

Dear sir/madam,

I am writing to commend Test Valley for the positive vision proposed by the Local Plan Draft, and would like to make a few suggestions to how I believe this plan may be further improved.

Settlement Tier 4

As a resident/home owner in Upper Clatford, I am not sure we should be classified as a tier 3 settlement and I would have thought tier 4 was more appropriate. My son attends the school in Goodworth Clatford but neither the school or the village shop are safely walkable from my home and we are reluctant to cycle because of the speed of traffic on the road. Buses are so infrequent that we do not consider them.

Local Gap

Living in Upper Clatford, we very much feel part of the village community and are strong believers that a Local Gap policy will be effective in preserving this sense of identity. I would be more likely to walk to Andover through a scenic strip of countryside and it is this healthy living that attracted me to the area. Ideally I would minimise the use of my car and the current Gap allows me to do this. Indeed I regularly run and walk my dog in the 'gap' and believe this healthy, outdoor living, which initially attracted me to the village, will be compromised if the gap were to disappear.

Local Green Space

I am also a strong believe that a Local Gren Space policy will ensure the protection of the rare habitats and species we are lucky to have as well as the amazing historic landscapes we benefit from. This includes areas of grazing marsh and historical water meadows which provide a sense of setting.

Infrastructure

I am also keen to ensure sewage discharges are minimised and believe the Phillhill Brook should be a pristine chalkstream. In my opinion, adequate water infrastructure should be inplace before any future development is considered.

Thanks so much for your consideration,

Charlie Barlow

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