

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
[REDACTED] 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.

Contacting us

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Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an *

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Please provide your email address below:

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

Address*	████████████████████
	Postcode ██████████

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

Draft Test Valley Local Plan 2040 - Regulation 18 Stage 1 February 2020 Comments by Michelmersh and Timsbury Parish Council

The Parish Council's primary areas of interest in the Local Plan relate to development within the parish, or development outside the parish that may affect residents by (for example) changing the local environment or reducing (or enhancing) access to facilities. Michelmersh and Timsbury is shown to be in Category 4 in the Settlement Hierarchy and relies heavily on access to services in Romsey, although public transport provision is poor. The parish is in the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan, supported by a planning consultant, which is expected to be substantially complete during 2022. Results of an initial survey of parishioners' views and opinions are available; a Housing Needs Assessment and a Site Suitability Assessment (including a review of the current SHELAA sites) are in progress. Surveys of the needs of local business will be carried out in the near future.

Housing

The Council has no objection to the proposed redefinition of the boundary between the Southern and Northern Test Valley HMAs. The intentions to subdivide the HMAs to apply different policies to the rural and more urban areas, and not to distribute new housing in the parishes on a 'proportionate' basis, are welcomed.

Housing in the parish is mainly located in the village, with some isolated properties. Village properties are of varied types, widely distributed along the A3057 and the lanes to the east. Broadly, the local opinion on housing (from the NDP survey) supports a modest increase in house numbers, with a greater proportions of smaller houses to accommodate older people ('downsizing') and younger people, possibly including some affordable housing. Depending on the conclusions of the Housing Needs Assessment, our draft NDP may put forward one or more sites for potential development, as well as introducing Design Codes to advise development on these and other sites. The primary aim is to enable new development whilst preserving the rural character of the village and our heritage assets, whilst protecting the local landscape and environment.

Other comments

Businesses

The NDP survey shows support for small businesses on the parish to provide more local employment, including opportunities for home working, although the types and locations of

businesses need to be controlled to minimise traffic generation, particularly in the narrow lanes. The opinions and needs of existing businesses and employers in the parish are being gathered.

Transport

Because of the dependence on Romsey for services, and the need to reduce private car use, improved bus services and further development of safe cycle routes would be beneficial for Michelmersh and Timsbury and other rural parishes.

Future Action

It is expected that drafts of significant sections of our Neighbourhood Plan, with supporting evidence, will be available to advise discussions with the Borough during the development of the Stage 2 Regulation 18 Plan, and it is hoped that The Borough Council will provide facilities for these discussions at the appropriate time.

Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments

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.