

Dear TVBC Planning Office,

Reference: Local Draft Plan 2040 - Parish of Upper Clatford

My name is Mark Burchell and I reside in Upper Clatford alongside my family. I do the household shopping for us and chooses to travel to Andover for our family groceries. It's a much easier drive for him and parking is plentiful. We actually never use the little shop in Goodworth Clatford. The roads are too narrow, it's a hassle to get through the village due to double parking on the road and there's no parking outside anyway. The shop is expensive and has very limited produce so it's not really a viable option. There is no disabled parking or access for me.

Alternative ways to Goodworth Clatford aren't really workable either. It absolutely isn't safe for a pedestrian, there are no pavements or safe areas to walk, the traffic is too fast and road is too narrow and bendy. Large vehicles take up the entire road and for someone particularly like myself, a wheelchair user, I wouldn't consider this option at all possible. Whilst my children were young, I considered the road too dangerous to cycle along and would always choose to drive instead. The thought of dragging shopping all the way from Goodworth Clatford back to my home in Upper Clatford simply isn't an option. For those living in Anna Valley, Goodworth Clatford is just too far to be worthy of consideration.

Buses are far too infrequent and I would struggle to navigate the pavements with double parking in our villages to get to the bus stop in the first place.

For all the above reasons, I cannot comprehend how you would consider linking us with Goodworth Clatford, we certainly do not share any of their Key Facilities and feel that we should be categorised as a Tier 4 village instead of Tier 3.

I love living in our peaceful village with our local green space and local gap separating us from Andover and feel very much a part of a village community. A local gap policy will be effective in preserving my sense identity. My family are more likely to walk to Andover, through a scenic area of green space and countryside, benefiting from a healthy living and contributing to climate change and pollution targets. We have a thriving wildlife community and water meadows which should be preserved.

Our Pillhill Brook should be a pristine Chalk stream and sewage discharges must be minimised. Adequate waste water infrastructure should be in place before any development occurs.

To conclude, I feel we have been placed in the wrong tier and should be in tier 4, we should not be linked to Goodworth Clatford in any way as there are no viable travel links and we do not share their 6 Key Facilities.

Kindest regards,
Mark Burchell

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