

Dear Planners,

I live in Upper Clatford and have done so for 30 years. I recently went to the AGM of our local Parish Council where they outlined the Test Valley Local Plan 2040 and suggested we write to you with hopefully some helpful comments towards your vision.

Tier 3 allocation

I'm not sure I understand the fact that we have been labelled with a tier 3 settlement because apparently we are able to share facilities with Goodworth Clatford. However, this is not so as the road between Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford is dangerous with no footpath and a blind corner to boot....and a ditch to jump into to get off the road! I know this as I hear the rush hour traffic to school mornings and afternoons, living as I do on the edge of Upper Clatford closest to Goodworth Clatford. I would not let my grandchildren cycle or walk on their own down that road as cars go too fast; the bus service is inconveniently infrequent and we have no shop in Upper Clatford except a farm shop and no school.

The Local Gap

I love the fact I live in a thriving village with a real village atmosphere where people help each other out, visit the elderly or those with ill health and younger families who move in consistently say what a wonderful feel Upper Clatford has as a village with its green spaces and joyous walks around it's edges.

So I would very much hope that you will keep the Local Gap policy to preserve our sense of identity and green spaces.

A Local Green Space policy

Continuing on from above I would ask that you also retain your green spaces around our village. My husband and myself are keen birdwatchers and love the fact that on the edges of our village we have great biodiversity with rare species and that historic landscapes like the water meadows survive for many years to come, as they have done so for several hundred years.

Infrastructure

I very much hope you will ensure that prior to any development you will make sure that all of our famous and pristine chalk streams will retain their pureness and therefore will you promise to minimise sewage discharges with adequate wastewater infrastructure in place beforehand?

Thank you for reading the above and I very much hope you will take these points forward.

Kind regards,

Jane Wilson

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