

Test Valley Borough Council Consultation for Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1

COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published its Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1 document for public consultation. This consultation document sets out draft strategic planning priorities for Test Valley supported by a number of strategic policies.

The consultation period runs from Friday 11 February to noon on 8 April 2022. Please respond before the close of the consultation period so that your comments may be taken into account.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. This form has two parts:

Part A: Your Details

Part B: Your Comments (please fill in a separate sheet for each comment you wish to make)

Further information can be found on our website at:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040

Once the form has been completed, please send to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk by **noon on 8 April 2022**.

Following receipt of your comments from, we will keep you informed of future consultation stages unless you advise us that you want to opt out of such communication.

If you are unable to send via email, please send a postal copy to our address below.

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Part A: Your Details

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Alternatively, if you don't have an email address please provide your postal address.

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If you are an agent or responding on behalf of another party, please give the name/company/organisation you are representing:

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<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments
<p>Para 3.9</p> <p>Para 3.14</p> <p>Para 3.18</p> <p>Para3.34</p>	<p>Spatial Strategy</p> <p>Support development which meets the needs of rural communities</p> <p>Support the hybrid option</p> <p>Support promotion of growth in the rural villages</p> <p>Support provision of a range of sites for housing</p> <p>Support the approach of recognising that villages share facilities when considering the distribution of development. However, the approach does not appear to recognise the relationship between villages located close to the main towns of the Borough such as Romsey in the list set out in para 3.9 of the Settlement Hierarchy Assessment. Timsbury is a short distance, less than 5km from Romsey town centre and a range of key services and facilities such as secondary schools and health, much closer in fact than most of the rural villages in southern Test Valley. Proximity to larger settlements should be a factor when considering the merits of development in the villages.</p>
<p>Pages6&7</p>	<p>Settlement Hierarchy Assessment</p> <p>Methodology</p> <p>The assessment does not include employment opportunities which was used previously in the assessment of settlements for the current local plan. No explanation is provided as to why the change. The presence of local employment would seem to be a key feature when assessing the sustainability merits of villages by providing the opportunity to work and live locally and should be included. The parish of Michelmersh and Timsbury for example has two locally significant employment sites, the Michelmersh Brick works and the nursery/commercial units on Romsey Road</p>
<p>Table 12</p>	<p>Michelmersh & Timsbury has 3 places of worship,</p> <p>Strategic Policy 6</p>
<p>Paras 5.15-5.17</p>	<p>It is not at all clear what the implications of the revised HMA boundaries are in respect of the relationship between the revised southern Test Valley and PfSH. If the enlarged area is now within the south Hampshire market area then it would</p>

<p>Table 5.3</p>	<p>appear that potential unmet need in that area could be located in the new STV HMA.</p> <p>It would be helpful in understanding the robustness of the net requirement if TVBC published the sites and assumptions made in establishing the supply of housing for the Borough.</p>
<p>Para 5.27</p>	<p>It is not clear what TVBC’s position is in respect of the potential distribution of housing across the villages and the role of neighbourhood plans. Is it the case that any rural allocations would be delivered via neighbourhood plans rather than the local plan and does the Council intend to have a fall-back position in the event that sites are not delivered through the neighbourhood plan process?</p>
<p>Para 5.33</p>	<p>Rural housing</p> <p>The current local plan affordable housing policies have delivered relatively few homes in rural Test Valley. The new local plan should take a more flexible approach to the provision of affordable housing in rural parts of the Borough such as enabling market homes to be included within exception site schemes ref para 78 of the NPPF.</p>

Please use next page if necessary

What happens next?

All valid responses received within the consultation period will be acknowledged and you will be given a reference number. Please quote this number when contacting the Council about the Local Plan 2040. If you have an agent acting on your behalf, correspondence will be sent to your agent.

All responses received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the Local Plan 2040.