

Dear Sirs

We note that you have published a draft 'Local Plan' which is open for comment/consultation. We appreciate the need for this and the work that has gone into it in setting parameters for future development but would like to ask for reconsideration of one particular decision which we think is not right and needs reconsideration and some other important issues relating to future development in Upper Clatford and Anna Valley.

Upper Clatford and Anna Valley have been allied with Goodworth Clatford and placed in 'Tier 3' as having the 6 key facilities for a 'Tier 3' settlement. **We do not believe the settlements should be viewed as one.**

As shown there is NO School or Shop in Upper Clatford and Anna Valley they are in Goodworth Clatford. There is a significant distance between the two villages and the road between the two villages is not safe to walk or cycle and we would not even consider the possibility of using a bus as it is too infrequent. We would point out that this is evidenced by the fact that, despite the distance, a school bus had to be provided to get children safely to school.

As evidenced in the plan Upper Clatford and Anna Valley only have 3 of the 6 key facilities required for a 'Tier 3' settlement and the facilities in Goodworth Clatford should not be added they are not available and therefore **Upper Clatford and Anna Valley should be placed in 'tier 4'**

Upper Clatford and Anna Valley is very much a village community in its own right as witnessed by such events as the May Fayre and the many clubs in the village and we believe this sense of identity and community should be retained.

A large part of Upper Clatford is a Conservation Area. The setting of the village with its surrounding green spaces incorporating historic landscapes, former water meadows, wild life corridors not forgetting the SINCR status of the Pill Hill Brook must surely be maintained. We would note that in these times of promoting healthy Living and avoiding climate change and air pollution one is far more likely to walk into Andover through this sort of environment using the existing paths and routes.

We would request that the Local Gap Policy is retained as has been the case for some time.

Finally and importantly when considering any future development in the village sewage discharge becomes a major issue. **Adequate Waste water infrastructure must be put in place before any further significant development is allowed.** The current systems are already inadequate. **The Pill Hill Brook is part of a unique chalk stream ecosystem which, whilst protected, is seriously under threat.** We would point out that septic tanks feeding into ground water are known to be a particular threat to these waterways.

We hope that in finalising the Local Plan you will take into account the Neighbourhood Plan produced for the Village which covers many of the points at issue.

Thank you in advance for consideration of our views which we believe are held by many locally.

Yours Faithfully

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