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**From:**  
**Sent:** 26 August 2020 09:34  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** RE: Refined Issues and Options Consultation for the next Local Plan  
**Attachments:** T100\_Advice\_to\_LPA AUG2020.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your email below, inviting Southern Water to comment on Test Valley Borough Council's Issues & Options consultation. Southern Water is the statutory water and wastewater undertaker for the Borough of Test Valley. With regard to specific questions, we comment as follows:

**Question 9: How should we define settlement boundaries? What types of land uses should be included, such as public open space?**

Where appropriate, Southern Water would wish to see its Wastewater Treatment Works (WTWs) included within settlement boundaries. Whilst our WTWs are usually located outside the settlements they serve, they are functionally connected to these settlements and although often screened by vegetation, the WTWs' on-site buildings, plant and hardstanding do not reflect the character of the open countryside. Southern Water may need to undertake upgrades at its WTWs in order to accommodate future population growth within settlements, and/or to meet stricter environmental requirements. In such cases it is more appropriate for planning purposes that the WTW is considered part of the built settlement it serves, rather than being subject to potentially more restrictive countryside policies.

**Additional comments:**

Further to our comments on the last Issues & Options document in 2018 relating to water efficiency, Southern Water is progressing with the roll out of its Target 100 water efficiency programme, which aims to reduce average per capita consumption to 100 litres per day across our water supply area by 2040. Building on this, and in relation to section 2.3 of Test Valley Borough Council's current Issues & Options document, we have looked at the potential carbon savings that could also be made through greater water efficiency. This is outlined further in the attached document; by aiming for greater water efficiency in new buildings, this can also contribute to greater carbon savings at the same time. Southern Water would therefore fully support any policies aiming to require new development to meet as a minimum the Building Regulations optional standard of 110 l/p/d, or lower.

We look forward to being kept informed of the progress of the plan to Preferred Options stage.

Yours faithfully,

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