

We have lived in Anna Valley for over 30 years. During this time we have raised our family within the beautiful countryside in and around Anna Valley & Upper Clatford.

In 2019 our Parish Council invited residents to help produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan to identify our wishes for the future development of our villages. We have been reviewing the TVBC draft local plan for Anna Valley & Upper Clatford and feel compelled to explain why we cannot agree with the following elements of the plan.

The elements that were especially important to us were/are:-

- Maintaining separation between ourselves and Andover Town to safeguard the special identity of each village.
- Maintaining and cherishing/nurturing the local green spaces around our villages to protect the fauna and flora living amongst these areas. These include historic grazing marsh and water meadows.
- Maintaining the bio-diversity and quality of the Pillhill brook chalk streams which The Parish Council have worked tirelessly with the water Companies over the past years to clean up to ensure safe water quality for all residents to enjoy and for the habitats of local wildlife to thrive for the future. This must be maintained.
- Well-developed community spirit within and between both Anna Valley and Upper Clatford residents which has been tested and highlighted during these last few years of Covid pandemic and lockdowns etc. We feel that these elements of living in our village contribute greatly to the ambiance, beauty and identity of the villages and are inherent in the amazing community.
- We enjoy using the local facilities such as pub, village hall, river park, children's park all on our doorstep within walking distance through these green spaces hence reducing our carbon footprint and contributing to our physical and mental well-being.
- We also enjoy the luxury of being able to walk from our villages into Andover through green open spaces, benefiting from fresh air and being amongst nature to use the facilities on offer there.
- Looking at the tier system we notice that we are grouped with Goodworth Clatford (tier 3) where they have more facilities in theory that we can access. However, the road between Goodworth Clatford and Upper Clatford has no pavement and is too fast for people to walk along safely and there is no regular bus service. This means that individuals, children and disabled wheelchair users (like myself) cannot make use of these extra facilities which include the Primary School unless we drive. Therefore we feel that
- Anna Valley and Upper Clatford should be grouped together and in tier 4.
- We also accept and appreciate that as our communities grow we will need to address the subject of future housing. We would urge the powers involved to ensure that this should be kept within the permitted development areas already assigned and not be at the expense of the above points we have highlighted.

We hope that you can understand our issues with the local plan and its potential divergence from the NDP produced . We are happy to discuss this email if required.

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