

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*Mrs	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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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.

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	Postcode

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

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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
7.10	Land must be used more efficiently reducing need for green field sites .eg in some town centres change of use from retail and/or office, where these remain empty.
7.12 -7.14	Local gaps are of high value to the community as are all green spaces.
7.16-7.18	Local green spaces must be retained. We are all so aware now of benefit to our Mental as well as physical health green spaces have. This has been highlighted during the current pandemic when walking locally.
7.21	We need to take account of our Local heritage . Some recent development has not considered this unlike our European neighbours.
7.24-7.27	Change of use should be used but still retain the historic environment. This reflects again the change in demand especially as a result of the pandemic which are not going to be reversed so new innovative ideas are needed. Energy efficiency neds to be considered and renewable and low carbon energy exploited.
7.30	Nature has been excluded from many past plans and the environment needs protecting for future generations. Working with all interested agencies is of paramount importance.
7.31-7.34	Public open spaces and green infrastructure are so important for the health and wellbeing of local communities. This has again become so apparent with the recent pandemic. More allotments are required and spaces to walk and play. Additional mature tree coverage is required for wildlife and the environment as well as proper maintenance of existing flora.
7.35-7.39	Water is a valuable resource which needs protecting. Too much is wasted, and we need local authorities to have greater controls over private companies who are only seeking profits. Local groundwater is a better source than recycled which have been shown to still contain elements that are detrimental to health and development of children.
7.40-7.47	Air quality was so improved during "lock down" but is again deteriorating so we greatly need to reduce dependency on private petrol and diesel vehicles.

<p>8.7-8.12</p> <p>8.15</p> <p>8.22</p>	<p>We need continued support for public transport, buses and trains with proper integrated systems. It is the boroughs responsibility to promote sustainable transport leading by example. Rewarding staff who cycle, walk or use public transport and reducing parking capacity, ensuring adequate facilities when they arrive. Recent trends to work from home must continue to reduce needless car journeys and office space which can be used for other purposes.</p> <p>The protection of critical infrastructure is an important role that needs to be undertaken by the Council on behalf of current and future residents of all ages.</p> <p>Recent surveys have shown the recent problems have made people realise they do not want to return to the “old” normal but need new initiatives that take more account of the environment and their wellbeing. It will be local councils responsibility to make well informed choices and sometimes challenge central government to ensure local wishes are respected.</p>
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