

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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Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an *

Title*		First Name*	
Surname*			
Organisation* (If responding on behalf of an organisation)			

If you wish your comments to be acknowledged and to be kept informed of progress, please provide your email address below:

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If you don't have an email address and wish your comments to be acknowledged and to be kept informed of progress, please provide your postal address.

Address*			
	Postcode		

If you are an agent please give the name/company/organisation you are representing:

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Please note that representations cannot be treated as confidential. If you are responding as an individual, rather than as an organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email/postal address and telephone number) or signatures online, however the original representations will be available for public viewing at our offices by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by the Council for a period of 6 months after the next Local Plan is adopted.

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<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

Part B: Your Comments

Please use the boxes below to state your comments and questions. Please make it clear which paragraph or question your comments relate to where possible.

Paragraph / Question Ref	Comments
General comment	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to have a say. Myself, my husband and our young son moved to Romsey from London 3 years ago. We were attracted by the community feel in Romsey town centre, the beautiful countryside on our doorstep and the availability of jobs in nearby cities. I am encouraged by the Local Plan, which I believe recognises and aims to support the features that attracted us to relocate.</p> <p>Please keep up your focus on climate change and ensuring that our town centres adapt, offering more than just shops. As Romsey grows, it must be supported to retain its charm. A town centre that is traffic-free would be amazing, giving space for people to sit and chat, to watch music, to eat, to play and to just enjoy being there.</p>
1.12	<p>Great to see recognition of the changing nature of town centres and supporting them as venues rather than just shopping spaces. I lived in France for some time and really loved their market places, which in summer used to host music nights and theatre performances, with thriving cafes and markets (often traffic free as well – roads shut or, better still, no cars going through the town centre at all, ever).</p>
2.3 and 2.4	<p>BRILLIANT, so pleased that you're picking this out and making it a key part of the Local Plan. Great to see repeated mentions of climate change throughout the plan.</p>
6.12	<p>Thinking about the local economy and the town centre, I think it's worth noting that there are some thriving businesses on our industrial estates in Romsey (for instance, Lemon & Jinja and 108 The Bakery among others, up at Abbey Park Industrial Estate). It would be interesting if you could engage with the owners of these businesses – which usually you'd expect to find in a town centre – to ask what would entice them down the hill?</p>
7.30	<p>Seeking public opinion on how you should approach sustainable building/development seems odd. It should be a given that you'll plan for development to be as sustainable and energy efficient as it can be, ideally going beyond doing the minimum possible. Seek expert</p>

	<p>advice not public opinion. Please could you make sure the Whitenap extension is an example of green development. Have a look at BedZed in SW London for an example of what can be done: https://www.bioregional.com/projects-and-services/case-studies/bedzed-the-uks-first-large-scale-eco-village</p> <p>8.5 In London, we didn't have a car. It was normal to walk, cycle or use buses/trains/tubes to get everywhere. Now, I'm not suggesting Romsey gets an underground system, but we really could do with more frequent buses that are more affordable than currently. I got a return bus to Southampton with my son last summer and was staggered that it was £10 and took nearly an hour to get there. No wonder people drive, or that buses only ever seem to have reduced fare payers on them. Reluctantly, we now have two cars but would desperately like to get rid of one of them. This will only be possible if public transport and cycle paths improve.</p> <p>8.21 It seems incredible that there isn't a Sixth Form in Romsey. We have two large secondary schools and a growing population that is likely to include more families. Hundreds of children travel to Eastleigh, Winchester or Southampton for post-16 education. It would be good to see specific mention of plans to address post-16 education in Romsey.</p>
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What happens next?

All valid responses will be acknowledged and you will be given a reference number. Please quote this number when contacting the Council about the next Local Plan. If you have an agent acting on your behalf, correspondence will be sent to your agent.

All response received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan.