

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

I object to the Local Plan 2040.

The preferred site for Velmore Farm for an allocation of 1,070 homes and 2.2 hectares for employment use, breaches a local gap.

If this Draft Local Plan is adopted, and this land developed, it would adversely impact Valley Park residents.

There should be a positive allocation of housing land sites across all settlements, including those other than Tiers 1 & 2. The plan fails to do that.

The plan has no positive policies to maintain the viability of villages, nor to improve the viability of those struggling to maintain their schools, shops and public transport. Valley Park over the last forty years has had almost 4,000 homes allocated to it for development. If this allocation were to be adopted at Velmore Farm that figure would rise to almost 5,000 homes. Whereby, the Mid Test area around the market town of Stockbridge has received no allocation of homes at all.

Local Gaps were the most supported policy by residents within the last Local Plan up to 2029. During the pandemic they were utilised by residents as safe areas to exercise and were really appreciated. It is difficult to see how any development at Velmore Farm does not compromise the role, character and integrity of this Local Gap, contrary to Test Valley Policy E3. I am very concerned at the loss of open aspect, green space and the damage on the biodiversity and wildlife habitats, from such a large scale development.

The impact of 2000+ vehicles onto Templars Way and local roads will have a significant detrimental impact, particularly at peak times. Traffic Impact Assessments should be undertaken on all the local highways, taking into account the extra vehicles. These Traffic Impact Assessments would need to also take into account the additional traffic that will be generated from the 300-home development currently under construction at Hoe Lane in North Baddesley, and the future development of 1,100 homes at Whitenap, Romsey and include the existing impact from the development at Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh. The impact upon Templars

Way, Castle Lane, Knightwood Road, Baddesley Road, also Bournemouth Road and Chilworth Road needs to be fully assessed. It must be noted that Templars Way and Castle Lane is a diversion route for traffic, should accidents happen on the M3 and the M27. These happen quite often.

I am very concerned for the increased pressure from up to 2,000 more residents upon our local doctor and dentist services. The 3,700 families in Valley Park share doctor's surgeries with North Baddesley and Chandlers Ford residents. They are already overburdened.

Velmore Farm is located at a higher elevation than Valley Park and the soil, like Valley Park, is a clay-based texture. The surface water from this site already flows down onto Templars Way, School Lane and Castle Lane, creating deep flooded areas across these highways. This has been getting worse over ten years but has significantly increased from 2019 due to weather conditions caused by climate change. The Borough and the County Council have, so far, not been able to address this situation. The large-scale development West of Knightwood Road needed a number of large balancing ponds, to alleviate the recognised risk of surface water flooding of homes east of Knightwood Road. Equally, the sports pitches and play areas that were developed needed, at a later date, huge sums of money allocated for drainage works to prevent constant surface water flooding.

Electricity pylons go straight across the land at Velmore Farm. Government Ministers are recommending homes should NOT be built under, or close to electricity pylons. This Local Plan should be amended to state and make it clear that overhead electric cables should be located underground, on safety grounds, on any new housing developments

The Plan does not ensure that current Infrastructure problems and new issues are addressed ahead of any development taking place.

I request full archaeology studies be carried out on all land at Velmore Farm. A Roman Road runs over the farmland. The National Historic Society should be notified about the proposal to develop this land. It must not be forgotten that an area, West of Knightwood Road, a Roman settlement was concreted over and was only revealed when this development was almost completed.

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

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.