

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to start by saying that having read the Local Plan Draft in detail, it clearly offers a positive and constructive vision, although my family feel that it could be improved if our suggestions below are included.

Firstly, we hardly ever (if ever) use Goodworth Clatford's facilities and if we do (or did), we would always take the car because it's too far and dangerous to walk, or cycle with young children.

In our view, Goodworth Clatford, Upper Clatford and Anna Valley should not be grouped and we should be in **settlement tier 4**.

Secondly, if Test Valley Borough Council continues with Local Gap and Local Green Space policies, it will overwhelmingly and positively reinforce the feeling of 'village identity' (something that is so important to our well being), as well as contributing to the green corridor along the Pillhill Brook and would encourage us to walk or cycle to Andover - all contributing to healthy living for us and our children (and the environment).

In addition to that, keeping the Local Green Space policy will ensure that the local area's increasingly rare habitats and species can thrive and historic landscapes can be preserved. This includes areas of historic former water meadows and grazing marsh near our house which provide a sense of setting, and is a fantastic way to educate our children about nature.

Thirdly, given that we live alongside the Pillhill Brook, we are acutely aware of raw sewage pollution and a simple positive step to allow the stream to recover is to ensure that adequate wastewater infrastructure is installed before development is permitted. This is crucial, also for the safety of children who may want to play in the brook, which forms part of our garden and also the local park.

I very much hope you will take these suggestions into consideration.

Your sincerely,

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