

To whom it may concern,

Here follows our response to the draft local plan.

As a resident of Goodworth Clatford for over 5 years a significant amount of work went into the production of the neighborhood plan and its role in managing local development, environment and ecosystems.

The neighbourhood plan made provision for maintaining the village's unique identity as well as ensuring countryside beyond the settlement boundary was protected as unsuitable for development. Since this document appears to have subsequently been disregarded by TVBC how will our village identity, green spaces and open countryside be protected?

Goodworth Clatford as a community is distinct and separate from Upper Clatford and Anna Valley, and I challenge the assumption within the draft plan that groups the 3 villages together. It appears this grouping is purely for the, somewhat rather cynical, convenience of a predetermined agenda by TVBC.

While Goodworth Clatford has a school, pub, rec and shop there is not a good bus service available to residents from young to elderly who need to use it. As a mother of two young children I would not ever consider walking between the two villages to Upper Clatford. The walking route is simply not safe, it is narrow and cars frequently travel at speed. The result is that travelling between the two villages involves a car, clearly this has environmental impact as well as negating the use of the bus service which TVBC have determined as "good" and enough to categorise three rural villages into Tier 3 for the purposes of development.

Furthermore, development in the numbers proposed is disproportionate to the current settlement size and subsequently will have a severe impact on both infrastructure, environment (car use) and ecosystems (in particular the River Anton and Pillhill Brook). Does the draft local plan propose any investment in local infrastructure? For example, it appears there is insufficient provision within the draft proposal for waste water management in an area already inadequately provided for. What consideration has been paid to meeting both climate and pollution targets as this is not evidenced in the draft local plan?

There needs to be a reassessment by TVBC regarding the grouping of three distinct settlements which if treated individually would fall into Tier 4, as well as the greater impact on the local environment and ecosystems before this plan can be accepted. Any proposed development must be proportional to the existing settlement size and settlement boundaries should not be dismissed!

TVBC must address all concerns raised, update their proposals and continue to consult with local residents on all future developments.

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