

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*	
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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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<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
Para 5.19 & Ques12	The Trust considers that a more flexible approach to housing in rural areas may be required and that there are opportunities for linear infill or the redevelopment of brownfield sites where the development of such land will retain and enhance local distinctiveness and the character and appearance of the rural landscape.
Ques 6 & 7	The Trust would support the grouping of rural settlements where there is a strong inter-relationship between them and there are support services provided within them which could enable new housing or other development being sustainable. The same can be said for rural settlements close to larger settlements where goods and services can be accessed, however consideration must be given to whether this could be achieved in a sustainable way or whether it would place greater reliance on private vehicle journeys.
Ques 17 & 18	The Trust welcomes the recognition of the importance of the tourism sector to TVBC and its various aspects which contribute to the economy of the Borough. The Trust would welcome a revised tourism policy which allows the development of new tourist attractions and innovative tourism offers both at existing facilities and potentially as part of any new offer. The Trust considers that this will be important in allowing the diversification and survival of facilities in a post COVID environment where the demands on this sector of the economy have changed and new opportunities are likely to arise.
Paras 6.22 & 6.23	The Trust welcomes the recognition that the rural economy is changing and will continue to do so after the UK leaves the EU. There will continue to be consolidation in the agricultural sector, and it is important that the revised Local Plan allows not only the appropriate re-use of buildings in the countryside but also previously developed land to other uses to support the rural economy.
Para 7.23	The Trust supports the links being made between the heritage assets in the Borough and its link with tourism but would also say that this extends to the natural environment and its strong links with tourism, especially in a predominantly rural borough, such as Test Valley, and that in a post COVID environment this is something that the revised Local Plan should consider and enable.

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Para 7.30	The Trust would suggest that there should be a specific policy regarding renewable energy generation. Careful consideration needs to be given to ensure that the right technology is used in the right location.
Para 7.43	The Trust has had experience of a number of incidents impacting on the water quality of the riparian areas within our control in the Borough and consider it of paramount importance that infrastructure is put in place to ensure that water quality and extraction impacts are addressed holistically and at the outset of the new plan period to protect the biodiversity and green and blue infrastructure of the Test Valley.
Para 7.44	The issue of flooding is a key matter for the Trust at the Mottisfont Estate and we consider that with climate change the frequency and extent of these flooding events will only increase. The Trust would therefore suggest that there will need to be a multi-agency/landowner, whole catchment approach required to enable the level of development to be safely accommodated through the revised Local Plan. It will also be necessary to consider the wider impacts of proposals in a single location to protect landscape character and biodiversity.
Para 8.23	<p>The Trust see this as being a really important component of the success of the revised Local Plan in a post COVID world and with the likely significant change in working patterns. In addition, the Trust considers that the revised Local Plan will have to consider new technology likely to come forward during the plan period and how it might impact on the borough eg: use of drones for deliveries.</p> <p>The Trust would like to highlight a concern about the lack of aspiration regarding biodiversity net gain in the Issues and Options. We would hope that TVBC will look through the revised Local Plan to not only retain the biodiversity of the Borough (ref para 2.5) but to actively seek to enhance it and ensure that a suitable mechanism is put in place to secure this for the long term.</p>

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.