

We are writing regarding the future of Anna Valley, Red Rice & Upper Clatford.

We would like to make the following points as we strongly feel that the above villages should be placed in Tier 4. We feel it would be extremely detrimental to the villages if they were to be grouped with Goodworth Clatford in Tier 3.

We have lived in Anna Valley for 15 years and love being part of this village community. The village of Goodworth Clatford is not an easy place to get too from here unless you drive - the road is dangerous to both cyclists and pedestrians as there are bends and blind spots and many cars drive too fast. Buses are very infrequent and not convenient so we would not consider using them. As a family we are trying to make positive changes by not using the car for short journeys which we would feel that we would need to do in order to get to Goodworth Clatford as the road is not safe or suitable.

We also feel very strongly about keeping our local gap and would like it to be preserved so that we can keep our identity as a village community. It is important to have these green spaces and let nature and wildlife flourish, it also plays a big part in physical and mental wellbeing. As dog owners we value the space we have close by which is easy to access.

Our family is very aware of climate change and air pollution. Our teenage children feel particularly strongly about this as it has a big impact on their future. We believe that being placed in the wrong tier would have a negative impact on our air pollution due to increased traffic.

Whilst writing I would like to add that we were shocked at the many Southern Water signs displayed near the Pillhill Brook advising pets and children to stay out of the water. These waterways should always be kept free of sewage. My children and many others frequently paddle in the water during the summer months. Children should be encouraged to get outside and enjoy getting close to nature, it is so important that areas and water such as this are never polluted. Dogs and horses also go in the brook. Raw sewage should never be found in the water stream - this important issue needs addressing and monitoring.

Your sincerely

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