

There is much to be commended in the 'Local Plan 2040'

However, I feel that more consideration needs to be given to proposals affecting Upper Clatford and the immediate local area. Unlike Goodworth Clatford, Upper Clatford does not have a shop or school. We lack the six key facilities of a tier 3 community and should be placed in tier 4. If any from Upper Clatford wish to access those said facilities considerable difficulties arise. Public transport is so limited it cannot be considered as a viable option. The main thoroughfare between the villages is a main road which would be wholly inappropriate for routine use either by foot or cycle. Although I used it during the pandemic, with a return to near-normal, vehicle traffic is too fast and the road too narrow. There is a significant risk to pedestrians and cyclists.

Upper Clatford has an established community identity and a Local Gap Policy enforces and heightens this. I regularly walk into the main town of Andover through the scenic area which enhances my physical health. I enjoy the scenery and it enhances to my healthy lifestyle and well-being. Removing that strip will encourage more use of cars and adversely contribute to climate change and pollution. A local green space policy will preserve and enhance areas of natural beauty encouraging wild habitats, increasing species by number and variety and preserve historic landscapes.

There has been considerable concern about the wastewater infrastructure in recent months. The discharge of sewage into the river is a key major concern. At present the structure seemingly is unable to cope therefore any changes to development needs to be conditional on those problems being fully resolved.

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