

# 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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Website: [www.testvalley.gov.uk/nextlocalplan](http://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
2.17	<p>The next Local Plan must take account of the Goodworth Clatford Neighbourhood Plan 2018-2029, despite the fact that it is currently the only finished Neighbourhood Plan in the Borough and was approved following a community referendum in March 2019. Following the democratic process to implement the Plan it would be constitutionally unacceptable to modify the existing Plan or exert any mandatory changes to a democratically developed future Plan. We, therefore, believe that the Neighbourhood Plan continues through to 2036.</p>
4.1	<p>We accept the need to make sure there is an overlap in timescales, otherwise there will be a gap in the planning framework. Having said this the Goodworth Clatford Neighbourhood Plan is very unlikely to change covering the period through to 2036 although a review by Goodworth Clatford Parish Council will take place.</p>
5.13	<p>The current approach to new housing distribution is supported by Goodworth Clatford. We firmly believe the balance between the scale of development in Andover, Romsey and the other settlements within STV, and the rural area has been well planned and meets the needs of the local rural community and the demand for additional housing.</p>
5.19	<p>The current allocation strategy is well supported by the Village residents and any specific allocations will be strongly opposed for small villages with sensible settlement boundaries. There would be very limited options and this would not be possible to implement.</p>
5.23	<p>The change in Government policy in the NPPF, requiring all designated neighbourhood areas to be given a housing figure simply will not work unless that figure is, without unrealistic demands, determined by the Parish Council. For the rural area, this would also include the related consideration of both the overall settlement hierarchy and of individual settlements and/or groups of settlements.</p>
5.31	<p>The new Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) will assess the need for affordable housing and for housing to meet the particular needs of different specific household groups, as set out in national guidance. This will also cover housing to meet the needs of older people and for specialist housing. Our experience of this area is very worrying with the data often very misleading. By way of example the numbers in the category on the list of 'no priority' or 'little need' being included in the total giving a misleading picture of the true need. We urge TVBC to radically overhaul the system and ratify the statistics before decisions are made in this area.</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.