Good morning,

I wrote concerning the Local Plan Draft for Anna Valley, Red Rice and Upper Clatford

Whilst there appears to be a positive vision for the villagers, I wish to suggest some improvements.

Firstly, from a definitional but also policy perspective, it is worth noting that the parish does not have the six key facilities of a Tier 3 settlement and should thus be considered Tier 4. Of particular note for me, as a parent of young children, is that neither the school nor the shop can be safely walked to. Indeed, such is the speed of drivers along the road to Goodwood Clatford that we have never felt safe enough to cycle my daughter to school.

We are a village community, something that has been quite visible in our collective preparations for Her Majesty's Jubilee celebrations. As such, a Local Gap policy will be effective in preserving our sense of identity.

When I wake up each morning it is to the sound of birdsong. A Local Green Space policy will ensure that the local area's increasingly rare habitats and species can thrive and historic landscapes can be preserved. This includes areas of grazing marsh and historic former water meadows.

The Pillhill Brook should be a pristine chalkstream and sewage discharges must not contaminate this. The area around our historic church, including the Sacville Court meadows must be protected as countryside.

Grateful for your consideration of my points.

