

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:

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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

1. The proposed new developments around Ludgershall will generate a significant increase in the traffic along the A342 into and out of Andover, as well as along the lanes to the south of the development. The obvious route for access from these to the A303 will be to use Amesbury Road and the Thruxton junction. Neither of the East or West bound slip roads can be considered “safe”. This situation is exacerbated by Wiltshire’s plans to build significant housing adjacent to the Hampshire/TVBC sites. TVBC needs to ensure that the road infrastructure will be adequate and safe to service these developments. The DLP needs to reflect TVBC’s commitment to the Transport Policies it sets out in order to provide safe and sustainable transport links for cars, bikes and pedestrians. Adequate public transport provision needs to be addressed. There needs to be robust plans in place to prevent “rat runs” through the surrounding Villages whose roads are already not sufficient nor safe to support their current local need.
2. Air pollution is of concern in Thruxton due to its proximity to the A303 and to the Thruxton Racetrack. TVBC only monitor NO2, not PM10 or 2.5, in & close to Andover. There is no monitoring along the A303 nor in the Villages. The national Air Quality Objectives & Air Quality Standards Regulations limit & target values with which the UK must comply. As TVBC does not monitor these pollutants, we do not know if they are exceeded in this area. The Local Plan does not indicate a current cause for concern over air quality and there are repeated references in the DLP that there will be no concerning increases in levels of air pollution. There is inference that there will be annual review of air quality, but the draft Local Plan is short on all detail. There should be reference and actions made to the “Chief Medical Officer’s annual report 2022: air pollution” that gives guidance as to how local Government can help address these issues to improve health by reducing air pollution through urban planning measures.
3. Regarding the “Settlement Hierarchy Assessment Update February 2024”. The removal of any form of assessment against public transport facility as part of the DLPs proposed stratification of settlement hierarchy is of concern. With so much Planning Policy dedicated to sustainable development with reference to transport – car, pedestrian, cyclist, public transportation methods – how can TVBC justify the removal of this criteria from Settlement Hierarchy stratification? No or poor public transport provision in Villages in the Countryside does not make development sustainable against Policy. Sustainability of development without public transport cannot be properly assessed as a result. This should be reversed. There also appears to be inconsistency and inaccuracies in the interpretation by TVBC of their own criteria within the Settlement Hierarchy Assessment Update. For example, if Thruxton is deemed to have a Primary School, although actually located in the Kimpton Parish, how come Kimpton is not deemed to have a Primary School?

4. Thruxton Parish settlement boundary is drawn to include the allotments – as has been historically the case. However, the supporting documents for the Local Plan indicate that allotments will be excluded from being contained within the Settlement Boundary. Which is correct?

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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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.