

# 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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| Title*<br>Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other<br>(please state)              | Dr   | First<br>Name* | Peter |
| Surname*   | Wood |                |       |
| Organisation*<br>(If responding on behalf<br>of an organisation) |      |                |       |

Please provide your email address below:

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Alternatively, if you don't have an email address please provide your postal address.

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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 Comments  |
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| <u>These comments relate to proposed development to Upton Lane in Nursling (SHELAA 385).</u>  |
| We have lived on Romsey Road for 47 years, and are extremely worried by the plans and proposals for use of farmland opposite our home to build housing and industrial and employment units.   |
| The development at Adanac Park has changed a semi-rural area into an industrialised and ugly suburb. A similar development at Upton lane will destroy the rural nature of Nursling completely.  |
| Our objections are focussed on the following main areas:  |
| <u>Lack of written communication from TVBC</u>  |
| Although the consultation period for comments started on February 6th, residents of Romsey Road and Upton Lane have not received a direct written communication from TVBC concerning these proposals. This has resulted in a much shorter time period for us to make comments.          |
| <u>Lack of proposed infrastructure</u>  |
| The proposed development of 80 homes would give a potential of 320 extra residents and approximately 180 children. The two schools at Nursling and at Rownhams are over-subscribed and have no extra places available. There are no proposals to provide schooling for the development. |
| The local GP practices at Romsey are struggling to provide an adequate service for the existing population. There is no provision for additional GP services.   |
| <u>Lack of information on proposed road alterations.</u>  |
| Upton Lane is a narrow country lane which at the southern end crosses the railway via a weak bridge with a 3 ton weight limit. It is totally unsuitable for the heavy traffic envisaged for the class B8 warehousing and class B2 general industrial development adjacent to the lane.  |
| There are no details of proposed changes to road layouts to service the development.  |
| It is not possible to predict how these changes will affect access to our property. Could we be living next to a roundabout?  |

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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  |
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| 2.14          | <b>The Environment Act 2021.</b> The proposed plans go against the aims of the act by further degrading our immediate environment.   |
| 2.55          | <b>Health, Wellbeing and Recreation.</b><br><br>Upton Lane is a country lane which provides a pleasant walk past the church to access the Test Way. Should this area be developed the increased heavy traffic will severely restrict this important area of recreation and natural habitat.  |
| 2.57          | <b>National Design Guide and Building Better, Building Beautiful.</b><br><br>The warehousing and distribution centres planned are not consistent with this object.   |
| 2.65          | The only buses along Romsey Road are school buses. The proposed development will increase private car usage which goes against your vision and objective of working with the community towards a carbon free future.   |
| 4.214         | <b>Retention of the character of Nursling.</b> The proposals will enhance the impact of the motorways and existing industrial estates on the area. Upton lane is one of the remaining rural spots in the locale and is used for walking and riding. This precious area of greenspace and woodland must be preserved.   |
| 4.217         | Most employment will be associated with distribution and logistics and can hardly be described as applying to highly skilled local jobs. The facilities will be operated and owned by national or multinational corporations who will have no interest in our local community. Most jobs will be low paid, possibly with zero hours contracts. It is hard to reconcile this with your objective scheme for economy, prosperity and skills. |
| 5.254, 5.29   | Access to open spaces will be severely restricted by the proposed scheme which will cause destruction of local natural assets and restrict the use of Upton lane to reach the Test Way.  |

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| <p><b>Para 1.1.386</b></p> | <p><b>Comments on supplementary document Landscape Sensitivity Assessmnt: Nursling 1# Land West of 3057 by Stephenson Halliday (also known as land at Upton Lane, Upton triangle).</b></p> <p>This assessment states that the land concerned was judged as moderate to low regarding susceptibility to change by virtue of degraded character due to current detracting features i.e., pylons and the motorway. The fact that we are close to the M271 and M27 and have some pylons (as do many local areas) does not imply that the area should be more conducive to high density industrial development.</p> <p><b>We should not be subjected to any further degradation of the remaining countryside.</b></p> |
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