

ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH/ROMSEY TOWN JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE

COMMENTS ON DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2040 AS AT REGULATION 18 STAGE 1

APPROVED AT THE MEETING OF ROMSEY EXTRA PARISH/ROMSEY TOWN JOINT PLANNING COMMITTEE 31 MARCH 2022

The Romsey Extra Parish/Romsey Town Joint Planning Committee (JPC) broadly concurs with the Draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1 document.

At this stage many of the policies lack detail with further work defined in order to achieve that detail but, having said that, the Vision, Objectives, Spatial Strategy and Strategic Policies align with the views of the JPC.

Whilst acknowledging the proposed hybrid policy for locating future development, the JPC would like to see greater emphasis on the distributed development policy and for stronger words and increased clarity in each place to which it is referred. The JPC would wish to see that the argument for sustainable development does not result in excessive further developments in the countryside or local gaps adjacent to Romsey.

We support the redefined Southern Test Valley Housing Market Area as it better reflects the reality of today's housing market.

We concur with the proposed settlement hierarchy.

We note with interest the calculations which demonstrate a residual need for 948 dwellings in Southern Test Valley across the plan period 2020 – 2040.

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Chairman, REPC/RTC Joint Planning Committee

on behalf of both Romsey Extra Parish Council and Romsey Town Council