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Dear Planning Policy Officers,

I welcome the opportunity to comment on the TVBLP refined issues and options consultation document.

- I support the priorities of the Corporate Plan and fully support the emphasis of greater scope and detail on climate change.
- I strongly support the retention of the Local Gaps, as specified in the current local plan. Valley Park has one of the highest population densities in the Borough and has lower than required open space for its population,, which is why not just the local nature reserves but also the surrounding countryside afforded by the local gaps are of high value to the community and the recent covid-19 pandemic provided evidence of this need. The Valley Park Parish Council have made a bid, for CIL monies to plant 165 mature trees in strategic locations within the Valley Park area. As well providing amenity and wellbeing to the community who have strongly supported this concept. The increased tree coverage will bring benefits in terms of carbon sequestration and biodiversity. This will assist Test Valley Borough Council with their Climate Emergency Action Plan.
- Transport-Climate change. Reducing dependency on private cars as a means of transport for Valley Park residents can only be achieved through a combination of actions, supported by the required investment. Better Public Transport will be essential. The installation of public Electric Vehicle charging points in Valley Park in various locations. Whilst Valley Park has some good local facilities as part of a local plan development , analysis should be undertaken to understand whether journeys by car could be reduced further if further facilities were introduced.
- Crime/Anti-Social behaviour

Valley Park has had little or no community policing for a number of years. I therefore would welcome the reintroduction of a more visible and active level of community policing.

Housing Distribution A Housing Market Area should be allocated in the Mid -Test part of Test Valley. The Southern Test Valley Area and Andover have taken most of the housing over the last Thirty years and and there is still a large number to be built. It is now time

that housing was allocated to the mid-Test Area of Test Valley and the rural parish's provide housing within neighbourhood plans or are allocated a percentage increase of housing by the Test Valley Panning authority in order to sustain their local communities. I fully support paragraphs 2.19 and 2.20 of Annex 1