

Comments on the above follow. Clearly, there are a multitude of complex intertwined aspects to consider - an unenviable and near impossible task with large numbers of potential solutions. However, I feel there are a few aspects which have not been given sufficient weight.

1) Personal transport by car seems to have become characterised by its negative attributes, whilst ignoring the huge advantages and indeed, essential aspects. Nowhere do I see the changes from likely improvements in synthetic fuels, electric or hydrogen powered cars or any other view of future technological advances taken into consideration. Instead, we see an implied return to the 1950's concept of buses and cycling. This will not do.

2) Tackling climate change: what a well used cliché. I am not a climate change denier, but we must take a pragmatic view. The whole of the UK emits about 1% of global CO<sub>2</sub>, Test Valley probably less than 0.001%. The national government's net zero by 2050 policy cannot be implemented, and cosmetic attempts to present local CO<sub>2</sub> reduction as saving the planet are patently absurd. Far more damage is done to the quality of life by these ridiculous and trivial actions than could ever be justified by the results. This topic should certainly not be at the top of the list of objectives of the local plan. Please spend the resources on flood prevention, home insulation, solar panel air conditioning and reducing waste (e.g. persuade people that they mostly don't need a hot shower every day).

3) Growth. The perpetual chase for growth is clearly unsustainable in the long term. We are told that building more motorways just means they fill up with cars: in the same way, building more houses means they will fill up with people. Providing housing when there is no prospect of the occupants being employed within the area, thus increasing commuting by car, runs counter to a lot of the sustainability and environmental concerns. There are always plenty of houses for sale in the local paper, and I never heard of an estate agent going bust! The result of continuous building is demand for development on greenfield sites and even green belt, long thought to be sacrosanct. Carry on with this attitude and the local enjoyment of the countryside will be permanently eroded. The main problem is the edict from central government demanding that x amount of houses must be provided: TVBC can only choose where they go. This should be made far more obvious, especially as elections approach.

I do hope that compulsory purchase of the brewery site is under serious consideration!

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