

# 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](http://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.

### Contacting us

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## Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an \*

Title*		First Name*	
Surname*			
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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<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

## 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
	<p>Let's face it, no one likes to have another housing estate built near them, but it is a fact of life, if we are to meet anything like the Government's housing target of 300,000 new homes a year</p> <p>So accepting that we have to build more houses, we need to decide how to lessen the impact on the vast majority of people, and this must come down to the visual impact of what we actually see</p> <p>The only people who are going to be worried about what is in the centre of an estate are those who buy the houses and hence they have a choice. Those living nearby or driving by do not. So let's think about what these estates look like from the boundaries and make them a more pleasant view. Those on the edges should be more varied perhaps, use reclaimed materials in some cases and be a feature rather than an eye sore. How about a mock converted church, a manor house or a row of converted farm buildings. Planting is important, but planning applications end up with housing close to the edges so developers can have visibility and hence sales appeal. There should be no reason why there is not a protected corridor of 30 metres or so, that is landscaped to shield the development. If both these features were included then the presence would be whole lot less emotive</p> <p>Now the developers will scream about the cost. But this is only after they have planning permission. Up to that point if the costs rise, they will be negotiating the price down with the land owner, so it is important to get these features sorted out during outline planning permission, not after that point, as by then the land price will be fixed</p> <p>The other matter that we need to encourage in my opinion is the reduction in size of estates, or the planning requirements to have them sold in small parcels. This would encourage local builders where the benefit is more likely to remain in the local economy. I know that larger estates are often driven by the need to hit housing targets, but this is only if we have not all been far sighted enough to get the right numbers in the plan in good time</p> <p>Finally, we need to make provision for self-build and custom homes. There is good demand for these type of dwellings and it</p>

can only happen in any volume with the drive of the LPA to support this need. There are many ways of achieving this, from serviced plots, to small developments and the inclusion of the requirement in planning for larger sites to provide say 5 plots for self build

Happy to discuss any of these ideas

Thank you

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