

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 *

Title* Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other (please state)	Dr	First Name*	John
Surname*	Moon		
Organisation* (If responding on behalf of an organisation)			

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*			
Andover			
	Postcode		

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

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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

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
5.185	<p>There has been a degree of doubt as to the validity of Local Gap designations in view of the absence of their mention in national policy. TVBC commissioned a study in 2023: "Test Valley Borough Council: Local Gaps Assessment (Stephenson Halliday, 2023)". It provides a rationale for the designation of Local Gaps and a detailed examination of the nine Local Gaps in Test Valley.</p> <p>The study concludes in relation to Abbotts Ann: "This Local Gap is particularly effective in separating the two settlements, noting in particular the openness of the arable landscape. Consideration should therefore be given to how the strong sense of separation between the settlements is maintained and potentially reinforced, with regard to any future pressures for development."</p> <p>I therefore fully support this policy</p>
Policy HOU1	<p>The 15 dwelling threshold for rural development to contain the full quota of affordable housing should be dropped. Affordable housing is much needed in the villages and new homes in the villages are highly marketable so the removal of this threshold is unlikely to deter the building of small numbers of houses on rural sites. If there is development in a village where there are people needing affordable housing (i.e. nearly all villages) it is not satisfactory to move the affordable provision to outside that village by accepting a financial contribution in lieu. The NPPF (para 65) now allows LPAs to set the threshold as low as they like in rural areas – so why not 2 or 3?</p>

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.