

# 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* (If responding on behalf of an organisation)			

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.

Address*			
	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
2.37	The statement about everyone needing to play their part worries me a little. It is true, but please let this not be a case of handing responsibility to the general public. As someone who recycles everything possible (including via Terracycle and other recycling points), shops locally, shops with minimal packaging, saves water, composts, considers the environment with all the food we buy (especially local and organic), wears clothes until they are unwearable before buying more, buys second-hand, volunteers for the environment, sold my car and bought a cargo bike instead, saves electricity, buys renewable electricity, walks and cycles wherever I can, works for a sustainability charity, I know that I am still not perfect, I know that most people are not in a position (mentally, educationally, financially or otherwise) to make these changes without assistance, and I know that meaningful change needs to come from above, if we're to stand a hope of slowing the progress of climate change.
2.42	The air quality might be good on average, but, as someone with a portable air quality monitor, I know that the pollution in the air my children breathe on their way to school, and the pollution in the air that I breathe on my way to work, frequently exceeds the level at which it is deemed to cause lasting damage, even at limited exposure. The aim should not be to maintain the current level of air quality, but to improve it drastically. During lockdown for Covid-19, we experienced air quality that was safe and enjoyable for the first time in many young people's lives. We should be aiming for that.
Transport and Leisure sections	I would support all moves towards making a safe cycling network for all. There is a noticeable lack of cycle lanes in the Romsey area. It was evident during lockdown for Covid-19 that people would cycle if they felt safe. We need safe lanes for children to cycle to school and safe lanes for people to cycle safely into and out of Romsey, especially through North Baddlesley to link up with the Chilworth cycle lanes, and to the New Forest. Not just paint on roads. I have seen so many inexperienced people attempting to cycle on and cross the dual carriageway leading West out of Romsey. Very often it seems that councils are 'judging the need for a bridge by the number of people swimming across the river'. Instead, we



	<p>should 'build it and they will come'. I feel strongly that a high quality network would reap huge rewards in terms of all the following for the people for Romsey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase in tourism</li> <li>- Increase in shop takings (as proven in many places elsewhere, and exemplified clearly in TfL's document here: <a href="http://content.tfl.gov.uk/walking-cycling-economic-benefits-summary-pack.pdf">http://content.tfl.gov.uk/walking-cycling-economic-benefits-summary-pack.pdf</a>)</li> <li>- Better physical health</li> <li>- Better access to employment</li> <li>- Improvement in air quality</li> <li>- Reduction in traffic levels and congestion</li> <li>- Better mental health and happiness</li> </ul>
<p>2.8 5.48 6.2 and all references to job opportunity</p>	<p>Given the urgency of the climate emergency, it would be good to see concerted effort towards creating an environment suitable for green jobs.</p>
<p>Green spaces strategy</p>	<p>I dearly hope that the Green Spaces Strategy includes meaningful ambition to make our urban / residential spaces vastly greener than they currently are, for the climate, for air quality and because it would simply be beautiful and good for us. People travel miles to see quite ordinary towns in France, simply because they have been awarded prizes for being a 'ville fleurie' or flowery town. Can we do the same with greenery? 'Leafy town'?</p>
<p>7.50</p>	<p>As we are in a climate emergency, I would have hoped to see the council change from wording like 'supports the principle of energy generating proposals' to 'will only allow zero carbon proposals'. Proposals such as the Timsbury Deeping ones should be the only sort that pass muster. Developers will be quick to adapt, if that is what is needed. I feel that councils generally are at the mercy of developers, when it really ought to be the other way round. Can I add that designated, secure and high quality cycle parking ought to be an essential part of all new homes.</p> <p>I am a busy, working mum of young children, with little time to engage in consultation processes, and I would have added much more with more time. I sincerely hope that Test Valley Borough Council will take the Climate Emergency as seriously as is needed. In this document, despite the mention of Climate</p>

	<p>Change, I can't see the words that would indicate to me that the right sort of action is going to be taken. Please, please use your power for good, and don't rely on the likes of the general public having time to write responses before making meaningful and drastic changes for the benefit of everyone.</p>
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Thank you

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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.