

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

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Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an *

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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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<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
Q1	<p>It seems to me that there are distinct differences between various geographic areas of TV I can see a reason to treat Andover and surrounding parishes as a single HMA however isolating the Southern Parishes from the mid zone of TVBC area seems wrong. The area from King Somborne south has been shown in a number of activities to link to Romsey rather than Andover.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to an A303/A30 corridor HMA with their East / West links and the rest of the Southern Parishes become separate HMA with clear links to Southampton / M27 corridor and secondary links to Winchester, Totton and Waterside.</p>
Q2	<p>Suggest split offered in Q1 would also better reflect existing public transport links via bus and Rail and certainly in southern area increasingly offers safe cycle routes.</p>
Q3	<p>Using parish boundaries give a defined boundary which are understood by those active in community matters, I do not see need to invent new boundary features</p>
Q4	<p>In my opinion in previous Local Plans not enough attention has been paid to the vibrancy of the villages, many have lost their shop(s) and through the middle of TV the public house trade has struggled. There are also villages where the local primary schools are struggling to recruit pupils from immediate area, potentially this could risk the viability of these schools.</p> <p>Providing family housing (for rent and purchase) within village environment must improve opportunity for local services to prosper. If more people take advantage of home working and with high performance internet in the rural areas local shops and places to gather socially become more important</p>
Q5	<p>The new local plan should avoid the current LP outcome of "hard boundaries" angular boundaries often linked to field boundaries should be avoided, new developments should be planned to blend into surrounding rural areas. Perhaps this can be achieved by placing some of the required open space to the outside edges of developments</p>

Q6	There are settlements like Braishfield and Kings Somborne that are self-contained and should be maintained as such. But an area such as Timsbury and Michelmersh could be considered a single settlement area as they share what few facilities remain.
Q7	However the settlements near larger centres are dealt with it is important that they remain identifiable communities and not just as a suburb of the larger settlement. As in the case of Braishfield walking and cycling routes are an important way of build shared communities. For example cycling to Braishfield or North Baddesley from Romsey for lunch (and reverse of those routes) benefits hospitality businesses in both communities and could easily be undertaken as a young family. These are natural links; it would be harder to force a similar connection between say King Somborne and Romsey or Stockbridge.
Q8	Not sure I fully understand question but both existing and developments with PP need to be considered before additional land is allocated for further development
Q9	Public open spaces and open access land should be part of the defined settlement boundary, I believe there is a case for having allocated open space on edge of settlements as well as within built development
Q10	Comment included in responses above
Q11	Settlement boundaries should be softened by using natural land features, existing planting, water features and importantly contours. The Local Plan should emphasise the need to look at developments in three dimensions
Q12	<p>Given increasing interest in “green credentials” of domestic property it is likely that the self-build community will continue to be the first to demonstrate regular and effective use of features like heat pumps, grey water recycling and green roofs etc. Large scale developers have not picked up any of these features in any meaningful way.</p> <p>Land set aside for self-build, if it is possible, should have planning approval dependent on design innovation around environmental enhancement. Maybe with part grant funding from CIL or similar funding pots, effectively building demonstration or model settlements.</p>

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Q13	Yes, may need to include TVBC acquiring land for small developments with a lease back / sell option for self-build developers.
Q14	Developers of larger sites should be required to provide suitable sites as part of their development sites or separate small sites. Policy would need to ensure that locations for self builds are at least as well located as main development, (ie) not pushed to rear of site or used as barrier against features such as main roads, rail links or industrial units.
Q15	Yes, if evidence suggests that suitable partners available, parish council perhaps?? Or Housing Associations / charities
Q16	Very much so if the sites are planned as an entity and used as demonstration sites for technology. Would suggest use of sites within existing settlements (if any remain) to develop “eco streets” maybe with external funding underwritten by TVBC??
Q17	<p>Yes, tourism policy should be as flexible as practical to potential small-scale tourism attractions. Some good examples in Cornwall of hospitality attractions offering farm shop / restaurant / self-catering cottages / camping / caravan facilities all on one site. Good way to reuse redundant farm buildings which will potentially increase in number as part of management of nitrates issue.</p> <p>Sites as cycling / walking hubs perhaps B&B?</p> <p>Local Plan should take account of growing wine sector in Test Valley – opportunities for vinery tours, retail outlets, restaurants.</p>
Q18	<p>Tourism has become increasingly important to South of England but still has the scope to grow. Local Plan should actively encourage innovation but will need to link with strategies of LEP and other funding streams.</p> <p>Scale is an important consideration with Test Valley, I favour number of small-scale developments that current infrastructure can support.</p> <p>One exception must be positive support for additional hotel beds, there are pubs in TV like the Goat at Timsbury that has land adjoining that could provide 30+ bedrooms in a sustainable manner.</p> <p>In my opinion training in hospitality skills is still a poor relation in the education mix, there must be scope for tourist attractions offering more than just a few apprenticeship positions, formal tie to a specialist college potentially offers world class training</p>

	<p>opportunities – examples exist in countries like South Africa. May require extra facilities to be built as part of new attractions??</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.