

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

COMMENTS FORM

Part A: Your Details

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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
Q1	Keep the STV HMA as is for the present.
Q2 & 8.6 – 8.12	<p>In relation to the adjacent cities it is important to provide and encourage public bus and rail transport to these cities that is readily accessible for the Romsey Town and its HMA. The critical mass of residents is to the east of the Dunbridge-Romsey-Millbrook railway line. Romsey station is to the west of this critical mass and gridlocked in the old part of town! Consider therefore an additional railway station on the eastern outskirts of Romsey with easy, safe, well signed cycle and pedestrian access across the town to the station, which should also be provided with adequate car parking for the estimated working population likely to use it by 2030. Similar safe access to the new station should be provided from the HMA beyond the east of Romsey boundary. The emphasis should be on walking and cycle access but remember that in inclement weather personal vehicles and buses will be more popular.</p> <p>A strong plan to link up with cycling corridors in the Southampton 2040 plan should be provided. Safe cycle access from Romsey to Winchester must also be planned.</p>
Q18	<p>We will need innovative solutions to Tourism to survive! Having more hotels/B&B's in the STV will be a move in the right direction. Thought should be given to how (younger) visitors might leave their cars parked at their hotel and cycle or bus into Romsey. When looking at a new hotel site (most probably outside the built-up areas) consider how safe cycling to the attractions and centres can be implemented.</p>
7.44	<p>Avoid building in the flood plain! Stand firm and use it for natural open space.</p>
8.6, 8.7, 8.8	<p>See comment under Q2 above. Getting to adjacent centres easily is important. However, getting from the extremities where the house building has been / will be done to the Town centres is also important. A coherent plan showing joined up attractive, safe walking and cycling radial routes must be put together and funded in a sensible manner. As the Town is growing, routes across town must also be planned, created and signed. Public transport (buses) must be perceived as being easy to use when the weather is bad. Plans must be proposed to do this.</p>

8.8, 8.9, 8.10	<p> Tempting as it seems to make these topics into separate sections, they must be considered as an integrated whole.</p> <p> Cycling within and across Town are at least as important as cycling beyond town on NC routes. While NC routes provide leisure access what are the plans for safe cycling to Winchester, Eastleigh, Southampton and Salisbury? How do such routes mate up with routes from the various neighbourhoods within town? How is one going to safely cycle into Romsey from the new Whitenap development when it is on the eastern 'wrong' side of the railway tracks from town?</p>
8.12	<p> See above under Q2, plus: Wherever the Romsey centre of Town bus drop off is finally located, there should be public conveniences close by. This dictated at least by an elderly bus using demographic. Ideally the bus drop off will be close to the centre of Romsey as it is today.</p>
8.13	<p> Why is this section mute on additional parking near Romsey town centre?</p>
8.23 & 8.25	<p> What happened to Smart Romsey? Wi-Fi in the town centre would be a boon now that we are all sitting in the open air and physically distanced!</p>
8.24	<p> Provision of High Speed broadband within Romsey town is lagging badly. BT Wholesale only offers ADSL2+. Why is Virgin allowed a monopoly for high speed BB in Romsey? In downtown Braishfield BT's VDSL2 is available. Who is rooting for Romsey? The plans will need to state what the target speed is and when we are to get it, cabinet by cabinet, across town. When we are working from home fast broad band to enable swift uploading (of our work product) is just as important as download speeds are for leisure use. ADSL2+ upload speed is pitiful.</p>

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All response received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the next Local Plan. We are happy to help. If you have any queries, please contact us at:

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