

Good morning,

Having reviewed the local plan for 2040 it is great to see the plan being put forward for the area. That being said I believe there have been some oversights regarding the classification of Anna Valley, Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford as tier 3.

The only way to currently get from Anna Valley & Upper Clatford to Goodworth is to either drive or walk along a 40mph road. Given there is no safe access to the amenities in Goodworth Clatford outside of driving, these should not be classed as accessible to other villages. Taking this into consideration, this means that Anna Valley and Upper Clatford lack the facilities to be considered as tier 3.

Related to the above, I also have significant concerns about the infrastructure of Upper Clatford to take additional housing. The main highstreet always has a high number of parked cars meaning that traffic flow through the village will be difficult if there is a significant increase (which would happen due to lack of local amenities). Also the addition of properties on Red Rice Road will cause issues. The road is not full width for two vehicles to pass safely, It also has a blind corner at clatford manor which has led to accidents (I was rear ended by an unsighted car there). The entirety of Red Rice Road would need to be made safer to make this plan viable. Besides the extra strain on the road network, the water and sewage system would require complete renovation to prevent further and increasing pollution of the Pillhill brook.

Regarding the local gap, the village feel was one of the reasons that we moved into the area. We very much enjoy the countryside surrounding the village and local gap. Walking into town through the local gap is a very enjoyable activity which would be lost if the local gap is built on.

I hope you find these comments helpful

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