

I live in Anna Valley and am pleased to see that Test Valley Borough Council is committed to developing a positive vision and has identified strategic planning priorities for the area in which I live but want to make the following points:

The plan places Upper Clatford and Anna Valley in Tier 3 in the Settlement Hierarchy based on the assumption that residents have access to the facilities in Goodworth Clatford. This is not a reasonable assumption. It is not safe for pedestrians or cyclists to travel safely to Goodworth Clatford because there is a long stretch of road between Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford that has neither pavements nor street lighting. The bus service is too infrequent to be a viable option. This means that many residents, myself included, are only able to access Goodworth Clatford by car or not at all if they do not have their own transport. This disadvantages the elderly, those with disabilities and those on low incomes and does not meet the plan's objectives relating to Climate Change and Transport and Movement.

Upper Clatford and Anna Valley should be classified as a Tier 4 settlement because the parish does not have all six of the key facilities required for Tier 3 status.

The plan does not commit to the preservation of the Local Gap and the areas of Local Green Space secured in the Neighbourhood Development Plan, this could result in the building of over 100 new homes in the area. There is a need for affordable housing but the size of any development must take account of the facilities that will be needed by families moving into the area, the infrastructure required to support additional housing and the impact on the environment.

- The villages of Anna Valley and Upper Clatford do not have the facilities needed – there is no school and only a very small farm shop. The facilities at Goodworth Clatford are only accessible by car as evidenced by the gridlock in the village at the start and end of the school day.
- We have a stretch of the Pillhill Brook running through the village, a rare chalk stream - there are only about 200 in the world. We have a responsibility to protect this natural feature and any development in the area must either be limited to prevent damage to the stream or supported by adequate infrastructure for dealing with wastewater.
- The countryside surrounding Upper Clatford and Anna Valley currently contributes to the well-being of residents and to the biodiversity of the area. It includes areas of grazing marsh and historic former water meadows. Any development would reduce this benefit and have a negative impact on climate change and air pollution.

The preservation of the Local Gap and the Local Green Space policy in the Plan would ensure that any development could be supported by the area and did not have an adverse impact on the environment.

Regards,
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