

**Replies from Braishfield Parish Council to Questionnaire in Next Local Plan
– Refined Issues and options Consultation.**

Question 1

Should (a) we maintain the two existing HMAs, but perhaps with a revised boundary between them, such as enlarging the area within STV HMA. If so, what additional area(s) of the Borough should be included within STV HMA? Alternatively, (b) should a single HMA for the whole of Test Valley be used? Or (c) should additional HMAs be created, increasing the number to 3 or 4, with the additional HMA(s) applying to the rural areas

Leave HMS's as is with no change to boundaries.

Question 2

In determining HMAs how should wider relationships with settlements beyond the Borough's boundaries, be taken into account, including with Southampton, Salisbury and Winchester.

Not necessary.

Question 3

Should an alternative approach to using parish boundaries be used for HMAs? If so, would this be easily be identifiable and practical for monitoring purposes

No

Question 4

Should the number steps of the settlement hierarchy be increased, for example by subdividing the 'rural villages' into two separate tiers?

Possibly – more information required.

Question 5

How should we decide which settlements to include within each step of the settlement hierarchy?

Not sure – more information required.

Question 6

Should we consider groups of rural settlements together, where these are closely related to each other and/or share facilities and services?

No

Question 7

How should we treat rural settlements which are close to other larger settlements and can therefore also easily access their facilities and services?

Rural settlements should be treated as stand alone.

Question 8

In updating the settlement boundaries to reflect recent development which has built and development with planning permission, should we also include new allocations?

Not appropriate.

Question 9

How should we define settlement boundaries? What types of land uses should be included, such as public open space?

Should exclude "buffer" land and therefore Public open Space and open space that defines clusters within Villages.

Question 10

Should the approach to using whole curtilages for defining settlement boundaries be retained, or should we take account of physical boundaries which extend beyond curtilages, or limit settlement boundaries to only parts of curtilages?

Use whole curtilages,

Question 11

Should settlement boundaries be draw more tightly or more loosely, and perhaps reflecting which tier settlement is within the settlement hierarchy?

As is at present.

Question 12

Should settlement boundaries provide further opportunities for further limited growth beyond infill and redevelopment?

No

Question 13

Should we have a specific policy for self-build homes?

No.

Question 14

Should be we have a policy for large housing sites to include a proportion of serviced plots to be made available for sale to those seeking to build their own homes?

Maybe.

Question 15

Should self-build housing to be delivered as part of community led development?

Maybe.

Question 16

Could the introduction of a self-build housing policy also be an opportunity for the Council to tackle the issue of climate change?

Maybe.

Question 17

Should a revised tourism policy be more flexible for potential new tourist attractions?

No Comment.

Question 18

Should a revised tourism policy be more supportive of innovative proposals?

No Comment.

Replies from Braishfield Parish council

Chapter 4: Visions & Objectives

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

Good balance of Countryside and urban areas

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

Maintaining separation and bespoke villages with their own identity.

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

As above.

Chapter 5: Living in Test Valley

- Question 4: Should the Local Plan's housing requirement be consistent with Government's standard methodology? Do you have any evidence to support your view?

Should be bespoke to TV

- Question 5: Should the Local Plan increase its housing requirement to help support economic growth? If yes, do you have any evidence to support this?

Current numbers appear adequate.

- Question 6: Do you think the Housing Market Area (HMA) boundary is broadly right? If not, how and why do you think it should be changed?

No Change

- Question 7: Are there any other approaches to distributing development across the Borough that we should consider?

Maintain Andover as a growth area with good motorway links. Romsey now at saturation.

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

No

- Question 9: How should the settlement boundaries be defined in the next Local Plan?

As is – no change.

- **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?

No change

Question 11: What should the trigger be for seeking affordable housing?

Local defined and provable need.

Question 12: Should we allow market housing on rural affordable exception sites?

Definitely not.

- **Question 13:** How should we meet the requirement for Self Build plots? Should it be as part of sites over a certain threshold or separate sites?

Integrated with Market housing.

- • **Question 14:** Should we establish a policy that covers dwellings in the countryside which are of exceptional quality?

With care and with regard to local dwellings and villages.

- • **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?

Integrate elderly smaller houses / bungalows for downsizing.

- • **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?

A bit of both.

- • **Question 17:** Should we restrict the size of replacements and extensions to dwellings in the countryside to keep a range of dwellings?

Not necessarily. Both must adhere to VDS if in place.

- • **Question 18:** Should the Council establish density standards in the Local Plan?

Maybe.

- • **Question 19:** Do you think we should establish internal space standards for future homes?

Yes.

- • **Question 20:** Do you think we should establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwellings?

Yes.

- • **Question 21:** Should the Local Plan set out a definition of rural worker? And if so what should it include?

Maybe.

- • Question 22: How do you think we should best meet Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople's needs?

Locate land away from settlements.

- • Question 23: Do you agree that we should have a specific policy on health and wellbeing? What sort of issues do you think it should cover?

Provision of GP or other healthcare facilities to serve new developments.

- • Question 24: Should some types of facilities and services be given more protection than others?

As above and Schools.

- • Question 25: Should we continue to protect all existing community facilities and services?

Yes.

Chapter 6: Working in Test Valley

- Question 26: Should we allocate more land to enable more choice and flexibility to the market?

Possibly but dependant on traffic generation.

- Question 27: What are your views on promoting smaller workspaces within the Borough?

Depends on demand.

- Question 28: What provisions or controls should be made relating to people working from home?

Acceptable provided no additional traffic or parking generated.

- 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?

Retail use declining and likely to continue to do so.

- Question 30: How should we best continue seeking apprenticeships?

No Comment.

- Question 31: What should be included in any tourism policy in the next Local Plan?

- Question 32: Should there be measures to support tourism proposals, and if so, what?

Chapter 7: Enjoying Test Valley

- 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?

Yes definitely

- Question 34: Should the Local Plan identify and designate Local Areas of Green Space or should this be undertaken via Neighbourhood Plans?

In Local plan.

- Question 35: Should the next Local Plan continue to promote water efficiency from new developments?

Yes.

- Question 36: Should we identify suitable sites for renewable energy, including onshore wind, in the Local Plan?

Maybe.

- Question 37: If so, which areas of the Borough would be appropriate and for which types of technology (e.g. wind turbines, solar photovoltaic panels)?

Areas away from built up areas. Adjacent to major roads.

- Question 38: Should the Local Plan encourage energy efficiency when constructing new development

Yes

- Question 39: How can we improve design quality within the Borough?

More control in the pre planning and planning process.

- 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?

Specific to retain / increase open space.

- Question 41: Should we continue to set a per dwelling or per hectare standard for recreational open space provision on residential developments? 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?

The former.

- Question 42: Should alternative open space for mitigation be provided as part of new developments or should land be specifically allocated, or a combination?

Open space designed and created within and around developments.

- Question 43: Is there anything additional which the Council should be taking account of?

No sure.

Chapter 8: Infrastructure in Test Valley

- Question 44: How can the Council promote more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport?

Provision of dedicated paths and more regular affordable bus routes.

- Question 45: How do you think the Council should be making provision for parking within new development?

Ensure sufficient is supplied. Ban garage conversions.

- Question 46: Do you agree with the Council's current approach to parking or are there changes you would like to see made?

Most new estates have insufficient parking provision so additional communal parking needs to be provided.

