

Dear Sirs

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

I feel that 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 safe to be accessed by pedestrians. For this reason, we have a school bus to take the children to school because there is not a safe alternative route. Our shop was closed many years ago and to access the shop in Goodworth Clatford would not be safe as there is no safe alternative route other than the road.

I have lived in Upper Clatford for over fifteen years 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.

My family and 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. We as a family 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 developments 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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