

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

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Part A: Your Details

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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.

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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.



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RESPONSES TO THE TEST VALLEY

**ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION
FOR THE NEXT
LOCAL PLAN**

RESPONSES MADE ON BEHALF OF

The Owners of Fairbournes Farm and Bewley Homes

Land at Fairbournes Farm, Kiln Lane, Braishfield

Question 1

Should (a) we maintain the two existing HMAs, but perhaps with a revised boundary between them, such as enlarging the area within STV HMA. If so, what additional area(s) of the Borough should be included within STV HMA?

Alternatively, (b) should a single HMA for the whole of Test Valley be used?

Or (c) should additional HMAs be created, increasing the number to 3 or 4, with the additional HMA(s) applying to the rural area?

The current boundaries of the Housing Market Areas are not logical. The Housing Market Area Boundaries in Test Valley area to be very skewed towards Andover. In reality the spheres of influence of the two main Towns of Romsey and Andover are quite distinct and the HMAs should reflect this.

Those parishes to the north of Romsey relate more to Romsey than to Andover. Anyone looking to move to the Romsey area would inevitably also consider Braishfield, Michelmersh and Timsbury, Lockerley, Sherfield English and those parishes to the southwest of the District. The Southern Test Valley HMA should be enlarged to include these Parishes.

The HMA boundaries should be redressed to provide a better balance between Andover and Romsey and to better reflect the choices that people are likely to make. Two HMAs should be maintained at least.

The division could be based on Stockbridge. Stockbridge and the area to the north of Stockbridge would form the Andover HMA and the area to the south would form the Romsey HMA.

However, there is a case to create a third area based on Stockbridge. Stockbridge is significantly constrained but the surrounding villages including Kings Sombourne, Broughton, The Wallops and Longstock all look to Stockbridge for many of their needs rather than to Andover or Romsey.

Question 2

In determining HMAs how should wider relationships with settlements beyond the Borough's boundaries, be taken into account, including with Southampton, Salisbury and Winchester?

Winchester City is just 10 miles from Stockbridge and many workers who commute to London from the City look to the Stockbridge area for homes. On the other hand, I do not believe that Salisbury which is 16 miles from Stockbridge has a similar relationship.

Question 3

Should an alternative approach to using parish boundaries be used for HMAs? If so, would this be easily be identifiable and practical for monitoring purposes?

It would seem sensible to continue with the approach of using current parish boundaries but revise the boundaries between the existing HMAs.

It is difficult to envisage an alternative approach to using parish boundaries.

HOUSING DISTRIBUTION

The revised Local Plan will have to provide a substantial increase in its housing provision.

The failure to provide more housing in the rural villages has created enclaves of great wealth and expensive housing and an ageing population. The less wealthy have to rely on affordable housing. The services including shops and schools and community facilities suffer gradual decline. Every settlement and village needs to be assessed to examine its potential to accommodate more development.

However, it is unlikely that the villages alone can satisfy the future housing requirements because of their constraints and issues of sustainability. There will be a requirement for a larger site or more.

The District has many physical constraints and some towns and villages cannot take significant development. The expansion of Stockbridge, for example, is limited by serious flood risks. Andover will have its own requirements.

The previous iteration of the Issues and Options in 2018 asked if there was a New Village Option to satisfy part of the future requirement. It is difficult to perceive anywhere in the District that could achieve this objective. However, the settlement of Braishfield has significant capacity to enlarge without constraints. It is very close to the centre of Romsey Town which enjoys extensive services and facilities. There are very few if any landscape constraints. Virtually all of the land is in Flood Zone 1 where there is low risk of flooding.

Braishfield lies to the north of Romsey town. Most of the areas around Romsey have been allocated for development and there are significant constraints on development to the south, east and west. Romsey has already extended north

at Abbotswood and north of Jermyns Garden Centre. Thus, Braishfield is the obvious location for more development.

Braishfield has a primary school; two public houses, two churches and a community hall. However, Braishfield is only four miles from Romsey Town Centre. The settlement edge of Romsey Town has gradually moved closer to Braishfield following the development of Ganger Farm.

There are bus services on Braishfield Road.

CONCLUSION

There will be a need for a larger site to satisfy the housing requirement because small additions to the rural villages will not be sufficient.

Braishfield is a sustainable settlement with no overriding planning constraints. It is close to Romsey Town Centre and it would support the shops, services and facilities there.