

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your recent planning policy ideas.

Settlement Tier

As a resident of Upper Clatford for 40 years I would like to comment on the Tier 3 we have been placed in. Our village cannot easily access Goodworth Clatford shop (which is in a different parish) due to the lack of any footpath or cycle lane and the speed of traffic along the village road. We do not have a school, and the bus service is very infrequent. We stand with Anna Valley as our parish and although they have a small farm shop, for which we are very grateful, this is not viable for everyday shopping. I feel Tier 4 is a more suitable recommendation.

Local Gap

Our 'Local Gaps' are very precious as you can appreciate by the comments made by village residents in our recent Neighbourhood Development Plan survey. These clearly need to be protected in order to preserve our village community.

Green Space

Equally, our green spaces are important for all of the wildlife that live in or near our chalk stream as well as the surrounding countryside. This also applies to our own health and well-being of course. You have yourselves declared a climate emergency in Test Valley which would complement our views on this matter.

Infrastructure

It goes without saying that waste water has been at the forefront of our concerns for some time now, with foul sewage being discharged into our beautiful chalk stream and continuous tankering in Anna Valley making constant noise and mess through the village. We need to see our streams fit to paddle in again and the pipe work brought into the 21st century.

Thank you

Mrs Lesley Heslop,

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