

Houghton Parish Council response to:

TVBC, Local Plan Refined Issues and Options Consultation 2020

5 Living in the Test Valley, Housing and Community.

The Villagers of Houghton have consulted widely, carried out two Housing Needs surveys and have virtually completed their NDP. (5.19)

We have a need for a small number of low rent and affordable market houses (5.31) which we believe the new 'Farm Development' will provide us with (5.20) We are a small Conservation Village and we have seen an unprecedented increase in housing stock, completed or being built representing a nearly 20% increase in village housing in the last three years, which is a very large increase. We have more than taken responsibility. We require our settlement boundary (5.27) to remain as it is, we do not want greedy developers moving the boundary for their own gain. We are a picturesque rural Village adjacent to the river Test SSSI and it is a national imperative to retain this unique character.

7.16 Local Green Spaces. Our NDP, Conservation document and VDS give clear indication of local green spaces and views around the Parish, these are long standing and well documented and must be respected at all times.

7.27 Our views on renewable energy and climate change are also given in our NDP. All homes in the UK should be to the highest energy efficiency, with heat pumps, solar energy, high insulation standards and zero carbon footprint. This is not happening at present which is a complete disgrace.

