

To whom it may concern.

In response to the local plan vision 2040 I have strong views as to why the environment should be kept to a natural village status. A village is a place where people choose to live to be away from estates and towns.

A few infills are the positive way for a village to expand, not to create crowded spaces.

To expand there must be services which can cope with new homes.

The sewerage system has not been upgraded or corrected for years and has had tankers to remove excess waste water.

There is a beautiful chalk stream known as Pill brook that is in danger of sewage discharge if growth to the area expands.

There is no shop in Upper Clatford and just a small farm shop in Anna Valley . There is no school and an infrequent bus service with no paths to walk to Good worth Clatford. The road is a danger to walk or cycle as cars speed along a winding road. Cars speed along the road which is frightening when walking. There are lovely walks to get to town and around the village which is why people choose to live away from towns.

Living in a green area is a healthy environment for our children. It is wonderful to see wildlife and nature at its best.

Our lives need green areas to help with climate change and our pollution targets. Humanity needs natural areas. Marshland water meadows pristine streams.

Living in a village gives a good community spirit and makes you want to be part of the community.

We need the gap to preserve our identity.

The cars which are in the village are enough and there is no parking except on the road. The roads are not suitable to take even more traffic. They are country lanes.

With all the above points the Upper Clatford Anna Valley parish does not have 6 key points to put us in tier 3 and the parish should be in tier 4.

There are enough areas which are derelict in brown field areas which are not only an eye sore but have been derelict for years and would be far better in being built on for homes.

If people wished to live in a built up area they would not have had homes in a village. People live in villages because they enjoy the lifestyle and environment.

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