

Test Valley Borough Council Next Local Plan - Refined Issues and Options Consultation

COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published for public participation its Refined Issues and Options document. This is the second stage of preparing the next Local Plan, which follows the Issues and Options consultation in 2018.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. Further information can be found on our website at: www.testvalley.gov.uk/nextlocalplan

The consultation period runs from Friday 3 July 2020 to 4.30pm on 28 August 2020. Please respond before the close of the consultation period.

Once the form has been completed, please send to

If you are unable to send via email, please send a postal copy to our address below.

Contacting us

We are happy to help. If you have any queries, please contact us at:
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**ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION
FOR THE NEXT
LOCAL PLAN**

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**Response to Questions 13 – 16 on
SELF BUILD POLICIES**

PREFACE

The starting point is to consider the demand for plots in Test Valley. The Extract from the Council's AMR is helpful. It states:-

Self-Build & Custom Housebuilding

10.23 Under the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act, the Council has a duty to keep a register of individuals and associations of individuals who are seeking to acquire serviced plots of land in the Borough, in order to build houses for the individuals to occupy as homes.

10.24 Self-build and custom housebuilding registers provide information on the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in the Borough, which can support development opportunities for this type of housebuilding by increasing awareness of the demand amongst landowners, builders and developers.

10.25 Between 1st April 2018 and 31st March 2019 there were 29 valid requests by individuals and associations of individuals to be added to the Test Valley Self-Build Register.

10.26 The preferences of those on the register are as follows:

- Generally plots of 0.25+ acres are being sought;
- Plots are sought for individual, predominantly detached dwellings
- Plots are generally sought within semi-rural or rural areas, within relatively close proximity to Romsey or Andover, or other villages within the Borough.

Question 13

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

It is evident from the position set out above that there should be a specific policy for self build.

Question 14

Should 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?

Yes. Self-build and custom build housing should be encouraged and this form of housing should form part of the assessment of settlement boundaries.

Question 15

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

Only if there is a demand for it. The local community and parish councils can advise those promoting community led development schemes whether self-build (or custom build) housing plots are required.

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?

No, this should be the responsibility of every developer.

