

I am writing with regard to the Local Plan. As a resident of Upper Clatford for the past 35 years I feel very strongly that the Village Gap should be maintained. We have always felt very much part of a village community and a Local Gap policy will be effective in preserving our sense of identity.

Travelling to Goodworth Clatford as a pedestrian is not safe and it is a concern for children on bicycles. Development of land in the current gaps will increase traffic and make this even worse. Buses in this area are infrequent and not a viable option which leaves groups such as older people, disabled people and those on lower incomes particularly disadvantaged. Without six key facilities of our own Upper Clatford and Anna Valley should be placed in Tier 4.

At present we are able to walk from the village to Andover through scenic countryside, thus benefiting from healthy living and contributing to climate change and air pollution targets. This also applies to our areas of Local Green Space. If these areas were to be built on it would force people back into their cars, as well as increased traffic from the new residents. If we are to take seriously our responsibilities to halting climate change and improving air quality then green spaces are vital to encourage people to walk and cycle as much as possible and not use vehicles unnecessarily.

Our Pillhill Brook should be a pristine chalkstream and sewage discharges must be minimised. Adequate wastewater infrastructure should be in place before development occurs.

Regards,

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