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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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Website: www.testvalley.gov.uk/nextlocalplan

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:

Email Address*	
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If you don't have an email address and wish your comments to be acknowledged and to be kept informed of progress, please provide your postal address.

Address*			
	Postcode		

If you are an agent please give the name/company/organisation you are representing:

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Personal Details and General Data Protection Regulation

Please note that representations cannot be treated as confidential. If you are responding as an individual, rather than as an organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email/postal address and telephone number) or signatures online, however the original representations will be available for public viewing at our offices by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by the Council for a period of 6months after the next Local Plan is adopted.

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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
Q.1	<p>The two housing market area approach has been well established within Test Valley for a number of years and we would support that approach continuing utilising existing HMA boundaries unless a strong case can be justified by the Council's updated evidence gathering exercise.</p> <p>Given its relatively unrestrained policy constraints (i.e. minimal National Park, no AONB or Green Belt), we would urge the Council to promote the STV HMA as an appropriate location for growth as part of the ongoing PFSH 'Statement of Common Ground' process.</p> <p>STV is well positioned to make a significant contribution towards meeting any unmet needs in neighbouring authorities such as Southampton and New Forest. Romsey, as the main and most sustainable settlement in STV should be the focus of future growth.</p>
Q.8	<p>Yes, allocations should be included within the settlement boundary. Otherwise proposals which are brought forward once the development has been implemented (e.g. by new residents on a housing allocation) would be considered under countryside protection policies, which doesn't make sense. Well worded allocation policies will ensure that proposals come forward as planned for the allocated areas. Approach also gives the Council flexibility to consider possible suitable alternatives within a settlement policy context rather than Countryside protection policy context should they arise.</p>
Q.9	<p>In the example given in the document, POS should be included as it is an integral part of the settlement. POS would be protected from inappropriate proposals by other policies.</p>
Q.11	<p>A consistent approach should be taken to the drawing of settlement boundaries.</p>

Q.14	A policy for large sites to include a proportion of serviced plots to be made available for sale to those seeking to build their own homes could affect viability and deliverability of sites, and if this is an approach to be adopted by the Council, will need to be subject of detailed viability assessment on a site by site basis in liaison with site promoters/landowners.
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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.