

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> February to noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040)

Once the form has been completed, please send to [planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk) below by **noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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)	Revd	First Name*	Chris
Surname*	Bradish		
Organisation* (If responding on behalf of an organisation)	Andover Parish		

Please provide your email address below:

Email Address*	<div></div> Please copy all correspondence to: <div></div>
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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:

The Parish of Andover (a Church of England ecclesiastical parish) comprising the large majority of the town of Andover and including four parish churches as follows:  
St Mary's  
St Pauls (Smannel Road)  
St Michael's & All Angels Knights Enham  
St Michael's & All Angels West Andover

### 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
<p>We wish to register our interest in the Local Plan and its onward development, consultation and adoption.</p> <p>Our interest relates to the proposed developments in Andover.</p> <p>We want to be part of conversations about how the town can welcome a large increase in new residents.</p> <p>How will good leadership be offered to create a welcoming and inclusive culture for new residents?</p> <p>What thinking is going into this to ensure the town continues to grow it's overall sense of community cohesion and retain it's sense of place?</p> <p>The Manor Farm, Town Centre, Picket Twenty and Bere Hill developments together comprise 2,650 new dwellings. Does this overall increase generate a requirement for a new secondary school?</p>

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

Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments
	<u>Northern Area Policy 2: Delivering High Quality Development in Andover Town Centre</u>
<b>4.22</b>	We are pleased to see that the Local Plan will be fully aligned and integrated with the Andover Town Centre Master Plan.
<b>4.23</b>	We support the objectives listed in this paragraph. We are pleased to see The Guildhall and St Mary's being recognised as importance centres for civic life within the town – and the need for these to be preserved.
<b>4.26</b>	We agree that an increase in the residential population within the Town Centre will support the wider objectives of the Master Plan. We would be interested to better understand how 367 homes has been calculated. We are specifically interested in how planners feel these additional homes will contribute to an improvement in variety, quality and cultural vibrancy of Andover's night time economy.
<b>4.27-4.32</b>	We are of the strong opinion that any new housing design needs to be of a <u>high standard</u> within the town centre in order to support the wider regeneration objectives.
	<u>Northern Area Policy 4: Land South of London Road, Picket Twenty</u>
<b>4.51</b>	We would like to better understand what is meant by 'off-site financial contributions' to Pilgrims Cross Primary School. How will this school cope with the additional demand placed on it's catchment area by this development?
	<u>Northern Area Policy 5: Land at Manor Farm, North of Saxon Way, Andover</u>
<b>4.65</b>	As this development will run very close to such an important heritage asset (St Michael's & All Angels Knights Enham – Grade I listed), we wish to register a special interest in this proposed development and make the following comments:  Who will be conducting the Heritage Impact Assessment? Can we be reassured they will act independently from the developers? Will the residents of Knights Enham and others with knowledge of its history have access to the Assessors?

<p><b>4.72</b></p>	<p>Will any Civic Infrastructure Levy generate out of this development, and if so, is there a way the church could be part of the conversations about how this could be applied to the benefit of the local community?</p> <p>We believe a number of heritage initiatives can be adopted to ensure protection of Knights Enham without any significant impact on the proposed Manor Farm 800-home development capacity. Specifically, Figure 4.5 includes an illustrative heritage buffer. The indicated size and scale of this <u>critical heritage buffer</u> is manifestly inadequate and something far more substantial is required, e.g., at the very least on the scale and magnitude of the ‘Significant Green Space’ indicated at the north end of the same field. This will maintain i) the unique heritage of Knight Enham and its identity as a distinct hamlet (small village) and ii) the peaceful setting for St Michael’s church and its graveyard.</p> <p>Furthermore, we understand there is a Council Policy to ensure there is a green-space gap between the villages and discrete residential areas surrounding Andover. In pursuance of that policy, we understand the Council have already rejected plans to develop on land between Knights Enham and Enham Alamein because such a development would offend the said policy. The creation of a significant buffer to protect the integrity and character of Knights Enham would also be completely consistent with that policy.</p> <p>There is reference to ‘the enhancement of the existing public rights of way’. We request the residents of Knights Enham be given the opportunity to consult on any amendments to public rights of way.</p> <p><u>Northern Area Policy 6: Land at Bere Hill, South Andover</u></p> <p>We note that the site would generate a requirement for a new 2 form entry new primary school. Has there been any discussion about the need for a new secondary school?</p> <p>Picket Twenty’s key facilities and commercially led facilities have been regarded by some as inadequate. We will be keen to learn more about plans for Bere Hill at the Regulation 19 stage.</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.