

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to make representation on the draft Local Plan 2040 currently open for consultation on 2 specific matters, namely your Settlement Hierarchy Assessment for Lockerley and your housing provision split between Test Valley North and Test Valley South (5.15/5.16/5.17)

#### Settlement Hierarchy Assessment

I believe the ranking for Lockerley should be uplifted from a Tier 4 settlement to a Tier 3 in line with neighbouring villages such as West Tytherley for two reasons, namely missing amenities within the assessment and weighting of public transport/"Other" services

#### Missing amenities from the assessment

This assessment seems to have some local amenities that are not included within the methodology which should be added, such as local services like garages for car maintenance. This is a critical service for many and is helpful to local residents to maintain their vehicles for servicing, MOTs etc. Lockerley has such a garage available to its residents yet this is seemingly ignored in your calculations.

#### Weighting of public transport/"Other" services

I would also like to highlight the weighting applied to certain key services v "Others". If you compare Lockerley to West Tytherley (two very similar villages within Test Valley) you will see Lockerley has 5 Key services, a High ranking for regular public transport and 3 "Other" services and is graded as a Tier 4 settlement. However West Tytherley has 5 Key Services (just one more with the addition of a pub) yet has only a Medium ranking for regular public transport and zero "other" services" yet ranks as a Tier 3 settlement. This would indicate that your assessment criteria weighting is incorrect and is failing to take into account the frequency of public transport and/or the "Other" services available.

#### Housing Provision Split

I would also question the split of housing needs between North and South (with regard your Policy 5.15/5.16/5.17). There does not appear to be any provision for flexibility to move housing development volumes between the two areas (ie if you are unable to identify adequate development opportunities within the North will those be reallocated to the South) to allow for the overall number of required dwellings to be met?

If you have any questions about these comments please feel free to reach me on [REDACTED] or on this email address.

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