considered at the planning stage, we (CPRE) do not think this is happening
Response:	The impact on local infrastructure would be taken into account as part of any development proposal, where justified new development should provide new or enhanced infrastructure provision

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Public Health England provides evidence reviews and case studies on what works for promoting active travel. Local strategies also provide evidence (e.g. HCC Walking Strategy and HCC Cycling Strategy)
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys any assistance that PHE can provide to help achieve these aims will be very much appreciated

Reference: 10029	
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Summary of comment:	People walk more in places with mixed land use, higher population densities and highly connected street layouts
Response:	The Council seeks to actively encourage development which results in sustainable modes of transport and increased walking and cycling

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	The Manual for Streets by the Government puts walking and cycling at the top of the hierarchy, and following these principles can help encourage active travel through planning
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Design mixed land use where shops, GP's, schools and other services are located near new developments which provide short distances which encourage routine walking and cycling.
Response:	The Council seeks to actively encourage development which results in sustainable modes of transport and increased walking and cycling

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Design for 'filtered permeability' to provide direct routes for walking and cycling, thus encouraging active travel
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Cycling/walking to work/shops is possible in urban locations. Rural public transport is already limited/declining. Therefore rural=car
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Alone the Council can do little to enhance walking & cycling. New development infrastructure installation is wasted if older existing footpaths are left in such a poor state. Separate cycle ways require good inter-connectivity and junction priority
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10042	
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Summary of comment:	I do not support the Council preaching to residents about how they get about
Response:	While appreciating that everybody has the right to choose which ever mode of transport they wish, as an organisation Test Valley must plan sustainably which ultimately means a focus on environmentally friendly and healthy alternatives for example walking and cycling

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	To promote sustainable travel the distribution of growth is fundamental, whereby development should be distributed to the most accessible locations
Response:	The decision regarding where best to distribute/locate future development within the Borough over the next plan period is a subject that the Council has consulted on earlier in the Issues and Options, once this approach has been finalised the most sustainable transport options will also be investigated.

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para. 102c states plan making should identify and promote walking, cycling and public transport
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The proposed development at Velmore Farm provides a chance to link into and enhance existing pedestrian and cycle links. The site also benefits from several public transport modes which are highly accessible
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys. The Council will consider potential sites for allocation for new development in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10046	
Summary of comment:	Sport England's 'Active Design Guidance' promotes active and sustainable travel
Response:	Your comments are appreciated and the Council will be having in depth discussions with Sports England throughout the Plan Making process regarding promoting active and sustainable travel within the Borough

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Decent routes for walking and cycling are required and should include lighting, specific routes, surfacing repairs and safety at junctions

Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys
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Reference:10048	
Summary of comment:	Planning control on public transport appears outside the local planning authority scope?
Response:	For the most part public transport is a private enterprise and apart from entering into negotiations to attempt to convince companies to provide regular, efficient, safe and cheap public transport there is little the Borough Council can do to ensure a service. The Council can however permit schemes which plan for sustainable transport modes in the hopes this encourages public transport in the future

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	This is a sizeable problem and requires collaboration between the County and the Council in conjunction with utility companies and public transport providers
Response:	Noted, the Council will be in discussions with our partners throughout the plan making process

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	New development will often boast smooth new footpaths and cycleways which run into pre-existing paths which are in a poor state of repair. Cycle paths may also come to an abrupt end
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	Utility companies that dig up roads and footpaths leaving walking and cycling paths in a poor state are in part culpable for the deficiencies in pre-existing pathways
Response:	Noted, there are some situations where it is necessary for pathways to be dug up for infrastructure improvements. if there are any issues regarding the state of a path please report this via the Hantsweb portal: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The intransigence of Network Rail in giving constructive consideration to a local station in Whitenap is regrettable
Response:	Noted, to date while the land is allocated there have been no plans submitted for the Whitenap site, therefore all options are being examined to ensure the development is connected sustainably to the rest of Romsey and the surrounding area

Reference: 10051	
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Summary of comment:	Planners tried to achieve mitigation of the impact of further car congestion on Romsey's roads with the proposed railway station at Whitenap but failed to reach a useful outcome for their efforts
Response:	Noted, to date while the land is allocated there have been no plans submitted for the Whitenap site, therefore all options are being examined to ensure the development is connected sustainably to the rest of Romsey and the surrounding area

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Local Plan should make clear its resistance to development in locations where there is no means of providing sustainable transport, rural communities are mostly dependent on car travel
Response:	The current local plan policy COM2: Settlement Hierarchy stipulates that development should take place within settlement boundaries which are considered the most sustainable options; unless in exceptional circumstances

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Don't believe development should be permitted without requiring significant financial contributions to the improvement of local roads
Response:	Depending on the type and size of development Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy payments have regularly been taken from developers to mitigate the impact on the surrounding area, some of these monies have contributed to justified highways improvements

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Rural bus services will disappear in the next few years due to the car, older people in rural communities will become isolated. Borough should cease or reform taxi licencing to encourage new entrant reducing taxi costs to replace buses
Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council, while the comment is noted taxi licencing does not come under the remit of the Local Plan

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Long term the Council should support and encourage driverless cars as soon as they are safe
Response:	Note, all relevant scenarios will be taken into consideration during the plan making process in order to ensure the new Local Plan is futureproofed and able to adapt to the changing times and behaviours of the citizens. The regulation of driverless vehicles is one for Government at a national level.

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Housing allocations should not be on the edge of large settlements; instead if placed in villages then bus services would be more viable

Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council, what the Council can and does encourage is well designed developments which allow for bus services to travel through and stop easily in the hopes that the bus companies decide to start services in the future
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Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Introduce electric charging points
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Encourage cyclists to use cycle lanes and keep off roads when they are provided to a good standard
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Think more about the impact of development on the users of rights of way; developers should introduce permissive routes and/or new rights of way, with better links to the countryside and not just to town
Response:	Noted, it is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	Restrict car access to The Hundred in Romsey from 9 to 5
Response:	Noted, this suggestion will be taken into consideration, but is not necessarily an issue for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Bus routes need to link to rail stations and run into the evenings. Routes to hospitals and villages needed. Running services all day may not work, but may be possible to better advertise the routes and times when transport is needed
Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	Electric cars and greener private transport should reduce the reliance on 'sustainable' public transport in rural areas which

	are so infrequent they are hardly used. This would make rural settlements more environmentally sustainable places to live
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10079	
Summary of comment:	The electric car should be considered and is certainly more sustainable than buses that serve rural communities as they are often empty
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Increase the amount of housing in villages most able to accommodate development, particularly those close to main roads, with the objective of improving public transport links between villages and main towns
Response:	The Council will review the settlement hierarchy and housing distribution, including to the rural area. Account will be taken of accessibility and public transport provision. The Council will seek to sustain the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	More support to bus companies is needed, evidenced through the removal of many bus services throughout the Borough
Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Work with agencies to manage road use speed so that walkers, cyclists and equestrian users have a safer experiences in their enjoyment of the shared infrastructure
Response:	The Council agree that infrastructure should be safe for all and work is ongoing to ensure upgrades to infrastructure within the Borough continue throughout the new plan period

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Road use speed should be informed by non-motor vehicle flow/demands rather than the Highway Agency using road categorisations
Response:	This does not fall under the remit of the Council/Local Plan

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	An updated Infrastructure Delivery Plan is needed to truly reflect the needs of the Borough. New policies should be flexible to respond to the specific opportunities and needs of the develop sites

Response:	As part of the Local Plan preparation process, the Council needs to establish what infrastructure may be required in order to support the delivery of development proposals and growth across the Borough. The Council will liaise with key infrastructure providers during the formulation of the new Local Plan proposals from an early stage to inform the locations and deliverability of sites as well as identifying infrastructure capacity and deficits. These discussions will inform the content of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP).
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Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Sustainable transport should be promoted by locating growth in sustainable locations such as Bere Hill, which is close to existing transport opportunities. Bere Hill provides the opportunity to create pedestrian and cycle links along Micheldever Road into the neighbouring suburbs and to the town centre. Public transport at Picket Twenty links to the train station and town centre
Response:	The Council will consider potential sites for allocation for new development in line with sustainable development principles, including taking account of accessibility and sustainable travel opportunities.

Reference: 10090	
Summary of comment:	An increase in the amount of housing in villages would make public transport more viable
Response:	The Council will review the settlement hierarchy and housing distribution, including to the rural area. Account will be taken of accessibility and public transport provision. The Council will seek to sustain the sustainability of rural settlements.

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Public transport should be available from the initial occupation of new developments to instil a culture of usage. New development should also be on or near sustainable transport routes or hubs
Response:	Bus services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Development on the periphery of towns must have planned cycle and pedestrian routes to the centre which are fully linked to existing strategic and local routes
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10095	
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Summary of comment:	EV charging points and future new technology should be taken into account
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Travel plans should be provided with new development and actively monitored and implemented for the first 5 years of occupation
Response:	Noted, this is a practice which already takes place

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	More traffic free areas within urban centres (on a permanent or temporary basis) are needed. The speed limit should be reduced within residential and urban centres (to 20mph)
Response:	Noted, this is a subject the Council could investigate further with our partners in an attempt to improve the environment and vibrancy of town centres as well as the safety of pedestrians/cyclists

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Strategic infrastructure for cyclists and walkers, with clear signage, must be provided providing good access North to South through Romsey and to access facilities
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	New development should include a good mix of housing (especially housing for the elderly and affordable units) to ensure a variety of modal transport uses.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on housing need including housing for older people and affordable housing considering potential sites for allocation for new development, this will be undertaken in line with sustainable development principles, including taking account of sustainable transport options.

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	Development must include mixed use housing/ leisure / business to encourage the self-containment of living, jobs and leisure to reduce the need to travel.
Response:	The Council will review its evidence base on employment needs including land and premise. Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of uses will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10100	
Summary of comment:	How settlements could be linked across the countryside should be looked into
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	Allocate development in sustainable locations, e.g. close to existing settlements and public transport routes. Locate residents closer to employment, retail, and leisure to access. Also provide opportunity for direct public transport/pedestrian/cycle links in order to promote these methods of travel
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of uses will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10102	
Summary of comment:	It's difficult to see how public transport can continue in a viable fashion. There should be more flexibility and licences issued for Mini buses using Uber type technology
Response:	Most public transport services are run by private companies and for that reason their routing and scheduling falls out of the controls of the Council, while the comment is noted licencing does not come under the remit of the Local Plan

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	It is important the Council promotes the use and provision of public footpaths and cycle ways
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Where there are large developments transport subsidies, usually for buses, should be provided
Response:	This would not come under the remit of the Local Plan, this would instead be an approach taken by HCC

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	We appreciate it would be difficult to provide separate cycle tracks in town because of limited road width, and none of the approach roads are 'cycle friendly' so options are limited
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Create more of a cycling culture - through more dedicated cycle parking or more publicity, perhaps
Response:	Maps for walking and cycling routes are being updated however there are some currently available on the Council website here http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/cyclingwalking

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Completing the Timsbury to Romsey cycleway (off-road) and maintaining the existing route in good order would be appreciated
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10111	
Summary of comment:	Development should be in locations that offer genuine alternative travel options, in areas that are well related to key travel attractors and where good public transport services are available.
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	To facilitate modal shift from the private car, developments need to be in locations that offer genuine alternative travel options. As such the Council should seek to locate development in settlements that are well related to key travel attractors and where good public transport services are available.
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10117	
Summary of comment:	The plan should take a flexible approach to the provision of other infrastructure, such as park & ride sites. Specifically, the existing allocation at Bargain Farm should be set out in a way that supports innovative approaches, including a multi-storey approach, or a use that combines with other development (such as a health campus proposed on the site)
Response:	The current Local Plan has identified a potential park and ride site at Bargain Farm in Nursling and this process will explore the option of adding more potential sites for a similar purpose. Once sites have been identified through the Local Plan the implementation stage will then take place

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	NPPF para 108 facilitates consideration to development opportunities which are not driven entirely by access to more

	sustainable forms of transport. This is important in supporting smaller local communities lacking access to transport
Response:	The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies, the Council will take all of these policies into account of during the plan making process

Reference: 10118	
Summary of comment:	There is an opportunity to consider the location of sites relative to access to public transport and the cycle network, as well as proximity to services such as local primary schools, which should be considered when allocating sites
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Development should be prioritised in those locations which are served by existing infrastructure, and where there is potential for such infrastructure to be enhanced.
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Strategic scale sites can assist sustainable transport modes, as they will be at appropriate scales to accommodate wider services and infrastructure, reducing the need to travel by car.
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10119	
Summary of comment:	Strategic scale sites are appropriate for well-designed master planning to support walking, cycling, and public transport modes
Response:	The potential of larger strategic sites to deliver infrastructure is recognised and that masterplanning can make provision for accessibility by sustainable travel modes and public transport. The consideration of potential sites for allocation for new development will be in line with sustainable development principles.

Reference: 10122	
Summary of comment:	Seek to locate development close to sustainable forms of transport and make on site provision for such modes. Development provides opportunities to enhance existing sustainable forms of transport and to introduce site specific measures

Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, in line with sustainable development principles.
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Reference: 10123

Summary of comment:	There is a higher reliance on private cars with 10% more households in Test Valley owning a car than the national average, believe that land integrating into existing public routes and nearby services can promote walking, cycling and public transport as a counter to that trend
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Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys
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Reference: 10124

Summary of comment:	More public charging points, separate cycle lanes, should not take on disused buses from other areas that are not required
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Response:	Installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate, also it is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys
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Reference: 10128

Summary of comment:	Need to invest in better/more connected cycle ways/footpaths and maintain them. Short stretches/piecemeal development based on developer contributions is doing little to achieve proposed cycle ways. Unfortunately little can be done to promote public transport as long as routes/schedule are left to the private sector
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Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys
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Reference: 10130

Summary of comment:	Increase the amount of housing in villages most able to accommodate development, particularly those close to main roads, with the objective of improving public transport links between villages and main towns
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Response:	The Council will review the settlement hierarchy and housing distribution, including to the rural area. Account will be taken of accessibility and public transport provision. The Council will seek to sustain the sustainability of rural settlements.
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Reference: 10133

Summary of comment:	Where proposals can integrate with existing sustainable transport options and provide genuine choice to reduce car dependency, these should be considered for growth through the
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	Local Plan. Access to safe/convenient pedestrian/cycle routes will be supported as will mixed use developments which internalise movement
Response:	Opportunities for mixed use development or the close location of use will be considered, including with regard travel and accessibility, taking account of both existing and potential new provision, in line with sustainable development principles

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	It was considered that walking, cycling and public transport should be considered more robustly in the I&O report
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys, however, the majority of public transport is run by private companies and which cannot be affected by the Council

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	New development must ensure the routes comply with adoptable HCC standards, make provision for public transport routes, ensure public transport is available from initial occupation, be on or near sustainable transport routes/hubs and have planned cycle/pedestrian routes to local centres
Response:	The Council has the ability to ensure new developments have the capability of accommodating public transport once completed, however the providers are private companies and the Council is not able to determine which services run where. It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Electric vehicle charging points and future new tech should be taken into account
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Travel plans should be provided with new development and actively monitored and implemented for the first 5 years of occupation
Response:	Noted, this is a practice which already takes place

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Seek to progress more traffic free areas within urban centres either on a permanent, semi-permanent or daily temporal basis, design roads to ensure 20mph speeds in urban centres/residential areas

Response:	Noted, this is a subject the Council could investigate further with our partners in an attempt to improve the environment and vibrancy of town centres as well as the safety of pedestrians/cyclists
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Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Infrastructure for cycling/walking must be provided enabling good access on local routes, new routes should be implemented and others upgraded to encourage more use providing a more environmentally friendly way to go short distances
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Consider the changing trend in car ownership, especially with the younger generation which will affect parking standards, and the provision of leasing and car-pooling within developments
Response:	All scenarios will be taken into consideration during the plan making process in order to ensure the new Local Plan is futureproofed and able to adapt to the changing times and behaviours of the citizens

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Potential for alternative modes of transport to work to be explored, with cycling and walking potentially a feasible option for several people. Local Plan should consider improving the network of safe walk/cycle routes with attention paid to the development of high amenity routes connecting key areas across the Borough, also links to POS/rail and other public transport; establish safe cross points on busy roads
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Promote cycling/walking as a leisure activity and a cost-effective way of improving health while reducing emissions. Consider joint promotion with HCC in schools to get the message across to people early on
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network of safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10136	
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Summary of comment:	Improvements in frequency of public transport and how it connects neighbouring areas should be reviewed to make it a legitimate travel option for commuters
Response:	The Council has the ability to ensure new developments have the capability of accommodating public transport once completed, however the providers are private companies and the Council is not able to determine which services run where

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	By encouraging connectivity improvements (footpaths/cycle links/bus services) within and between development proposals. An alternative way to fund such improvements is through Travel Plan contributions
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Improve paths for walking and cycling
Response:	It is the aim of Test Valley to continue work to create a well-connected network or safe walking and cycling routes in order to provide a sustainable alternative to private cars for short/medium length journeys

Paragraph 8.10

Reference: 10053	
Summary of comment:	More thought needed on parking, large family cars too big for standard parking spaces creating access problems
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Paragraph 8.12

Reference: 10054	
Summary of comment:	Agree with this comment
Response:	Noted

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Most households need more than one car so lower densities are inevitable. Make good use of the space with new trees
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process. Any Developer would also need to comply with the design policies within the Local Plan to ensure open spaces are in keeping with the surrounding character of the area

Reference: 10002	
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Summary of comment:	Parking around the War Memorial Park is difficult
Response:	Any alterations to road layout need to take account of the width of the street and the character of this part of the town, there are no current plans to alter the layout of this stretch of road

Reference: 10002	
Summary of comment:	The road by the War Memorial Park should be widened to allow for herringbone parking
Response:	Any alterations to road layout need to take account of the width of the street and the character of this part of the town, there are no current plans to alter the layout of this stretch of road

Paragraph 8.13

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Electric vehicle charging is even more important now as no new petrol/diesel cars will be sold from 2040
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Question 45: How do you think the Council should be making provision for parking within new development?

Reference: 10001	
Summary of comment:	Borough should be providing for more electrical power charging points; electric cars are going to be in larger circulation in the future
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Parking allocation is usually insufficient for modern families who usually have a minimum of two cars
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Garaging is too small to fit modern day vehicles and roads within the development are too narrow and incompatible with on street parking
Response:	Garage sizes are a subject covered by building regulations and not covered by the Local Plan, details such as access and road widths are often taken into consideration within a planning application and are taken into account when permission is granted. The Council will consider the issue of garage size as part of a planning application, where relevant.

Reference: 10012	
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Summary of comment:	Recognise that most households will want to own two cars (those with adult children may want up to four)
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Make provision for sufficient off-road parking (build with the ground floor being the garage for the dwelling)
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, it would be down to the developer and the architect of a proposal to put forward the design for the houses

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	Make provision for 2 medium size cars per dwelling plus additional visitor parking. Give consideration to domestic charging points for electric cars
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	Spaces must be carefully related to and within sight of dwellings.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Adequate parking in new developments can help ensure pedestrian and cycle pathways remain safe and free from obstruction. This can be achieved through a policy that specified the no. of car parking spaces needed on new sites
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	In line with the NPPF, new sites should allow for the installation of electric car charging points. These should be encouraged in town centres and other retail developments.
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10029	
Summary of comment:	Adequate cycle storage should be provided on new sites (2 per home including one bedroom units). Visitor cycling storage should also be available
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, this could be used to also take into account the subject of cycle parking provision

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	Realism required. Parking is needed for at least 2 vehicles per household. Underground parking should be mandatory for flats.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference:10040	
Summary of comment:	Car ownership will remain high, developers must make adequate provision for on-site parking, ideally overlooked with vehicle power charging
Response:	The Council cannot insist on developers incorporating charging points into new developments, however the installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles on Council owned properties is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10042	
Summary of comment:	There is inadequate parking in new residential development. Each house should have 2 parking spaces for practical living conditions. On road parking for visitors is also essential
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The Council's approach to parking provision should be in accordance with National Policy (NPPF para. 105)
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	A flexible approach should be adopted to reflect different locations and accessibility to sustainable transport; a borough wide prescriptive policy should be avoided
Response:	Throughout the plan making process the Council will be exploring many different approaches to the transport and infrastructure policies, ensuring the best possible outcome for those living in the Borough

Reference: 10044	
Summary of comment:	The impact of parking on design quality also needs to be considered in setting policy
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Rear parking courts on new residential development are not successful even though they may meet the quantity of space set out in parking standards

Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage
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Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	The design of a housing layout should show how the parking spaces are set out in small groups or on each plot, not at the rear
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	New development will require on-site parking for years to come, and the parking needs to be immediately adjacent to the car owner's property as the proportion of electric vehicles requiring recharging increases
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Council should not define a parking standard in new developments; rather let the market decide what parking the developer provides. Council should prevent overnight parking on verges/green spaces. Developers will have to provide suitable parking areas as few want to leave their cars remotely overnight
Response:	A developer would determine the target market and submit a proposal accordingly. The Council would then determine whether the parking provision proposed is acceptable when compared to Parking Standards Policy T2 which will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10057	
Summary of comment:	Target markets should be considered e.g. shared ownership flats target young professionals and might have 2 cars, but rented blocks near a station might work with little or no parking
Response:	A developer would determine the target market and submit a proposal accordingly. The Council would then determine whether the parking provision proposed is acceptable when compared to Parking Standards Policy T2 which will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	Usually not enough provision for parking is made - there is typically no allocation for parking by visitors

Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process
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Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	More off-road parking provision is needed
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	Adequate parking needs to be based on the size of the household and building
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10063	
Summary of comment:	More spaces should be allocated in specific designated areas close to homes to alleviate the issue of on-street parking
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	I prefer a "maximum" approach to parking
Response:	Noted

Reference: 10064	
Summary of comment:	As householders do not often use garages for cars, the Council should encourage adequate space to be provided within residential curtilages, to reduce cars parked on roads
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Amount of parking per house needs to continue at present standard, must be aware of work vans brought home. Also need room for delivery vehicle numbers to increase and provision for carers/community nurses which can visit many times a day. Need additional parking away from homes, perhaps with permit system
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process; this policy takes into account the supply of parking spaces for new developments and aspects including layout and impact on the surrounding road infrastructure

Reference: 10069	
Summary of comment:	Garages are counted as a parking space but hardly used for parking, should they still be counted as such?

Response:	Noted, while the purpose of a garage is one of vehicle storage, the Council cannot control how people use their property in this regard
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Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Parking should be provided to meet the needs and provide some over flow/visitor parking
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082	
Summary of comment:	Parking needs to be proximate to each residence, visible if possible from the household but not prominent in the street scene
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Parking courts are not generally favoured by residential; on plot parking seems to work well
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10080, 10081, 10082, 10090	
Summary of comment:	Car ports instead of single garages could be considered; this avoids garages becoming storage areas in preference to a place to park the car
Response:	The design of housing does fall under the remit of the Council, however it would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Parking courts should be eliminated, as residents want to have sight of their vehicles parked within the curtilage of their own properties
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, the design of the parking provision would be taken into consideration at the planning stage

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Garage conversions should be discouraged
Response:	Garage conversions are often classified as permitted development and as planning permission is not required for this to be carried out it is out of the Council's control to discourage the public from making alterations to their property. Where

	planning permission is required, the Council will consider the impact on the loss of parking space provision.
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Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	Policies should consider growing families which often result in more vehicles being parked on the road
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10083	
Summary of comment:	It should not be acceptable to trail a lead from the charging point within a curtilage onto the road for electric vehicles
Response:	Noted, the Council cannot insist on developers incorporating charging points into new developments, however the installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles on Council owned properties is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Research ways of incentivising garage use for cars rather than for general household storage
Response:	This is out of the remit of the Council who cannot how householders use their property in this regard.

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Parking standards should be flexible to reflect the location of each site.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10089	
Summary of comment:	Policies should balance market requirements, high quality design and opportunities to encourage modal shift where possible
Response:	A developer would determine the target market and submit a proposal accordingly. The Council would then determine whether the parking provision proposed is acceptable when compared to Parking Standards Policy T2 which will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10095	
Summary of comment:	New development should consider the changing trends in car ownership and usage especially with the younger generation. This will affect parking standards and the provision or leasing and car-pooling
Response:	All scenarios will be taken into consideration during the plan making process in order to ensure the new Local Plan is futureproofed and able to adapt to the changing times and behaviours of the citizens

Reference: 10095	
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Summary of comment:	Car parking should make the most efficient use of existing space, traffic management policies and general landscaping
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Parking standards should define the minimum parking per dwelling size, visitor parking numbers and their formality, parking and garage dimensions and the acceptability of various provisions (on plot, on-street, courtyard, garaging, allocated or unallocated)
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	Care should be given to ensure that parking provisions do not result in a parking dominated street-scape
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10096	
Summary of comment:	A sensible, well-used, planned parking provision is needed rather than a formulaic approach
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10101	
Summary of comment:	There are a growing number of electric vehicles on the road; future parking standards should take into account access to charging points. But policy seeking a requirement for new development to include charging points should be avoided.
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Each house should have at least one parking space and ideally two; this should be a condition of any Planning Approval.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Parking should be within each access of the property and designate Parking Officers to regularly visit the sites and persistent offenders penalized
Response:	Noted, the Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10105	
Summary of comment:	Emergency vehicles should have access at all times, and adequate car parking for recreational activities is also essential

Response:	Noted, details such as access and road widths are often taken into consideration within a planning application and are taken into account when permission is granted
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Reference: 10106	
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Summary of comment:	The LA cannot deter car ownership and use by limiting parking space on new developments. Impose a requirement to provide cycle storage
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Response:	The Council will always encourage residents to consider alternatives to the private car be it through the provision of new walking/cycle paths or work with developers to ensure upcoming schemes have suitable access to allow for possible future public transport links. The primary focus of sustainable transport is though on reducing private car use, not ownership.
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Reference: 10124	
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Summary of comment:	More visitor spaces, residential parking fees, proper provision for parking work vehicles, provision for lorry parks with washing facilities and cafes
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Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process. With regards to provision for a lorry park including wash facilities and cafes, this is a subject that the Council could look into during the plan making process
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Reference: 10128	
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Summary of comment:	Local Plan should require adequate parking based on realistic numbers of cars per household. Owners want to be able to see their cars from the house rather than in a garage block/car park out of site. Roads must be designed to avoid becoming blocked by parked cars
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Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process
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Reference: 10130	
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Summary of comment:	Parking should be provided to meet the needs and provide some over flow/visitor parking, proximate to each residence, visible from the house, not prominent in the street scene. Parking courts are not favoured, consider the use of carports
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Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process; aspects of the design of parking provision are taken into consideration at the planning stage before permission is granted
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Reference: 10131	
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Summary of comment:	Provision of on plot frontages parking provides the most convenient, secure and well used parking provision
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Response:	Noted, aspects of the design of parking provision are taken into consideration at the planning stage before permission is granted
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Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	If local parking standards are to be established policies should take account of: accessibility, type, mix and use of development, availability and opportunities for public transport, local car ownership and electric car charging provision
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10133	
Summary of comment:	Current Local Plan car parking method is empirical and prescriptive; evidence base for any future parking standards should be consistent with NPPF para. 105, not a one size fits all subjects. Cost associated with car charging points in terms of impact on viability on developments should be identified in the Local Plan
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10134	
Summary of comment:	Opportunities to provide car parking under new developments should be considered to make the most efficient use of space, traffic management and landscaping
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process; this policy takes into account the supply of parking spaces for new developments and aspects including layout and impact on the surrounding road infrastructure. Travel plans are often drawn up for new developments which would focus on encouraging car sharing schemes amongst other things.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Consider offering car parking free in town centres to encourage footfall
Response:	Currently there is free parking in town centres after 4pm and on Sundays. The possibility of extending this offering of free car parking in towns is something that the Council could look into in the future

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Encourage car sharing within new development to mitigate impact of fuel emissions. Liaise with businesses near to areas of high footfall to determine if car parking they have could be used FOC outside office hours
Response:	Travel plans are often drawn up for new developments which would focus on encouraging car sharing schemes amongst other things. The idea surrounding utilising empty car parks at off peak hours is something that the Council could look into in the future.

Reference: 10136	
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Summary of comment:	EV charging points should be installed across the borough to encourage use of electric vehicles
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	See NPPF para. 105, need to take account of; accessibility, type, mix and use of development, availability/opportunities for public transport, local car ownership and need to ensure an adequate provision of spaces for charging plug-in vehicles
Response:	The National Planning Policy Framework sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies, the Council will take all of these policies into account of during the plan making process

Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	Accept that people have cars and will do in the future and will eventually be electric. No point making life difficult for people to park near their houses. Good design and landscaping will once again sort these problems. Installing of charging points should start now
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles on Council owned properties is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate, however the Council will also continue to encourage residents to consider sustainable alternatives to private vehicles

Question 46: Do you agree with the Council's current approach to parking or are there changes you would like to see made?

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Charging points need to be incorporated into future design
Response:	The Council cannot insist on developers incorporating charging points into new developments, however the installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles on Council owned properties is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10010	
Summary of comment:	Need to look at parking arrangements when allowing permission for new or expanding business. In Stockbridge, High Street residents find it difficult to park their cars because there is increased pressure on spaces from employees and customers of businesses on the High Street.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process, this policy takes into account the supply of parking spaces for both residential and commercial development

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Provide more car parking and less congestion in Romsey Town Centre
Response:	Car parking studies have been undertaken for Romsey and the Council will take the results into consideration during the plan making exercise to determine what the best approach will be to address these topics

Reference: 10012	
Summary of comment:	Make provision for sufficient off-road parking (most households will want to own two cars, with those with adult children up to four)
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10013	
Summary of comment:	New developments should take account of the need for more and larger vehicles circulating at the same time
Response:	Noted, details such as access and road widths are often taken into consideration within a planning application and are taken into account when permission is granted

Reference: 10026	
Summary of comment:	The issues which have arisen with parking on the new estates speak for themselves
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10036	
Summary of comment:	In general, yes, Test Valley is high on the list of best places to live and is a broad vindication of current policy and should not be lightly surrendered
Response:	Noted, this support is appreciated

Reference: 10040	
Summary of comment:	Council has allowed developers to treat parking as a late addition to the planning layout. Hidden parking courts are unpopular, if cars can't be seen they're deemed unsecure
Response:	Parking is an important aspect of any development and is taken into consideration throughout the planning process, the Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Not enough parking is provided on new housing developments.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10048	
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Summary of comment:	The impact of position of waste bins needs much more consideration so they do not conflict with parking areas or general street scenes
Response:	Noted, details such as bin stores are often taken into consideration within a planning application and are taken into account when permission is granted

Reference: 10048	
Summary of comment:	Housing for the elderly on sheltered housing or care homes needs to be re-examined to ensure adequate (more) provision of parking
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10051	
Summary of comment:	The current approach is not always ensuring parking is close enough to the owner's property, ensuring safety, accessibility, security and overseeing of the parking facility
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10055	
Summary of comment:	Provision of free public toilets and washing facilities should be a requirement for all new planning applications, apply equally and proportionately to commercial, public and private developments alike. Developers should be required to provide facilities in their premises at no charge or contribute to a trust which provide facilities locally; will mitigate the Council decision to close their facilities
Response:	The Council cannot insist on developers to provide such facilities as a requirement in order to gain planning permission

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	No questions were asked about health services provision; this is a big hole in the Local Plan
Response:	It is not within the remit of Test Valley to provide healthcare facilities; the Council takes the advice of WHCCG and other professional medical bodies when considering applications for such facilities and in planning provision for future needs. Healthcare will be considered in assessing future infrastructure requirements for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10062	
Summary of comment:	The Council needs some proper planning for healthcare services in Romsey; there are currently 3 surgery buildings which are inadequate and are hard to access. Parking is also very difficult
Response:	It is not within the remit of Test Valley to provide healthcare facilities; the Council takes the advice of WHCCG and other professional medical bodies when considering applications for such facilities and in planning provision for future needs.

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Reference: 10062	
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Summary of comment:	TBVC has done zero planning to provide new and more appropriate healthcare facilities which are needed; a proposal for a new surgery on the bypass site was even turned down a few years ago
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Response:	It is not within the remit of Test Valley to provide healthcare facilities; the Council takes the advice of WHCCG and other professional medical bodies when considering applications for such facilities and in planning provision for future needs. Healthcare will be considered in assessing future infrastructure requirements for the next Local Plan.
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Reference: 10062	
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Summary of comment:	Provision of electric charging points may become essential, though at present the situation is fluid
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Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate
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Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	My experience as a planning consultant is generally favourable
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Response:	Noted, your feedback is appreciated
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Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	Parking in restricted areas should be more severely enforced
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Response:	Noted
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Reference: 10064	
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Summary of comment:	The Council should adopt roads provided to adoptable standards, and should force developers to achieve those standards
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Response:	Highways come under the remit of Hampshire County Council it would therefore be unlikely that the Council would adopt completed roads, road transport professionals would have to meet the standards set out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges as set out by the Department for Transport
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Reference: 10083	
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Summary of comment:	Parking standards should be increased as it currently does not deal with potential future requirements of development
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Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process
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Reference: 10083	
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Summary of comment:	Given young people stay with their families longer due to the current housing state, an average family of 4 will potentially need 4 parking spaces
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10085	
Summary of comment:	Too many new developments seem to be allowed with garages that could only ever be used by the smallest available cars
Response:	An issues such as this is likely to be best dealt with via Building Regulations and not planning

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Electric cars are the future and the Council needs to take this on board. Electric charging points for cars should be integral to any parking development and the energy provided should be the lowest cost to encourage use.
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	There are free Menekes type plugs in places available in many supermarket parking areas now and I suggest the Council looks at this model as cars could charge overnight
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Air quality is not specifically mentioned but it does need to be considered as there are parts of the Borough (e.g. outside schools and heavy traffic areas) where there are high levels of pollution.
Response:	While air quality is an ever present issues Test Valley does have a reasonably good level of air quality which is measured regularly; which means we have not needed to take measures to try and control emissions through the introduction of Air Quality Management Areas etc. This is an issues that the Council will continue to monitor and take steps to intervene should a deterioration in air quality within the borough occur

Reference: 10087	
Summary of comment:	Refer to the electric car event on Transition Town Romsey website for more information on the dangers of diesel pollution and how traffic plans can encourage sustainable travel modes throughout the Borough.
Response:	The installation of charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles is something the Council has been and will continue to investigate

Reference: 10106	
Summary of comment:	Current provision is inadequate as they leave no room for car ownership by large families or for visitors, resulting in obstructed access and uncontrolled roadside parking.
Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process

Reference: 10131	
Summary of comment:	Current approach provides sufficient flexibility and is considered adequate
Response:	Noted

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	The importance of planning and its impacts on demand for healthcare services, the facilities from which services can be most effectively and efficiently delivered. Welcomed the intention to produce an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to contribute to the plan in terms of health infrastructure development
Response:	The Council welcomes the advice of WHCCG and other professional medical bodies when considering applications for future health facilities and planning in terms of future health infrastructure development. Healthcare will be considered in assessing future infrastructure requirements for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10132	
Summary of comment:	West Hampshire CCG welcome the opportunity to develop a close working relationship with the Council to foster symbiotic approaches to planning health infrastructure to meet residents/patients' needs
Response:	The Council welcomes the advice of WHCCG and other professional medical bodies when considering applications for future health facilities and planning in terms of future health infrastructure development. Healthcare will be considered in assessing future infrastructure requirements for the next Local Plan.

Reference: 10136	
Summary of comment:	Initiatives promoting environmental sustainability that help drive social/economic improvements must be at the heart of the Local Plan. Collaboration/engagement with local stakeholders is key to ensuring effectiveness of plans
Response:	Sustainable Development is the core principle of the currently Local Plan and this will continue to be the case with the new Local Plan

Reference: 10137	
Summary of comment:	Whilst type and mix is taken into account, but unclear whether the other criteria have been considered. Ask that clarification on this, and potentially a variation in the standards for each type of development dependant on the sustainability of the location

Response:	The Parking Standards Policy T2 in the current plan will be reviewed as part of the new Local Plan process
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Reference: 10138	
Summary of comment:	If your current approach is to think of the welfare and convenience of the residents of Test Valley, we would fully support you
Response:	Noted, the show of support is appreciated

Chapter 9: Next Steps and how to get involved

No comments submitted on this chapter.