



Planning Policy and Economic Development,
Test Valley Borough Council,
Beech Hurst,
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27th March 2024

Dear Planning Policy Team,

Ref: Local Plan 2040 Reg 18, Stage 2, Public Consultation

Thank you for Mr Graham Smith's letter of unstated date, but received on 7th February 2024. Yet again, this time due to continuing health problems with my Dorset-based very elderly father and stepmother (ever since last July and with two hospital stays totalling 15 days since 2nd Feb...!), I am up in a corner and replying later than planned and with less background reading that I wished.

I refer to my letter of 22nd April 2022 for my general feelings about **any** further greenfield development in Hampshire (or indeed anywhere in the United Kingdom). The CPRE and others have repeatedly stated that there are enough empty homes in this country **already** to clear council waiting lists, but no-one takes the initiative to declare to **all** developers that they may not build on green fields, but (for example) will receive various incentives instead – less corporation tax, perhaps? - to update old and abandoned properties. In Hampshire, they could start with the four (and I think probably more) houses being left to go to rack and ruin by the Waitrose organisation in Leckford.

Please urge the Hampshire County Council to fight back against national government housing demands for counties that most MPs have probably never even visited.

However, for now, I am grateful to the TVBC for being determined to try to keep at least most of the character of this lovely area, which seems to include where I and my husband live. We have been shocked to the core by the outfit calling itself Drew Smith and their suggestions for creating what amounts to a small town out of

Grateley Station and Palestine by building 115 houses to the north of Streetway Road and another 45 behind existing houses on Wallop Road.

This would destroy the 'landscape character feature' I was told the field north of Streetway Road comprised (when I moved to Grateley Station's Campbell Close in 2000), not to mention destroying the Local Gap this field also comprises, between Grateley Station and Palestine. Championing these Local Gaps was part of the manifesto put forward by Cllrs Maureen Flood and Susanne Hasselmann before they were elected in May 2023!

Thank you for continuing as much as you can to resist despoiling our countryside and please continue to keep me informed of the various stages of the Local Plan.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Bayley (aka Mrs Jane Kitching) and Ray Kitching