The Local Plan draft offers a positive vision for the future of the village, however I believe it is important to have a local gap policy to retain the identity of the village.

I believe our village should be placed in tier 4 because we do not have the facilities of a tier 3 settlement, such as a shop or a school.

The facilities in Goodworth Clatford are not safely accessed by pedestrians, and for this reason we have a school bus to take the children to school because there is not a safe alternative route.

I have lived in Upper Clatford all my life and very much feel part of the village community. We have a unique location which benefits from being close enough to the town to walk, while retaining its rural setting.

I regularly walk into Andover along the footpath though the lakes with my children, and it is a lovely scenic path with an abundance of wildlife. I try to leave the car at home and walk as much as possible to promote a healthy lifestyle, while reducing emissions which contribute to climate change.

I believe a local Green Space policy would ensure these areas are preserved, encouraging myself and others to use them more, whilst allowing the wildlife to thrive.

I am also concerned that a proposed development of nearly 100 houses would put a strain on the wastewater infrastructure, which is already under pressure, resulting in sewage being released into the Pillhill Brook where my children like to play.

Kind regards

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