

Test Valley Borough Council Next Local Plan - Refined Issues and Options Consultation

COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published for public participation its Refined Issues and Options document. This is the second stage of preparing the next Local Plan, which follows the Issues and Options consultation in 2018.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. Further information can be found on our website at: www.testvalley.gov.uk/nextlocalplan

The consultation period runs from Friday 3 July 2020 to 4.30pm on 28 August 2020. Please respond before the close of the consultation period.

Once the form has been completed, please send to

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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Organisation* <i>(If responding on behalf of an organisation)</i>			

If you wish your comments to be acknowledged and to be kept informed of progress, please provide your email address below:

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Part B: Your Comments

Please use the boxes below to state your comments and questions. Please make it clear which paragraph or question your comments relate to where possible.

Paragraph / Question Ref	Comments
Q1-Q3 HMA	<p>Is there a need to define one or more HMAs as part of the work on the new local plan ref paras 60+61 of the NPPF 2019? The components of the calculation of need are set out using the Government's Standard Method. The 2020 ONS household projections when applied to the Standard Method suggest that the new local plan will need to make provision for a significant number of additional homes</p> <p>Once a Borough figure of need is established the policy issue is where and how to meet that need.</p>
Para 5.16-5.19	<p>In the event that the Council decides to define housing areas it should recognise the strong relationship between Romsey and south Hampshire.</p> <p>Housing distribution</p> <p>The purpose of the planning system is to deliver sustainable development. In that context development should be located within or close to existing settlements where facilities and services are available. As the second largest settlement in the Borough, Romsey has considerable potential to support the delivery of sustainable development.</p> <p>Previous local plans have relied to a great extent on a small number of large sites which has led to issues regarding the timing and rate of completions. However, the merits of large sites which are in sustainable locations should not be excluded on the basis of delivery issues of previous large-scale allocations. A phased approach informed by a masterplan would sit well with the proposals in the White Paper Planning for the Future.</p>
Q4-Q7	<p>Settlement Hierarchy</p> <p>If the preferred approach of the new local plan is to allocate a housing figure to each defined settlement it is assumed that it would be informed by a number of factors such as the availability facilities and the character and setting of the settlement. Romsey given its size and range of facilities and services it supports would be at the top of any hierarchy and would be expected to accommodate a significant amount if new development.</p>
Q13-Q15	<p>Self-Build and Custom-Build Homes</p> <p>The NPPF 2019 para 61 advises that the needs of a range of different groups should be accommodated in the planning policies of an area. The Council has a duty to meet the need for self-build and custom-build homes as reflected in the register it maintains so a policy on the subject is required. Any policy which seeks to deliver a percentage of service plots will need to include provision for those plots to be released for other forms of housing in the event that there is no need to be met.</p>
Para 7.12-7.15	<p>Local Gaps</p> <p>If the local plan includes a policy which seeks to maintain the existing settlement pattern it would need to be justified and the extent of the area where the policy would be applied should be limited to that which is necessary to meet the objectives of the policy. The starting point should</p>

be a new appraisal of potential areas where separation may be an issue rather than to roll forward the boundaries of existing designated local gaps.

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