

Test Valley Borough Council Consultation for Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1

COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published its Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 1 document for public consultation. This consultation document sets out draft strategic planning priorities for Test Valley supported by a number of strategic policies.

The consultation period runs from Friday 11 February to noon on 8 April 2022. Please respond before the close of the consultation period so that your comments may be taken into account.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. This form has two parts:

Part A: Your Details

Part B: Your Comments (please fill in a separate sheet for each comment you wish to make)

Further information can be found on our website at:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040

Once the form has been completed, please send to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk by **noon on 8 April 2022**.

Following receipt of your comments from, we will keep you informed of future consultation stages unless you advise us that you want to opt out of such communication.

If you are unable to send via email, please send a postal copy to our address below.

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Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an *

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Alternatively, if you don't have an email address please provide your postal address.

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If you are an agent or responding on behalf of another party, please give the name/company/organisation you are representing:

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Personal Details and General Data Protection Regulation

Please note that representations cannot be treated as confidential. If you are responding as an individual, rather than as an organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email/postal address and telephone number) or signatures online, however the original representations will be available for public viewing at our offices by prior appointment. All representations and related documents will be held by the Council for a period of 6 months after the next Local Plan is adopted.

The Council respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. Further details on the General Data Protection Regulation and Privacy Notices are available on our website

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

Part B: Your Comments

Please use the boxes below to state your comments. Insert any general comments you may have that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box. For specific comments, please make it clear which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible.

If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.

If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

General

Local plan 2040

Comments:

- The consultation process has been very weak. No public events have taken place where it is presented to the public. In Test Valley North appears limited to a display in an empty shop but no staff in attendance. Even Parish Councils only given a short TEAMS presentation within a very brief window for comments. TVBC has exhibited no real intention for openness in this plan favouring a top down approach.
- No consultation with Parishes that have adopted a Neighbour Development plan that by law has to be congruent with the local plan to ascertain were any issues of conflict may arise.
- The overarching principles suggested are in themselves unobjectionable but there is no indication of where they could conflict. For example more vibrant local communities may mean development of brown field sites where it would be very difficult to achieve nitrate capture or provide two parking spaces for each unit but sustainability objective and climate objective could be taken as paramount justifying TVBC concentrating resources to allocate nitrate credits to a town centre site rather than a large new estate development with its nitrate capture ponds etc. A vibrant town could be achieved by increasing population density by the good public transport system and decreasing car parking provision.
- Conflict also occurs between vibrant centres and further development for example the town of Stockbridge is a vibrant local centre but with virtually no public transport and its unique position in the Test Valley flood plain precludes further development- yet its placed a high in the proposed list of communities for more housing.
- Overall the document is a bland corporate document that gives power to TVBC planning officers rather than local people without giving a real vision of how Test Valley as a whole can tackle all the implications of climate change. Nor is there any discussion or analysis of whether indeed the Council challenged or even made representations to HM Government over its quota of new homes required- **it just accepts another 541 homes per year**. Has there been a housing needs survey across Test Valley to justify this large increase.

- **The reliance on the internet greatly discriminates against marginal communities and individuals. This requires a concerted effort by TVBC.**

Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments
1;13	<p>No reference to the existing NDP's in Test Valley. Why has TVBC not attempted to take them into account-given the huge local public effort that takes place before each one is approved in a referendum-a higher bar than the local plan has to reach. A commitment to encouraging new NDP's in that context is totally minimising community engagement which-ostensibly-is a key aim.</p>
1.16	<p>No real effort to engage with the wider public-one "teams meeting" with local Parishes. One shop front display with no staff in attendance in andover.</p>
2.54	<p>Housing Needs-stated to be 541 per annum but no indication how that has been reached .If a national algorithm does TVBC accept that as accurate or not. Why is there no plan for a housing needs survey across TVBC. The figure may be to low or not but actual mix of housing types is also too important to leave this an algorithm.</p>
2.59	<p>And adjacent paragraphs. No indication that in the balance between sustainability and climate change etc that some national planning guidelines eg two car parking spaces per household in a town centre are obsolete, or TVBC may need to concentrate its nitrate capture policy to favour town centre sites previously used for now redundant policies.</p> <p>Spatial Strategy: Is perhaps more suitable for appropriate Parish Councils to respond but even to an interested resident there appear conflicts-eg Stockbridge has some local resources but sits in a flood plain of The Test Valley (supposedly a key local and national asset) with virtually no public transport and street car parking obstructing the pavements making it dangerous . again if there is to working with other relevant public authorities and a desire to make a vibrant community/resource isn't there any commitment to engage with car use/parking which becomes a planning issue when it stops natural usage of existing resources.</p>

Please use next page if necessary

What happens next?

All valid responses received within the consultation period will be acknowledged and you will be given a reference number. Please quote this number when contacting the Council about the Local Plan 2040. If you have an agent acting on your behalf, correspondence will be sent to your agent.

All responses received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the Local Plan 2040.