

# 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.

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## Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an \*

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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
<p>I have 4 areas of concern about the proposed TVBC local plan 2024 document in relation in particular to the southern part of the borough:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) There is no mention of the derelict brewery site in the centre of Romsey. It is not clear whether the plan will ensure that dwellings are built on the eyesore that this brownfield site currently is. This should be the number one priority for the southern Test Valley. It is inexplicable that TVBC have allowed this prime site to remain unused for the last twenty or so years whilst freely building on greenfield sites in other parts of the borough.</li><li>2) I cannot find the word "bungalow" mentioned anywhere in the 256 page document. Part of the problem with housing in the southern Test Valley is that there are very few bungalows or small houses for older people to downsize to leading to underutilisation of housing. Yes some retirement flat complexes have been built but generally these are apartments with no private outside space and/or very cramped accommodation. The 2040 local plan should build in a decent allocation of <b>reasonably proportioned</b> low level housing, preferably bungalows and preferably near/in Romsey town centre to help meet this need.</li><li>3) Table 3.3 - see specific comments section below.</li><li>4) Development in the countryside paragraphs 3.45 – 3.91 and table on page 49 - see comments in specific section</li></ol>

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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
	<p>1) Table 3.3 shows that with existing completions and allocations the minimum housing requirement is already met. Why is TVBC proposing to increase building beyond what is required? The southern Test Valley population has increased so much over the last twenty years causing huge problems for services (notably GPs) so why would it voluntarily be further increased?</p> <p>2) Development in the countryside paragraphs 3.45 – 3.91 and table on page 49:</p> <p>The draft plan allocates 10 dwellings to Awbridge. (I am a resident of Awbridge.)</p> <p>Firstly it is not clear to me from the document whether all other Tier 3 settlements in the borough will have this arbitrary 10 dwellings requirement or just those which already have neighbourhood plans or which, like Awbridge, are in the process of preparing one.</p> <p>Secondly the parish of Awbridge has seen a huge increase in dwellings over the course of the last plan with the substantial Stanbridge Earls site, Springfield (affordable housing) and several smaller number but very large footprint developments (Kents Oak, Church Lane, Dodwell projects in Saunders Lane etc). None of these very expensive large footprint houses meet the needs of the parish.</p> <p>Therefore in my view:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Awbridge should only take extra dwellings if they truly meet local needs and are small dwellings on small scale developments;</li> <li>ii) Awbridge should only take the arbitrary 10 extra dwellings if all other Tier 3 settlements, and not just the ones with neighbourhood plans, take the same minimum allocation.</li> </ul>

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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.