

# 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](http://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* <i>(If responding on behalf of an organisation)</i>			

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
General	Allotment Gardening needs to be integrated into local policies so that the benefits, that can be at the heart of a sustainable community, are properly recognised.
7.18	Unless Local Plans and/or Neighbourhood Plans clearly designate local green space the provision almost certainly will suffer against the greed for developers to maximise profit from land.
7.31	Allotments can be a resource for bio-diversity as the range of plants on allotments offer a valued habitat for flora and fauna as well as being a habitat for wildlife.
7.35	Open space is becoming more important in our communities as the intensity of development increases in response to the growing population and the demand for more houses. With housing developments incorporating smaller or no gardens, a proportion of dwellings is less likely to have access to a garden. Allotments form a valuable recreational asset.
8	Allotment gardening should be viewed as a valuable community resource. It can bring together people from various age groups and backgrounds in a common interest.
8.2	The provision of allotments in Test Valley, and in particular Andover, has not kept pace with the extensive housing developments. Planners need to ensure that allotments are part of all housing developments, even on a "totting-up" basis where small areas of development are added onto work in progress. The National Allotment Society recommends that 20 allotment plots are provided for every 1,000 dwellings.
8.20	Allotments can be a resource for health. Working an allotment offers healthy physical recreation for everyone and is increasingly being recognised for its therapeutic value to the extent that it is being prescribed as a treatment for stress by some GPs. With the increasing density of housing developments, the opportunity allotments offer to enjoy physical activity in a creative way will become more important.
8.21	As an educational tool, allotments provide considerable scope for schools to link up with local allotment societies. Increasingly there is

a need for children to be taught where food comes from and the value of fruit and vegetables in a healthy diet. Gardening projects can make a valuable contribution in assisting with the teaching of core curriculum subjects.

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