

Test Valley Borough Council Consultation for Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2

COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published its Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 document for public consultation. This consultation document sets out a vision for Test Valley up to 2040, objectives for achieving this vision, our development needs alongside allocations for residential and employment development and theme-based policies.

The consultation period runs from Tuesday 6th February to noon on Tuesday 2nd April 2024. Please respond before the close of the consultation period so that your comments may be taken into account.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. This form has two parts:

Part A: Your Details

Part B: Your Comments (please fill in a separate sheet for each comment you wish to make)

Further information can be found on our website at:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040

Once the form has been completed, please send to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk below by **noon on Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.

Following receipt of your comments from, we will keep you informed of future consultation stages unless you advise us that you want to opt out of such communication.

If you are unable to send via email, please send a postal copy to our address below.

Contacting us

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Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an *

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Please provide your email address below:

Email Address*	
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Alternatively, if you don't have an email address please provide your postal address.

Address*		
	Postcode	

If you are an agent or responding on behalf of another party, please give the name/ company/ organisation you are representing:

NO

Personal Details and General Data Protection Regulation

Please note that representations cannot be treated as confidential. If you are responding as an individual, rather than as an organisation, we will not publish your contact details (email/ postal address and telephone number) or signatures online, however the original representations will be available for public viewing at our offices by prior appointment.

All representations and related documents will be held by the Council until the Local Plan 2040 is adopted and the Judicial Review period has closed and will then be securely destroyed.

The Council respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. Further details on the General Data Protection Regulation and Privacy Notices are

available on our website here:
<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

Part B: Your Comments

Please use the boxes below to state your comments. This includes one box for general comments and another for specific comments related to an area of the Local Plan.

Insert any general comments you may have that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.

If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.

If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

General

In principle I agree with your plans! even though I do not agree with the government housing policies and green gateways.

My main concern would be amendments in the final draft and the endorsement of the Stephenson Halliday report.

My other concern is a change of government that would put more pressure on housing in the area.

I object to the deterioration of the local gaps and would like to note how poor the Stephenson & Halliday report is, but I can only relate to my knowledge of Romsey & North Baddesley.

Since the planning inspectorate in 2011 viewed and upheld the decision to prevent development between Halterworth lane and Highwood Lane stating it was crucial to the area. (Explain later)

Since then, the landowner has deliberately tried to down grade the land, hedge rows, fences, and boundaries. Very little maintenance/management has been done and low grade practices like a Solar array and turfing has been introduced. The footpath is overgrown and not maintained even though it is used frequently by local residence.

The settlement edges have been there for 90+ years with a clear boundary.

The importance of this area is very high not just for open green areas but for wildlife & fauna. Tawny Owls, Bats and birds of prey occupy this land.

Both local school's benefit from this especially Halterworth where 435 children can view countryside from there playground viewing openness, wildlife, lambs being born these memories are priceless unlike green gateways(corridors) used by a few with no open space.

Reference the need for industrial units in the area: Units nearer the M27 & M271 would be more appropriate! not eroding the gap by expanding The Abbey industrial estate. Could the old tyre dump not be used?

In conclusion of the draft plan 2040:

I can only comment on the areas I know, therefore I strongly object to any implementation of the Stephenson Halliday report now or in the future.

The current local gaps should be maintained (Not downgraded) at all costs with no developments open them. The character of the areas, if changed cannot be reversed and the future generations would have a poorer life.

For specific comments, please make it clear which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible. Please use the box below.

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Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments
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	<p>Contradicting the Stephanson Halliday report I give evidence: I refer to the planning inspectorate (Secretary of state) the appointed inspector G.D Grindey in 2011. Points for reference from his report are as follows.</p> <p>22. He acknowledges that the gap was crucial to the area & new development should not be permitted and would affect the character & appearance of Romsey/ North Baddesley.</p> <p>23. A increase of private car use if any development small would then lead to larger developments.</p> <p>31. Would reduce visual separation of the two settlements.</p> <p>32. There is well defined boundaries of the gap.</p> <p>34. Visual separation would not be maintained.</p> <p>35. Halterworth Lane is the boundary & he understands why the Romsey Settlement boundary is drawn here.</p> <p>36. From the footpath he found there is a strong contrast from settlement and the countryside identifying the gap.</p> <p>41. Nature conservation aspects and the Conservation of Habitats & species.</p> <p>42. Ema Bog a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) any small or large development would have significant effect.</p> <p>43. Visitor & recreational pressure would be determent to SAC.</p>
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What happens next?

All valid responses received within the consultation period will be acknowledged and you will be given a reference number. Please quote this reference number when contacting the Council about the Local Plan 2040. If you have an agent acting on your behalf, correspondence will be sent directly to your agent.

All responses received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the Local Plan 2040.