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Dear Graham

**Test Valley draft Local Plan 2040
Regulation 18 Stage 1 Consultation**

I write further to our meeting on 8 April and in response to the above consultation on the Test Valley Local Plan 2040. Thank you for agreeing a short extension of time in which to provide formal comments.

As you are aware, Wiltshire Council published an update to the Local Development Scheme in November 2021 (LDS) which set out revisions to the overarching timeline for undertaking the Wiltshire Local Plan review. In line with the LDS, we are planning to publish the plan for pre-submission consultation (Regulation 19) by the end of 2022. We note the timeline for your Local Plan 2040 and will continue to engage with you as both our plans progress. It would be worthwhile meeting again once you have had the chance to review your consultation responses.

It is recognised through your consultation that you are planning on meeting your own housing needs within the Borough, which is welcomed, and are committed to ensuring that growth is delivered in the most sustainable way to benefit your communities. The emerging Spatial Strategy, which seeks to direct development to existing settlements within the Borough depending on their position in the settlement hierarchy is also supported and complementary to the approach being taken in Wiltshire.

We trust these comments are helpful and look forward to meeting with you again in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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