



Test Valley Borough Council

Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR)

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Glossary of Terms

Authority's Monitoring Reports: A report that fulfils Section 113 of the Localism Act (2011) that requires that a monitoring report must be published assessing the implementation of policy and progress of the Local Development Scheme. This must be done at least yearly.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): A levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new development. The charges are related to the size and type of the new development. The money collected can be spent on funding infrastructure which the Council has identified as being required.

Conservation: The preservation, protection, or restoration of the natural environment and of wildlife and the process of maintaining and managing change to a heritage asset in a way that sustains and, where appropriate, enhances its significance.

Custom-build: Refers to when an individual or an association of individuals commissions a specialist developer to deliver a new home.

Development Management Policies: These are a suite of criteria-based policies which are required to ensure that all development within the area meets the spatial vision and spatial objectives set out in the Local Plan.

Development Plan: The Development Plan comprises the Development Plan Documents, Neighbourhood Development Plans, and the Minerals and Waste Plans produced jointly by Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.

Development Plan Documents (DPDs): Spatial planning documents that are subject to independent examination and form the development plan for a local authority area for the purposes of the 2004 Act. Individual Development Plan Documents or parts of a document can be reviewed independently of other Development Plan Documents.

Duty to Cooperate: The duty to cooperate was created in the Localism Act (2011). It places a legal duty on local planning authorities, county councils and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis on strategic cross boundary matters.

Evidence Base: The evidence and information used to inform Development Plan Documents. It should be as up to date as possible.

Green Infrastructure (GI): Green infrastructure can embrace a range of spaces and assets that provide environmental and wider benefits. It can, for example, include parks, playing fields, other areas of open space, woodland, allotments, private gardens, sustainable drainage features, green roofs and walls, street trees and 'blue infrastructure' such as streams, ponds, canals and other water bodies

Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA): This is based on a legal requirement through the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended). It included assessing the potential effects of land use plans on the conservation

objectives of certain sites that are designated for their nature conservation importance. This includes Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) and Special Protection Areas (SPAs). Guidance also recommends considering the effects on Ramsar Sites.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP): The IDP forms part of the evidence base for the Local Plan. It assesses the capability and deficits in infrastructure which are needed to deliver the requirements of the Local Plan.

Local Development Scheme (LDS): This sets out the programme for preparing planning guidance. The Council's LDS can be found on the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website.

Local Plan: This sets out the long-term spatial vision for the local planning authority area and the spatial objectives and strategic policies to deliver that vision through development management policies and strategic site allocations. The next Local Plan will have the status of a Development Plan Document.

Local Planning Authority (LPA): The public authority whose duty it is to carry out specific planning functions for a particular area.

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP): LEPs are partnerships between local authorities and businesses and play a key role in establishing local priorities to create jobs and support local businesses. The Enterprise M3 LEP includes the Borough of Test Valley. The government withdrew central government support (core funding) for Local Enterprise Partnerships from April 2024 and transferred their functions to local and combined authorities, in this case Hampshire County Council Economic Development Department.

Local Strategic Partnership (LSP): This is a partnership of stakeholders who develop ways of involving local people in shaping the future of their area in terms of how services are provided. They are often single, non-statutory, multi-agency bodies which aim to bring together locally the private, public, community and voluntary sectors. The Test Valley Partnership is the LSP for the Borough.

Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP): NDP's give local communities the power to shape development in their area. Once 'made' (adopted) they become part of the development plan and the policies and proposals contained within them are used in the determination of planning applications, including appeals. Through the Localism Act 2011, town and parish councils can influence planning decisions in their area and can propose land for development provided that they are in line with the development plan via a neighbourhood development plan.

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): The NPPF sets out national planning policy for plan making and decision taking. The NPPF was published in 2023. A draft NPPF was published for consultation in 2024¹.

¹ The indication is that the NPPF24 will be published before Christmas. Until a new NPPF is adopted as policy the current NPPF (December 2023) remains national planning policy.

Northern Test Valley (NTV): This relates to the area of the Borough excluding Southern Test Valley and the New Forest National Park.

Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH): This is an organisation comprising East Hampshire, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Hampshire County, Havant, New Forest, Portsmouth, Southampton, Test Valley and Winchester Councils, and New Forest National Park. They have come together to improve the economic performance of South Hampshire and enhance it as a place to live and work.

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG): An online resource which provides guidance on how to apply the policies and guidance in the NPPF.

Previously Developed Land (PDL): Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure, including the curtilage of the developed land and any associated fixed surface infrastructure (a full definition can be found in the NPPF).

Primary Shopping Area: Defined area where retail development is concentrated (generally comprising the primary and secondary frontages which are adjoining and closely related to the primary frontage).

Priority Habitats and Species: Species and Habitats of Principle Importance included in the Biodiversity List published by the Secretary of State under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

Proposals Map: The proposals map identifies areas of protection, allocated sites for development and set out areas to which specific policies apply. They are now known as Policies maps.

Ramsar Sites: Wetlands of international importance, designated under the 1971 Ramsar Convention.

Self-build: Refers to when an individual or an association of individuals directly organises the design and construction of a new home.

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI): Sites designated by Natural England under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 in relation to special features of interest on the site such as for its wildlife, geology or landform.

Site Specific Allocations: These include sites for specific or mixed-use development contained in Development Plan Documents. Policies will identify specific requirements for individual proposals.

Southern Test Valley (STV): This comprises the seven parishes of Ampfield, Chilworth, North Baddesley, Nursling and Rownhams, Romsey Extra, Romsey Town and Valley Park – it is the part of the Borough covered by PfSH.

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC): Areas that have been identified as being of international importance for the habitats and species they support through the Habitats and Conservation of Species Regulation 2017 (as amended).

Special Protection Areas (SPA): Areas which have been identified as being of international importance for the breeding, feeding, wintering or the migration of rare and vulnerable species of birds found within the European Union countries.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI): This sets out the standards that authorities will achieve with regard to involving local communities in the preparation of plan making and development management decisions. The Statement of Community Involvement is not a Development Plan Document. The Test Valley SCI was adopted in January 2023 and can be viewed on the Planning pages of the Council's website. An amendment to the SCI was approved by Cabinet in May 2024 covering notifying Parish Councils (PC) of planning applications and amendments to planning applications according to the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) (as amended).

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA): This is a term used to describe environmental assessment as applied to policies, plans and programmes. The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, requires a formal environmental assessment of certain plans and programmes, including those in the fields of housing and land use.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA): The SHELAA provides information on potential housing and/or employment sites promoted by landowners/developers with details on whether they are available, suitable and achievable.

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA): The SHMA forms part of the evidence base by setting out information on the level of need and demand for housing in housing market areas. In the case of Test Valley it is the South Hampshire SHMA and the Test Valley SHMA.

Strategic Sites: These are sites which are considered central to achieving the needs of the Borough. The Test Valley Local Plan includes a number of strategic sites at Andover and in Southern Test Valley.

Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD): These provided supplementary information in respect of the policies in Development Plan Documents. They do not form part of the Development Plan and are not subject to independent examination. The Council has produced a number of SPDs; they are available on the Planning Policy pages of the Council's website.

Sustainability Appraisal (SA): This is a tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic considerations). There is a requirement in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act that sustainability appraisals are undertaken for all Development Plan Documents.

The Regulations: This relates to the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004 as amended.

Travel Plan: A long-term management strategy for an organisation or site that seeks to deliver sustainable transport objectives through action and is articulated in a document that is regularly reviewed.

Windfall: Windfall sites are those sources of housing supply that have not been specifically identified but are likely to be brought forward in the Local Plan period.

The AMR was published previously on the 23rd of December 2024. This is an updated version that includes the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) annual biodiversity monitoring data that was previously unavailable.

Introduction

1 Introduction & Background

- 1.1 The Test Valley Authority's Monitoring Report (AMR) has been prepared in line with section 35 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended). Local Authorities are no longer required to submit their monitoring report to the Secretary of State. However, the Council has a duty to continue monitoring and collecting data. The Council will continue to produce monitoring reports for public information on an annual basis; these reports will be publicly available. Part 8 of the Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 sets out what must be covered within the AMR.
- 1.2 Local Authorities are able to choose what targets and indicators to include in their monitoring whilst ensuring that they are prepared in accordance with relevant UK and 'assimilated law' (formerly 'retained EU law') which is now part of domestic legislation. This report is the twentieth monitoring report for the Borough and covers the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- 1.3 The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended) states that an authority that prepares a plan that is subject to the provisions of the Regulations "*shall monitor the significant environmental effects of the implementation of each plan ... with the purpose of identifying unforeseen adverse effects at an early stage and being able to undertake appropriate remedial action.*" The Authority Monitoring Report provides an important mechanism of providing this information in accordance these Regulations.
- 1.4 The key role of the AMR is to assess the performance of the Council's planning policies and the implementation of its Local Development Scheme (a timetable setting out the milestones involved in producing the Local Development Framework). The Council's LDS is available online.²
- 1.5 The AMR provides a monitoring framework and a single source of key information that will help inform the development of new policies to be included in the draft Local Plan. Section 12 of the Revised Local Plan sets out the approach for monitoring³. It is intended to inform discussions to be held with key organisations and the public with respect to the scope and nature of future policies.
- 1.6 The AMR includes three types of indicator:
- Contextual Indicators that help describe the general context of the local authority area e.g. resident population.
 - Core Indicators which were those formerly identified by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (formerly

² <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/lfs>

³ <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/dpd>

Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)) and which previously needed to be reported on by all local authorities to give a consistent assessment of the impact of planning policy implementation. Whilst no longer required to report against these indications, they continue to be used to enable comparison with previous AMRs, and as they are helpful in monitoring the Local Plan.

- Local Indicators which are identified by the Council as they are specific to the local authority to help monitor aspects of local planning policy not covered by the core output indicators.

1.7 Although the requirement to produce AMRs has changed, the Council has retained the indicators used in previous AMRs in order to identify long term trends.

2 Format of the Report

2.1 As set out in section 1, the AMR provides information on the delivery of the Local Development Scheme and the performance of the Council's policies (section 4). In considering the Council's policies, the AMR is formatted using the chapter headings of the Revised Local Plan.

2.2 A Glossary of Terms used in the AMR is provided at the start of this report.

2.3 The AMR reports the position as at 31 March each year; however, the document is usually published in December to allow for collation of the results and production of the report. Any updates that have occurred in the period from 31 March to October 2024 will also be included as more recent updates, as relevant. The contents presented in the AMR are accurate at the time of completing this report as at October 2024.

2.4 In preparing this monitoring report, the Council has referred to information provided by a number of other agencies. The source of this information has been given where it is quoted in the report (otherwise the information comes from the Council's Planning Policy Team).

How to find out more

2.5 The Council continues to welcome any comments on the format and content of this report that could assist in future versions.

2.6 Should you have any queries or wish to make any comments please contact the Planning Policy Team:

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3 Test Valley Profile

- 3.1 Test Valley Borough is located in north-west Hampshire covering 62,758 hectares. It is predominantly rural in character, with around 4% described as urban.
- 3.2 The population in Test Valley according to latest census data is currently at 131,200 (2021 Census). The population in Test Valley is projected to increase to about 141,350 by 2030.⁴
- 3.3 The population of the Borough is concentrated in the towns of Andover and Romsey, with populations of 50,063 and 21,145 respectively. The smaller settlements of North Baddesley, Valley Park, Chilworth and Nursling and Rownhams have a combined population of approximately 21,207. These are located on the edge of Southampton and Eastleigh (see Map 1). In total these settlements account for 71% of the Borough's population. The remaining population is spread across a large number of small villages in the rural part of the Borough. Stockbridge acts as a centre for a number of rural communities.
- 3.4 Much of the landscape is of a high landscape quality; the North Wessex Downs National Landscape (former AONB) covers much of the Borough north of Andover. The New Forest National Park (formally designated in March 2005) extends into the south-west of the Borough. Through the centre of the Borough runs the River Test, one of the country's most important chalk watercourses. Over 9,500 hectares of the Borough is covered by local, national or international ecological or landscape designations. The extent of the National Landscape and National Park designations within the Borough are shown in Map 1.
- 3.5 Test Valley has a rich built heritage, with just under 2,100 listed buildings⁵, just fewer than 100 scheduled ancient monuments and over 36 conservation areas. There are also many heritage assets which are not subject to any statutory designation. Currently Test valley has 9 heritage sites that are designated as 'at risk'.⁶
- 3.6 The Council also regularly produces an updated Borough Profile, drawing upon a range of data sources including the latest national census statistics. This data source has been used within this AMR. The most recent profile is available on our website.⁷

⁴ <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/facts-figures/population/estimates-forecasts>

⁵ National Heritage List for England, Historic England (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>)

⁶ <https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk>

⁷ <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/corporate-plan-2023-2027?chapter=3>

- 3.7 Farming is a significant part of the Borough's environment and economy. There are regular and popular farming markets throughout the year in the town centres of Romsey and Andover.
- 3.8 The overall average sale price of a house in Test Valley as of October 2023⁸ was £403,478 which was above the regional average of £316,345 and considerably above the England figure of £306,113. Table 1 shows the breakdown of average property prices for the different dwelling types available throughout the Borough.

Table 1: Average house prices in Test Valley

All dwelling types	£403,478
Detached	£636,942
Semidetached	£384,261
Terrace	£315,235
Flat/Maisonette	£202,946

- 3.9 The health of people in Test Valley is generally better than the England average. Estimated rates of adult physical activity are higher than the England average, with rates of early deaths from cardio-vascular diseases also lower than the England average. Deprivation is lower than the England average and the average life expectancy is 88 for women years and 85 for men; both these figures are above the national average⁹.
- 3.10 The Government publishes figures on greenhouse gas emissions by local authority area. The dataset incorporates emissions of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide greenhouse gases. The unit used for reporting is 'carbon dioxide equivalent' (CO₂e), whereby the emissions from the different gases are weighted to reflect their global warming potential. There remain some greenhouse gases for which data is not available at a local authority level and a number of assumptions are made in order to generate this data. Table 2 sets out the reported emissions that occurred within Test Valley, as well as the per person figures.
- 3.11 Table 2 shows a significant change in greenhouse emissions between 2019 and 2022 and this is likely to be influenced by the coronavirus pandemic, including restrictions on travel in 2020.

⁸ Land Registry House Price Index, 2020 (<http://landregistry.data.gov.uk/app/ukhpi/explore>)

⁹ Public Health England, Health Profiles 2019: Test Valley (Public Health England) <https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/health-profiles/data#page/1/qid/1938132696/pat/6/par/E12000008/ati/201/are/E07000093>

Map 1: Area of Test Valley

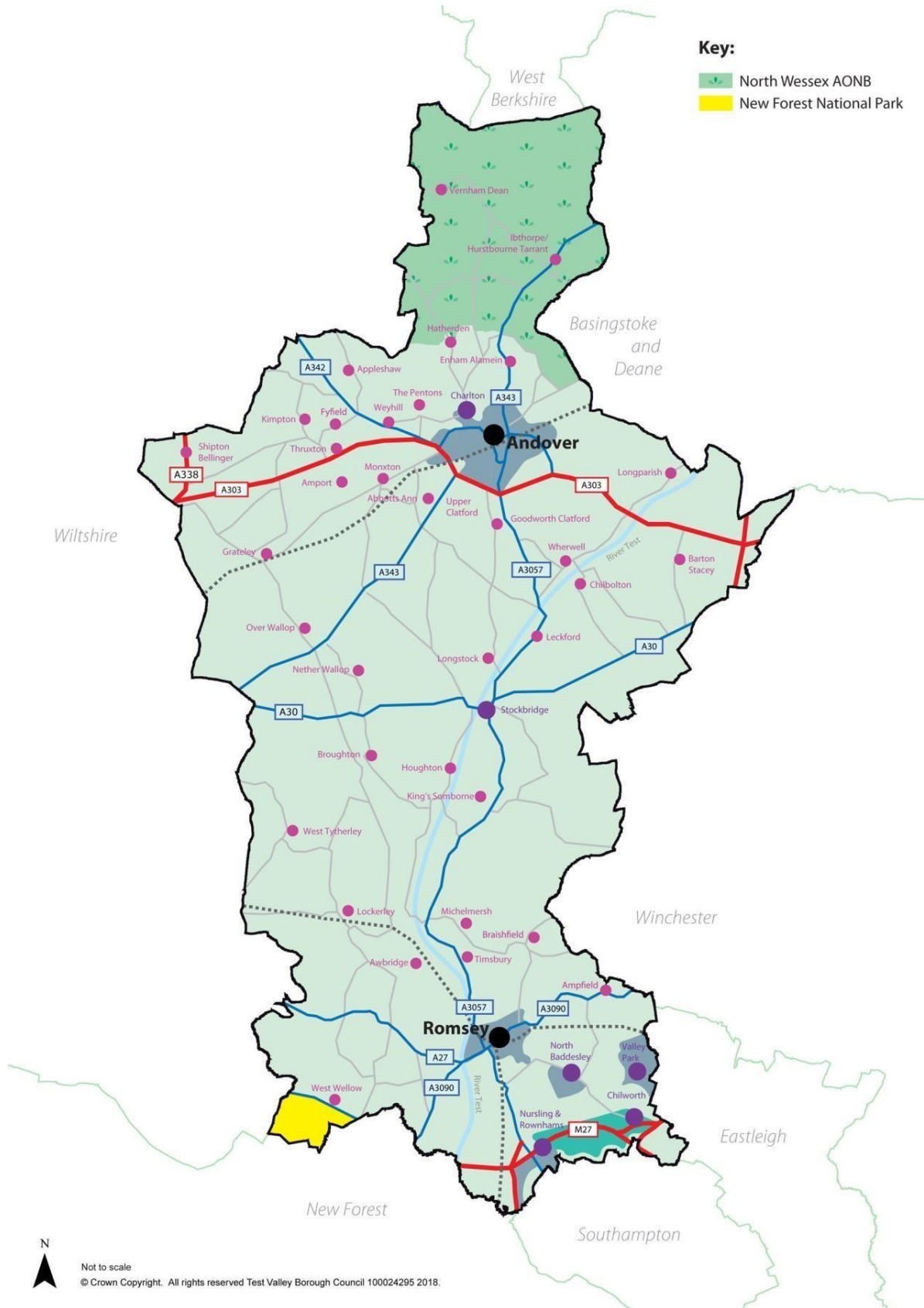
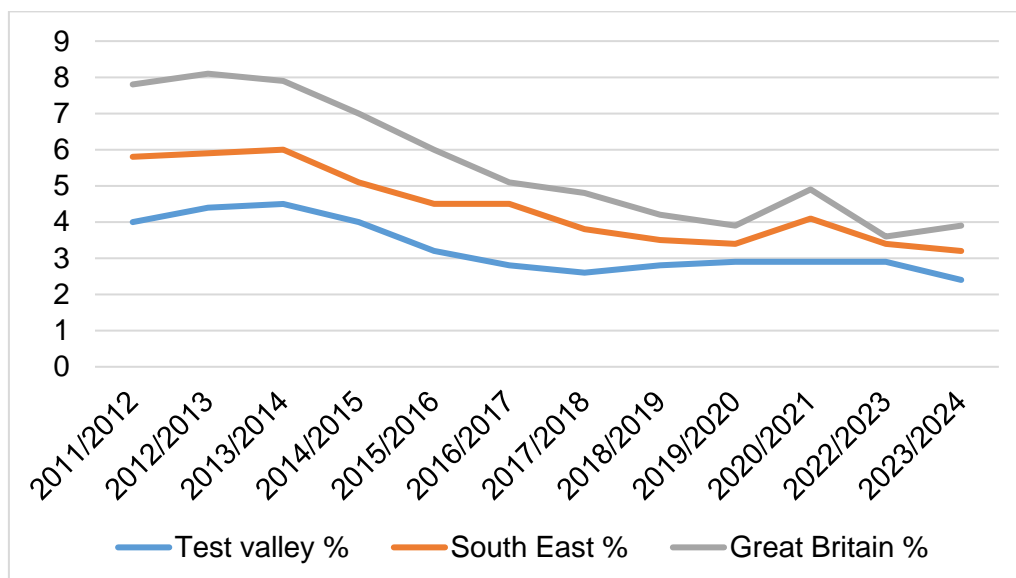


Table 2: Greenhouse gas emissions within Test Valley (Department for Energy Security & Net Zero, 2024)¹⁰

Year	Emissions estimates (using full dataset, kilotonnes CO ₂ e)									Per person emissions (tonnes CO ₂ e)
	Industry	Commercial	Public Sector	Domestic	Transport	Land use, land use change, and forestry net emissions	Agriculture	Waste Management	Total	
2018	55.1	95.9	21.5	201.9	446.8	-34.9	96.0	28.3	910.7	7.2
2019	52.1	79.5	19.7	192.8	445.1	-35.7	100.9	23.8	878.2	6.8
2020	50.9	62.9	21.1	191.2	352.6	-36.0	96.7	19.5	758.9	5.8
2021	58.9	69.9	21.8	192.7	378.4	-34.3	97.3	23.3	808.1	6.2
2022	55.4	62.0	19.1	171.8	385.3	-33.8	95.9	17.7	773.3	5.8

¹⁰ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-national-statistics>

Figure 1: Comparison of unemployment levels between Test Valley, the South East and Great Britain (2012 – March 2024)¹¹



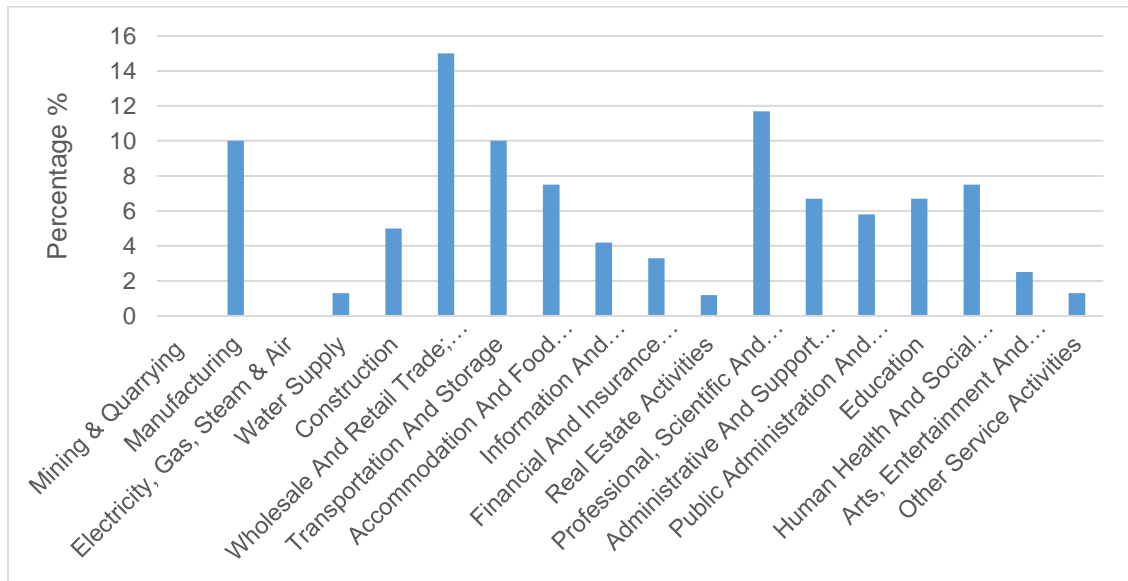
3.12 The Borough has relatively low levels of unemployment and economic inactivity compared to the south-east region and national rates. The employment rate in the Borough is relatively high at 88.2% (March 2024) compared to 82.3% in the South East and 78.6% in Britain. The employment rate in test valley has declined from 82.6 in March 2022 to 88.2 in March 2024. More information is provided in Appendix 2, displaying unemployment levels in Test Valley (2011-2024).

3.13 Job density is the level of jobs per resident aged 16-64. For example, a job density of 1.0 would mean that there is one job for every resident aged 16-64. The total number of jobs is a workplace-based measure and comprises employee jobs, self-employed, government-supported trainees and HM Forces. Figures used to calculate jobs densities are based on the relevant mid-year population estimates. For Test Valley, the job density as at 2022, the most current data available, was 0.85 compared to 0.87 in the South East and 0.87 in Britain¹².

¹¹ Annual Population Survey
<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157309/printable.aspx>

¹² <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157309/report.aspx>

Figure 2: Employee jobs by Sector in Test Valley (2022)



3.14 The Figure above shows the highest percentage of employees in Test Valley employed in the Wholesale and Retail Trade in Repair of Motor Vehicles & Motorcycles and the lowest in Mining and Quarrying and Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air industries.

Part One: Local Development Scheme and Community Infrastructure Levy Monitoring

4 Monitoring of the Local Development Scheme (LDS)

- 4.1 One of the functions of the AMR is to monitor the progress of the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS is a public statement of the Council's programme for the production of Development Plan Documents (DPDs). The LDS sets out the time lines for the production of documents including gathering data, consultation, examination and its adoption.
- 4.2 The Test Valley LDS applies to the Borough outside of the National Park. The New Forest National Park is responsible for the planning of the part of the Borough, which lies within the Park (see Appendix 3) and will have its own LDS. Under the Planning Act 2008, there is no need for Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) to be included within the LDS however the Council will continue to produce SPDs when appropriate.
- 4.3 The Council undertook public consultation on the draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 between Tuesday 6 February and noon on Tuesday 2 April. This is the fourth stage in the preparation of the next local plan after public consultations on our Issues and Options consultation (2018), Refined Issues and Options Consultation (2020) and Regulation 18 Stage 1 consultation in February 2022.
- 4.4 An updated Local Development Scheme was approved by the Cabinet on 15 November 2023¹³ and the LDS 2023 has been published on our website.
- 4.5 The announcement in July 2024 of the Government's reforms and consultation on draft changes to the NPPF propose a significant increase to our housing need and transitional arrangements that mean we wouldn't be able to take forward the draft Local Plan in its current form. The Council is currently considering the implications and consequences for taking forward the draft Local Plan, but inevitably this will lead to a revised timescale in due course. Our LDS currently remains unchanged, however a formal updated position and timetable including an updated LDS will be set out in due course following the publication of the final NPPF.
- 4.6 There are currently 21 designated neighbourhood areas in the Borough. This reporting year, the Borough has ten 'made' neighbourhood plans: Charlton, Chilbolton, Goodworth Clatford, Houghton, King's Somborne, Over Wallop ('made' outside of the reporting year), Thruxton, Upper Clatford, Wellow ('made' outside of the reporting year) and West Tytherley/West Dean. Neighbourhood Plans, which were all approved following community referendum. There are a further 12 neighbourhood plans that are underway in the Borough.

¹³<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/lds>

- 4.7 The Council published its Corporate Plan 2023-2027¹⁴- "A Place for Everyone – Supporting our communities to thrive" in July 2023. The document reflects the Council's passion and commitment to work with communities in a way that celebrates their uniqueness, sense of belonging and the ambitions people have for the places where they live. The Council is committed to work in an ever more place-based way, reflecting that one size does not fit all, and the importance of developing a deep understanding of what matters most to local communities in order to help shape the Council's strategic priorities.
- 4.8 Supplementary Planning Documents provide additional guidance on detailed issues linked to policies in the Local Plan. They do not form part of the Development Plan itself however, but where relevant will be used when considering applications.
- 4.9 An Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been produced. It was adopted by the Council on the 7 June 2023 following public consultation held between 4 November and 16 December 2022¹⁵. The purpose of the SPD is to; explain the Council's approach to using planning obligations to local residents, developers and the wider community; explain the circumstances under which the Council will collect Section 106 contributions to mitigate the impacts of a development on infrastructure; provide applicants with greater certainty on when planning obligations will be sought.
- 4.10 An Andover Town Centre Public Realm Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) was adopted by the Council on 12 April 2023 following public consultation held between 16 December 2022 and 3 February 2023. The Andover Town Centre Public Realm Design Guide is aimed at those who either develop, improve, or alter the public streets and spaces in Andover Town Centre. The Design Guide is concerned with issues such as movement, pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, traffic calming measures, use of space for events, the introduction of green and blue spaces, street furniture, materials, integration of facilities such as EV charging points etc. The public comments received are currently being reviewed.
- 4.11 We are continuing to update the evidence base, including working with neighbouring authorities and through the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH). Work is also progressing through the Andover Vision and Romsey Future initiatives, including master planning for Andover town centre and south of town centre. Both the Romsey and Andover masterplans were approved as material planning considerations in September 2020.

Summary Update October 2024:

The Council published the draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for four weeks' public consultation from Friday 18 October to 12 noon on Friday 15 November 2024.

¹⁴ <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporate-plan-2023-2027>

¹⁵ <https://testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/supplementary-planning-documents/infrastructure-and-developer-contributions-supplementary-planning-document>

5 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 5.1 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a mechanism that allows local planning authorities to levy a charge on new development in order to contribute to the cost of infrastructure projects that are, or will be, needed to support new development.
- 5.2 Test Valley Borough Council implemented the adopted CIL Charging Schedule on 1 August 2016. The CIL Charging Schedule sets out the charge per square metre for each category of development that is liable for CIL. There are four residential charging zones across the Borough ranging from £70 to £175 per square metre of floorspace. Large scale retail floorspace is also charged at £180 per square metre across the Borough.
- 5.3 The use of Section 106 agreements remains as a way of mitigating the impact of development and co-exists with CIL but on a much smaller scale. Section 106 agreements may still be used to secure mitigation for specific impacts of a development to make development acceptable in planning terms provided that any infrastructure sought is in line with Regulation 122 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended).
- 5.4 The CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) requires that a 'meaningful proportion' of CIL receipts be passed to the local parish or town council for the area in which development took place. The proportion to be passed to the local parish council is 15% of the relevant CIL receipts with a maximum cap of £100 per Council Tax dwelling within the parish in each financial year. Where a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is 'made' the 'meaningful proportion' will rise to 25% with no maximum cap specified. Parish Councils will receive their 'meaningful proportion' of CIL in April and October each year.
- 5.5 The Council, as the Charging Authority is required under Regulation 62 of the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) to prepare a report for any financial year in which it collects CIL. The Council is also required to report on collection and application of CIL in an Infrastructure Funding Statement, published in December each year. The table below sets out financial details as required by the Regulations.
- 5.6 The CIL Spending Protocol is the authority's approach to allocating CIL funds for infrastructure projects. Bids made for CIL funds for an infrastructure project undergo a technical, criteria-based assessment by officers and will be recommended to Cabinet each year. With the introduction of CIL in August 2016 it's expected that Section 106 contributions and specifically public Open space Contributions will become less. Public Open space contributions come through from large and strategic development sites but these do not happen often so it is likely some quarters will be considerably higher while others may have no incoming public open space contributions.
- 5.7 The Council received 4 bids for CIL funds in the period. All 4 were approved at Council on 17th April 2024 for a total of £467,910 in awards. The breakdown of the approved bids was as follows; Picket Piece Village Hall

Extension - £245,000, Ampfield Recreation Ground Cricket Training Facilities – £46,639, Broughton Sports Pavilion Additional Funding – £100,000, Wellow Men's Shed – £76,27.

Table 3: CIL financial details for 2023/24

Details	£
Total CIL Receipts for 2023/24	599,038.03
Expenditure on infrastructure	844,600
Amount of CIL applied for to repay money borrowed and items of infrastructure funded	0.00
Amount of CIL applied to Administrative Expenditure	29,951.90
Amount of CIL passed to a Town/Parish Council	95,846.08
Total CIL Expenditure	970,397.98
Amount of CIL Receipts Retained at 31 st March 2024	3,537,174.41

6 Duty to Co-operate

- 6.1 The duty to cooperate was introduced by the Localism Act 2011 on 6 April 2012, and is set out in section 33A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. In recognition of Part 8, Regulation 34 (6) the Council has jointly worked with the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH), neighbouring authorities and authorities across Hampshire on evidence based studies in support of Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents. PfSH has prepared an updated evidence base to inform a new Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) and updated Spatial Position Statement (SPS) which was approved in December 2023 to replace the SPS 2016. The Council is also working with neighbouring authorities on strategic priorities.
- 6.2 A PfSH protocol is now in place; representations are prepared by the PfSH Planning Officers Group, are seen by Members of the Housing and Planning Delivery Panel, before being signed-off by the Joint Committee Chairman (following consideration by the Joint Committee if necessary).
- 6.3 As part of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association¹⁶ (HIOW) there is an established structure of meetings at a chief planning officer level (Hampshire and Isle of Wight Planning Officers group – HIPOG). There are also three main sub groups that support HIPOG:
- Development Control Practitioners Group
 - Planning Research Liaison Group (PRLG)
 - Development Plan Group (DP Group)
- 6.4 The Council is a member of these groups and attends meetings during the year. The Council has been working with a group of neighbouring local authorities and

¹⁶ The association provides a structure for collaboration between local authorities in Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight

other organisations to update evidence on recreational disturbance on the New Forest international nature conservation designations.

7 New Forest National Park Authority

- 7.1 The New Forest National Park was established on 1 March 2005. The National Park Authority (NPA) assumed full responsibility for planning matters within the National Park boundary on 1 April 2006 and the AMR reflects this status. A map identifying the small area of the Borough that, for planning matters, is part of the National Park is provided in Appendix 3 (also see Map 1 for wider context). The NPA is responsible for annual reporting for all areas within the National Park boundary.
- 7.2 Housing completions within the Test Valley area of the National Park will continue to be reported within this AMR, although separately to those for the rest of the Borough outside of the National Park.
- 7.3 The Council is represented by one member of the New Forest NPA, which meets regularly. Officers liaise with officers of the NPA, particularly planning officers on planning strategy/policy matters. The NPA has prepared and adopted a number of Local Development Framework (LDF) documents and a statutory Management Plan (referred to as the Partnership Plan) for the National Park. The Council has a duty to take account of the purposes of the National Park designation in its decision making. The Council is represented on the management plan group.

Part Two: Monitoring the Revised Local Plan (RLP)

8 Revised Test Valley Borough Local Plan 2011 - 2029

- 8.1 The Revised Local Plan for Test Valley forms the key part of the Development Plan for the Borough. The document sets out a vision and broad objectives for the future development of the Borough. It includes the core objectives which underpin the policies and proposals which form the spatial strategy. The Local Plan will guide future development within the Borough of Test Valley over the plan period 2011-2029.
- 8.2 The Local Plan draws upon other strategies of the Council, especially the Corporate Plan, and other organisations that have implications for the development and use of land. It identifies the strategic locations for housing and employment based on a settlement hierarchy. The document contains policies which are used in determining planning applications. The document sets out the boundaries for the settlement hierarchy and town centre boundaries and identifies those areas that prevent coalescence between settlements and areas of local distinctiveness.
- 8.3 As the Local Plan reached the five year anniversary of its adoption on 27 January 2021, a review was undertaken in accordance with Regulation 10A of The Town and Country Planning Regulations 2012 (as amended). Its purpose is to ensure that the plan and its policies remain effective and to identify any areas which need to be reviewed. The review considered whether there has been a significant change in circumstances which affects the plan's strategy and whether it remains up to date and consistent with current national planning policy in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2019. This review was undertaken as a self-assessment using relevant parts of the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) Local Plan Route Mapper Toolkit. The assessment was then reviewed by independent consultants appointed by PAS. The review was approved by Cabinet on 10 March 2021 and comprises three documents:
- Toolkit Part 1 - Whether any significant changes affecting the plan's spatial strategy
 - Toolkit Part 2 – Consistency of the plan's policies with NPPF 2019
 - Advisory Note – Reviewing the assessment which has been undertaken
- 8.4 Part 1 assessment concluded that, the spatial strategy is considered to remain sound and plan policies remain up to date and continue to provide a robust basis for decision making in the determination of planning applications. Part 2 assessment concluded that NPPF 2019 requirements necessitate some new or additional policy, or revision of the current policy approach being considered to address these, or which will be taken into account and considered in preparing the next Local Plan, or which could alternatively be addressed through Supplementary Planning Documents or other additional guidance. However, these are not considered to mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound. The following chapters of the AMR provide information relating to the monitoring of the Local Plan.

9 Delivering Sustainable Development

RLP Policies (Chapter 4)	
Policy SD1	Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development

- 9.1 Delivering Sustainable Development relates to Chapter 4 of the RLP. At the centre of the Council's Spatial Strategy is the principle of sustainable development. Sustainable development is at the core of planning and in making the right decisions for current and future generations. The three elements of sustainable development are; social, economic and environmental and need to be considered jointly, not in isolation.
- 9.2 The Local Plan has been written to provide the starting point for guiding growth and creating and delivering sustainable development. This echoes the approach of Government guidance set out in the NPPF (This Plan includes a policy which sets out the presumption in favour of sustainable development.)

10 Local Communities

RLP Policies (Chapter 5)	
Policy COM1	Housing Provision 2011-2029
Policy COM2	Settlement Hierarchy
Policy COM3	New Neighbourhood at Whitenap, Romsey
Policy COM4	New Neighbourhood at Hoe Lane, North Baddesley
Policy COM5	Residential Development at Park Farm, Stoneham
Policy COM6	New Neighbourhood at Picket Piece, Andover
Policy COM6A	New Neighbourhood at Picket Twenty, Andover
Policy COM7	Affordable Housing
Policy COM8	Rural Exception Affordable Housing
Policy COM9	Community Led Development
Policy COM10	Occupational Accommodation for Rural Workers in the Countryside
Policy COM11	Existing Dwellings and Ancillary Domestic Buildings in the Countryside
Policy COM12	Replacement Dwellings in the Countryside
Policy COM13	Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople
Policy COM14	Community Services and Facilities
Policy COM15	Infrastructure

- 10.1 The Borough is comprised of a number of settlements each with their own community identity ranging from the large towns of Andover and Romsey to small rural villages. These settlements are set in attractive countryside of a high landscape quality. The issues they both face and what helps create and sustain them are very similar one key issue being the availability of housing.

10.2 Through the Revised Local Plan, the Council aims to deliver new development in a sustainable way. This section assesses how the policies in chapter five of the plan are performing in making provision for new housing through the allocation of land and facilitating development within existing settlements and the countryside.

Housing Delivery

(H1) Plan Period and Housing Targets (H2) Net additional dwellings

10.3 This data is presented in the Test Valley housing trajectories found in Appendix 6 and 7 of this report for the Borough, and includes:

- Net additional dwellings in previous years
- Net additional dwellings for the reporting year
- Net additional dwellings in future years (projected)
- Managed delivery target

10.4 Local Authorities are required to set their own housing targets. The housing trajectories include figures from 2011/12 to 2028/29 which covers the period of the Revised Local Plan. The housing trajectory has been updated since the adoption of the plan. Housing Trajectories are provided for separate housing requirements: Northern Test Valley (NTV), and Southern Test Valley (STV). The figures have been updated since the adoption of the local plan. Please refer to the Appendix 6 to view a map illustrating Northern Test Valley and Southern Test Valley.

Table 4: Housing completions against Revised Local Plan requirements (2015-2024)

	STV	% of RLP requirement	NTV	% of RLP requirement	TVBC Total
2015/16	338	174	666	169	1,004
2016/17	240	124	651	165	891
2017/18	194	100	599	152	793
2018/19	249	128	560	142	809
2019/20	279	144	669	170	948
2020/21	337	174	541	137	878
2021/22	326	168	528	134	854
2022/23	139	72	257	65	396
2023/24	205	106	69	18	274
Total	2,307		4,540		6,847

10.5 In 2023/24, 274 dwellings were completed in Test Valley, 69 in Northern Test Valley (NTV) and 205 in Southern Test Valley (STV). Overall housing completions have reduced this year compared to 2022/23. There were 396 dwellings completed in Test Valley in 2022/23 with 257 in NTV and 139 in STV.

- 10.6 The annualised average for the number of dwellings to be built per annum is 394 in NTV and 194 for STV; this is a Borough wide figure of 588 per annum. When the delivery and requirement figures are compared for the reporting year, this reveals a deficit of 325 dwellings for NTV, and a surplus of 11 for STV. The 2024 figures are below the annual average housing requirement as set out in the adopted Local Plan.

Housing Land Supply

The Housing Land Supply data is currently unavailable and will be updated once it is available.

Housing Completions and Losses

Table 5: Summary of main housing gains and losses (10 or more units in reporting year)¹⁷

Address	Application Reference	Private/ Affordable	Gain	Loss
LAND EAST OF PHASE 3 ROWNHAMS LANE	18/00685/RESS	Mixed	54	0
THE OLD MANSION SITE STONEHAM LANE	19/02630/FULLS	Mixed	63	0
LAND WEST OF CUPERNHAM LANE	16/01857/FULLS	Mixed	21	0
RINGSTEAD CUPERNHAM LANE	19/02698/FULLS	Private	14	0
ABBOTSWOOD LOCAL CENTRE LAND AT ABBOTSWOOD COMMON ROAD	19/02755/FULLS	Private	36	0

- 10.12 The table above shows that, of the large sites, there was a mixture of completions for private/open market and by Registered Providers. In 2023/24 there was a net gain of 188 units on large sites compared to 326 units in 2022/23.

¹⁷ These are sites with an overall allocation of 10 or more but the table shows what has been gained/lost during the reporting year.

Table 6: Cumulative completions on strategic sites as at March 2024

Site	Cumulative Completions
Abbotswood	827 ¹⁸
East Anton	2798
Picket Twenty	1219
Picket Twenty Extension	520
Picket Piece	545
Picket Piece Extension	292
Redbridge Lane	330
Ganger Farm	277

10.13 There has been a cumulative increase of 43 dwellings to 6,808 this reporting year compared to 6,765 in 2022/23.

Outstanding Housing Permissions

Table 7: Outstanding Housing Permissions (as at 1 April 2024)

	Large sites (10 or more)			Small sites (less than 10)			Total
	Gains	Losses	Net Gain	Gains	Losses	Net Gain	
NTV	519	0	519	322	53	269	788
STV	958	1	957	96	21	75	1,032
TV NFNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,477	1	1,476	418	74	344	1,820

10.14 As of 1 April 2024, planning permission was outstanding for 1820 net additional dwellings (138 less than the previous reporting period). 788 of these permissions were within NTV (up 320 from 2022/23) and 1032 in STV (down 182 from 2022/23).

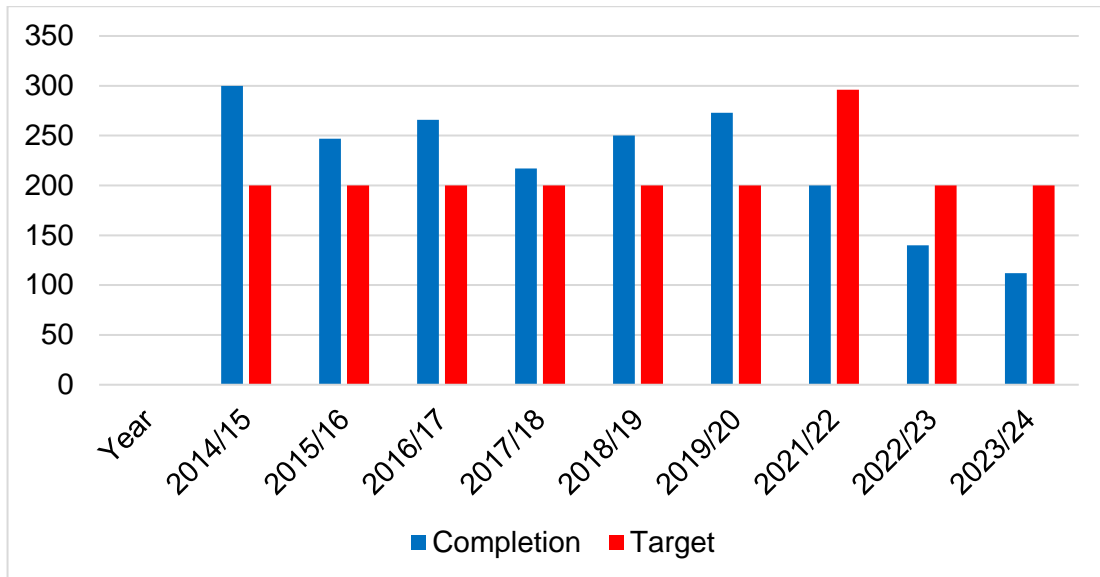
Affordable Housing

(H5) Gross Affordable Housing Completions L2 Deliver 200 affordable dwellings per year

10.15 A significant proportion of affordable housing provision has been provided as part of the Borough's New Neighbourhoods developments at East Anton, Picket Piece and Picket Twenty in Andover, as well as Abbotswood, Romsey, Fen Meadow (Redbridge Lane), Ganger Farm and Broadleaf Park in Southern Test Valley. The Council has secured a significant level of affordable housing as part of these schemes.

¹⁸ This figure includes 36 dwellings at Abbotswood local centre

Figure 3: Affordable Housing Completions (2015-2024)



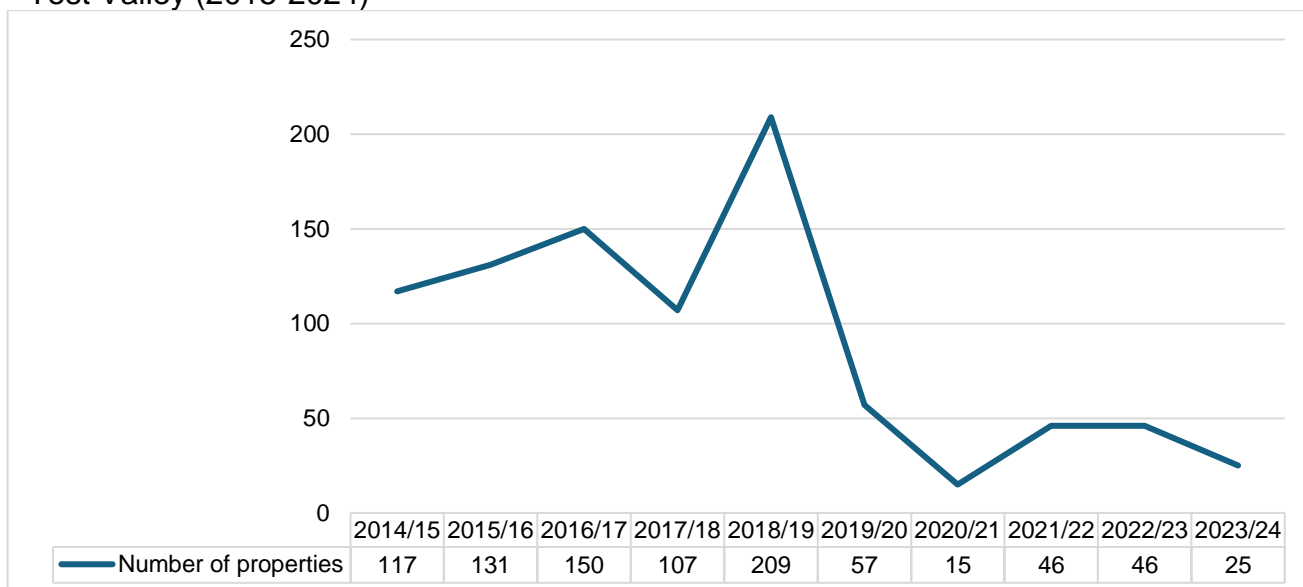
10.16 For the period 2023/24, a total of 112 affordable homes were delivered in the Borough as recorded by the Council’s Housing and Environmental Health Service. This is a decrease from the 140 that were delivered in the last reporting year and is lower than the annual target of 200 affordable homes¹⁹.

10.17 Affordable housing figures vary from those provided by Hampshire County Council, who monitor the completions of new build affordable homes only.

¹⁹ The majority of the major developments in the adopted Local Plan have come to an end, so until the emerging Local Plan identifies new major sites, the Council is mainly relying on smaller sites.

Empty Properties

Figure 4: Number of empty²⁰ properties that have been brought back into use in Test Valley (2015-2024)



10.18 The Council has an Empty Property Strategy (part of the Housing Strategy available from Housing and Environmental Health Service) which sets out the Council's plans for bringing empty properties back into use to help address housing need. During the reporting year, as shown in the table above, 25 empty properties have been brought back into use; 14 Council Tax and 11 Business Rates properties.

10.19 Previously the AMR assessed empty properties that had been empty for six months or less. These properties are known as transactional empty properties and tend to be the result of a change in tenant or ownership. The vast majority of all empty properties are empty for less than six months and therefore considered transactional empty properties. A property does not have to be used all the time to be classed as occupied e.g. a second home, holiday home or property with pending planning permission. The empty property strategy is in the process of being updated and the Council's policy will become primarily concerned with long term empty properties (properties that have been empty for longer than two years). Following the new definition of empty properties, for this reporting period, there have been 28 Council Tax and 18 Business Rates properties in Test Valley that have been empty for 2 years or more.

New Homes Bonus

10.20 The New Home Bonus began in April 2011 and it is based on the amount of extra Council Tax revenue raised for new-build homes, conversions and long-term empty homes brought back into use. There is also an extra payment for

²⁰ properties empty or a period of two years or more

providing affordable homes. The bonus will match fund the additional council tax raised for new homes and empty properties brought back into use, with an additional amount for affordable homes, for the following six years.

Table 8: New Homes Bonus (2015-2024)

Year	Affordable Homes Premium (£)	Main Grant (£)	Other Grants (£)	Total Grants (£)
2023/24	75,320	1,124,493	0	1,199,813
2022/23	54,600	1,249,559	800,564	2,104,723
2021/22	85,400	1,907,579	574,953	2,567,932
2020/21	53,760	939,598	2,567,467	3,560,825
2019/20	59,080	741,484	2,987,617	3,788,181
2018/19	33,040	741,349	3,062,222	3,836,611
2017/18	46,200	946,314	3,923,564	4,916,078
2016/17	90,160	1,180,554	3,522,237	4,792,951
2015/16	41,720	807,324	2,723,193	3,572,237
Cumulative Total: £30, 339, 351				

- 10.21 The 2023/24 grant income (using changes in the tax base/delivery of homes between October 2021 and October 2022), was based on 956 homes, of which 990 were new properties less 34 empty properties; and 269 affordable units.
- 10.22 The total grant receivable for 2023/24 was £1,199,813. This comprises of £75,320 Affordable Homes Premium (269 properties x £350 x 80%) and £1,124,493 as the main grant.
- 10.23 Taking into account the previous years' grant awards, Test Valley Borough Council received a total of £1,199,813 in New Homes Bonus in 2023/24.
- 10.24 The 2024/25 grant income (using changes in the tax base/delivery of homes between October 2022 and October 2023), is based on 311 homes, of which 315 were new properties less 4 empty properties; and 114 affordable units.
- 10.25 The total grant receivable for 2024/25 is £229,859. This comprises of £31,920 Affordable Homes Premium (114 properties x £350 x 80%) and £197,939 as the main grant.

Self-Build & Custom Housebuilding

- 10.26 Under the Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Act 2015 (as amended), the Council has a duty to keep a register of individuals and associations of individuals who are seeking to acquire serviced plots of land in the Borough, in order to build houses for the individuals to occupy as homes.
- 10.27 Self-build and custom housebuilding registers provide information on the demand for self-build and custom housebuilding in the Borough, which can support development opportunities for this type of housebuilding by increasing awareness of the demand amongst landowners, builders and developers.

10.28 Between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 there were 20 valid requests by individuals and associations of individuals to be added to the Test Valley Self Build Register. There have been 10 self-build units commenced in this reporting year (Data is based on commencement with a part 1 self-build relief approval in the year indicated).

10.29 The preferences of those on the register are as follows:

- Generally plots of 0.25+ acres are being sought;
- Plots are sought for individual, predominantly detached dwellings
- Plots are generally sought within semi-rural or rural areas, within relatively close proximity to Romsey or Andover, or other villages within the Borough.

Dwellings on Previously Developed Land

10.30 The Revised Local Plan does not include a specific target with regard to the percentage of dwellings to be provided on Previously Developed Land (PDL). The strategic housing requirement for the Borough involves significant development taking place on Greenfield sites.

(H3) Percentage of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land

Figure 5: (H3) Percentage of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land (2015-2024)

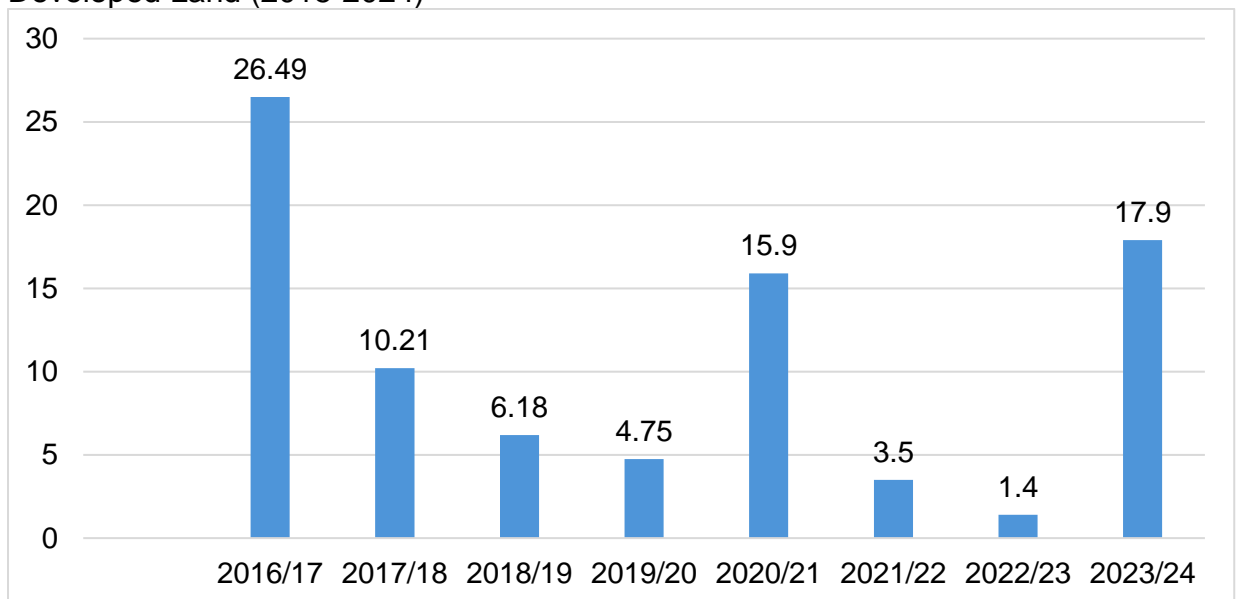


Table 9: Number of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land (2016- 2023)

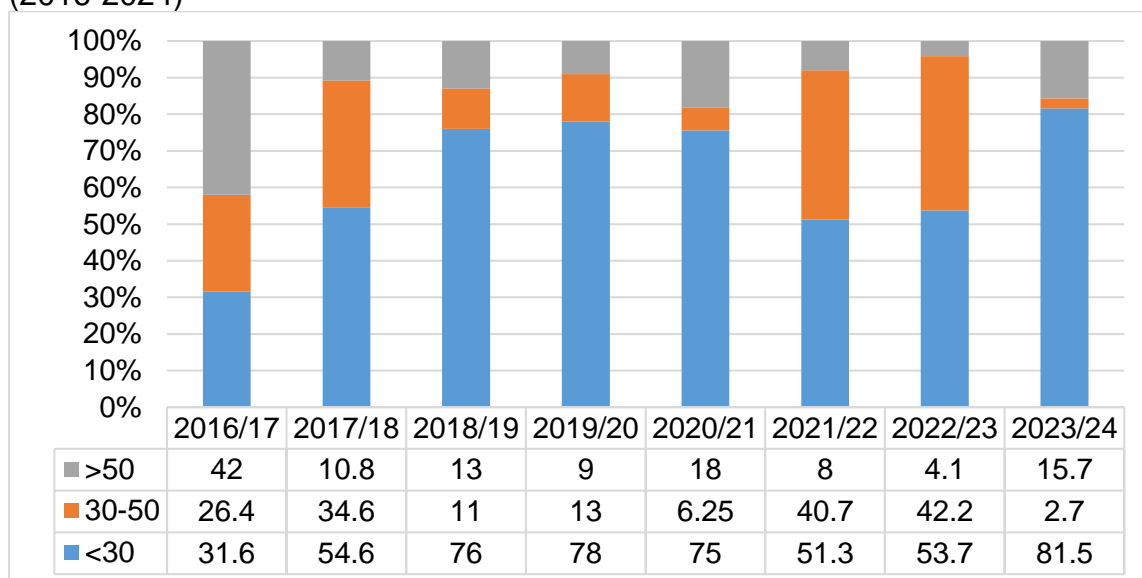
Year	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Net Gain (PDL)	236	81	50	45	140	27	10	54
Net Gain (ALL)	891	793	809	948	879	770	355	274

10.31 The figures above display that for this reporting year, the total number of dwellings and percentage on previously developed land is lower than in the previous reporting year.

New dwellings by Density

L9 Percentage of new dwellings by Density

Figure 6: L9 Percentage of new dwellings by density (2 or more dwellings) (2016-2024)



10.32 Figure 6 provides the details for housing density. The data is split into 3 bands: below than 30, between 30 and 50, and more than 50 dwellings per hectare (dph). In the data, provided by Hampshire County Council for all of the individual sites, the density figures are a mix of net and gross. Most of the densities below 30ha in the data were for single dwellings and the remaining data was amended to reflect this. The percentage of dwellings at a density of 50+dph has increased, and less than 30 has increased to previous year's trends. Please refer to the Appendix 8 to view a table illustrating the percentage of new dwellings by density (2 or more dwellings) (2016-2024).

Sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

- 10.33 The Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople communities should have access to appropriate accommodation to meet their needs. Sites can be either in the defined settlement boundary or within the countryside provided that they are in locations where facilities and services, such as schools and local shops, are accessible (in accordance with Policy COM14).
- 10.34 The council published a Gypsy & Traveller pitch and Travelling Showpeople plot supply statement which provides a summary of the current level of need for new pitches and the five-year supply position of deliverable Gypsy and Traveller sites and Travelling Showpeople within the Borough for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2028. It will be used to inform the consideration of planning decisions relating to Gypsy and Traveller sites/pitches. This can be found on the Councils website here; <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/evidence-base/evidence-base-local-communities>
- 10.35 The Council Published its Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2021 in September 2023. It is now intended that the need and provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople will be considered within the Local Plan 2040, rather than a separate DPD. However, this is subject to the outcomes of the review of the evidence base.
- 10.36 There were 2 permissions granted for Gypsy and Traveller sites between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024.

Design Quality

(H6) Housing Quality Building for Life Assessments

- 10.37 Building for Life 12 Criteria has been renamed to Building for a Healthy Life or (BHL) which is a Design Code to help people improve the design of new and growing neighbourhoods. The new guidelines are published by Design for Homes and Urban Design Doctor and were officially launched in July 2020. The design toolkit covers the priorities for creating healthier communities, including improved walking, cycling and public transport links, with reduced carbon emissions and better air quality.
- 10.38 None of the supporting documents for any of the major applications received by the Council included detailed assessments in relation to the Building for Life or Building for a Healthy Life criteria.
- 10.39 For further information on Building for a Healthy Life, please see <https://www.designforhomes.org/project/building-for-life/>.

11 Local Economy

RLP Policies (Chapter 6)	
Policy LE1	University of Southampton Science Park
Policy LE2	South Benham Campus, University of Southampton Science Park
Policy LE3	Land at Whitenap, Romsey
Policy LE4	Land South of Brownhill Way, Nursling
Policy LE5	Land at Bargain Farm, Nursling
Policy LE6	Land at Adanac Park, Nursling
Policy LE7	Nursling Estate
Policy LE8	Extension to Walworth Business Park
Policy LE9	Andover Airfield Business Park
Policy LE10	Retention of Employment Land and Strategic Employment Sites
Policy LE11	Main Town Centre Uses
Policy LE12	Ground Floor Uses in Romsey
Policy LE13	Ground Floor Uses in Andover
Policy LE14	Mixed Development at George Yard/Black Swan Yard
Policy LE15	Stockbridge Local Centre
Policy LE16	Re-Use of Buildings in the Countryside
Policy LE17	Employment Sites in the Countryside
Policy LE18	Tourism

- 11.1 Test Valley is a prosperous and attractive place that is seen as a 'pull factor' to establish a workforce and attract those to work in a quality environment.
- 11.2 The existing employment sites make a major contribution towards the growth, strength and diversity of the local economy and provide a significant proportion of job opportunities. It is important to retain and promote a successful local economy in both the towns and rural areas of the Borough as well as providing local job opportunities.
- 11.3 The Council wants to maintain and grow a successful and healthy local economy that provides a range of employment opportunities for its residents. Its approach to addressing the economic issues of the Borough is to increase the opportunities to work and live within the Borough, to make best use of existing employment sites and to improve the range of skills available within the Borough.

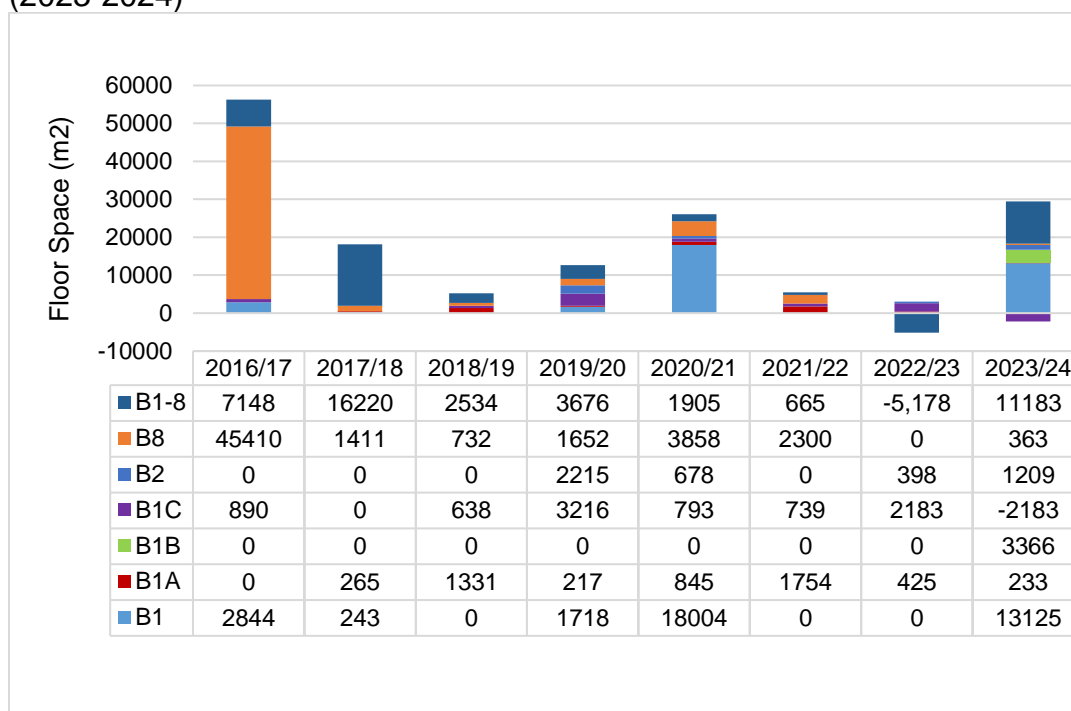
Employment Land

11.4 The Council's overall approach is to retain existing employment sites and encourage new employment development within settlements. Allocations are set out in the Revised Local Plan to support the economic success of the Borough.

(BD1) Amount of floorspace developed for employment by type (BD2) Percentage of BD1, by type, which is on Previously Developed Land

11.5 Employment floorspace is categorised into three separate Use Classes as identified by the former Use Classes Order. Class B1 is classified as Business and can include offices, research and development and light industry floorspace²¹. B2 is classified as General Industrial Floorspace and B8 as Storage and Distribution Space. The Use Classes were amended in 2020²² but for purposes of monitoring this report still follows this format.

Figure 7: (BD1) Amount of floor space developed for employment by type (2023-2024)²³



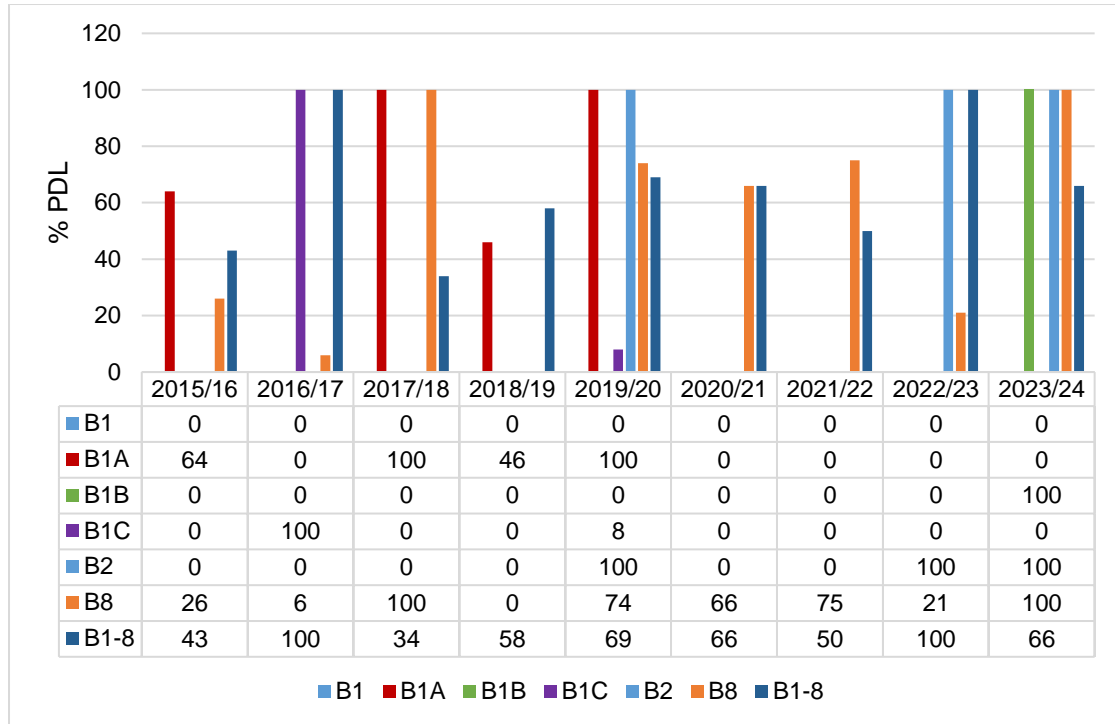
11.6 Figure 7 sets out the amount of floorspace completed by employment type. It does not include sites that have been developed with floorspace that measures less than 200m². As shown above, the net gains in employment floorspace within the Borough fluctuates each year. This is because the Council has permitted a number of large sites that, when developed, significantly influence the annual

²¹ For additional information: B1a – Office other than a use within Class A2; B1b – Research and development of products or processes; B1c – For any industrial process (which can be carried out in any residential area without causing detriment to the amenity area)

²² <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/757/regulation/7/made>

return. As displayed above, the amount of floorspace developed for employment is higher by 25,445m² from 1,851² in 2022/23 to 27,296m² in 2023/24.

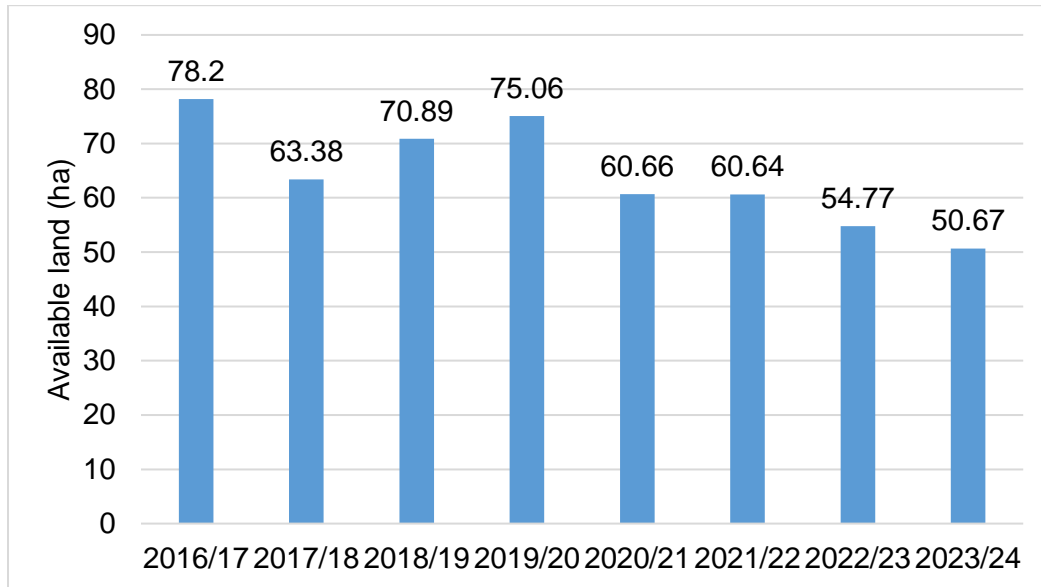
Figure 8: (BD2) Percentage of BD1, by type, which is on Previously Developed Land (2015-2024)



11.7 As shown in Figure 8, there has been a reduction on PDL (from 100% in 2022/23 to 66 in 2023/34 i.e. 34%) of B1-8 uses on PDL land, B2 uses on previously developed land are constant and there's been an increase in B8 uses when compared to 2022/23 (from 21% to 100%). The overall percentage on PDL was 91.5% in 2023/24.

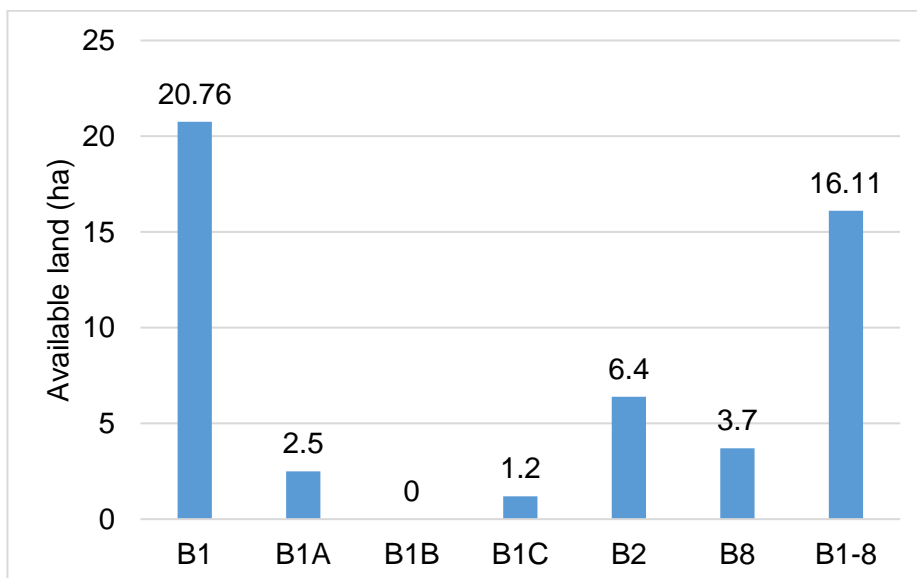
(BD3) Employment Land Supply by Type

Figure 9: Available Employment Land (2016-2024)



11.8 As shown in Figure 9, there was 50.67 net hectares of available employment land, a reduction of 4.1 when compared with 2022/23.

Figure 10: (BD3) Amount of employment land available according to type (April 2023 – March 2024)

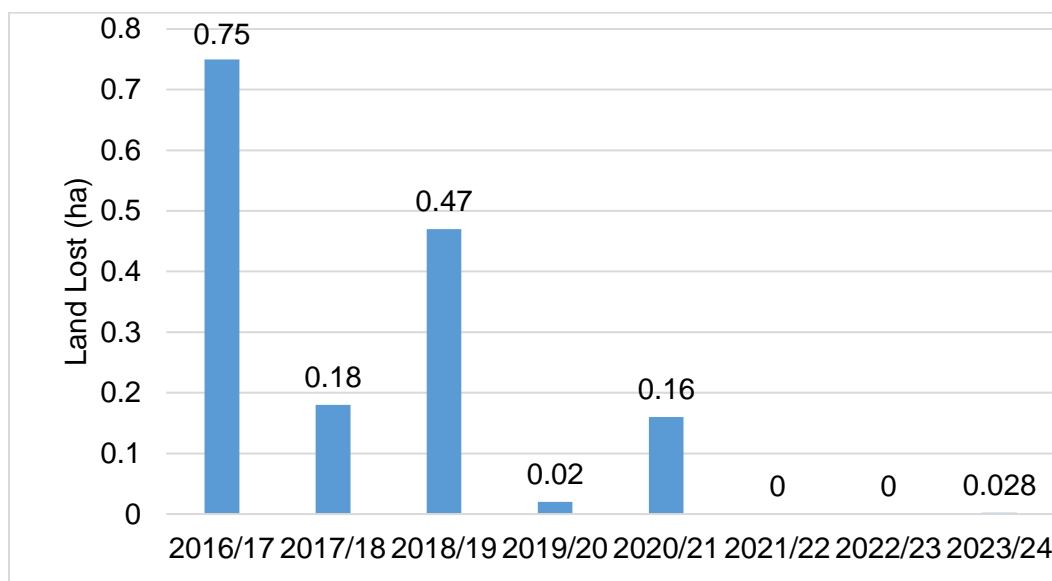


11.9 As demonstrated in Figure 10, the largest amount of employment land available for 2023/24 was B1-8 Use Class. Use Class B1A has reduced by 0.2ha, B1C has increased by 0.17ha, B2 has increased by 1.98ha, B8 has reduced by

1.01ha. Use Class B1B has remained the same. B1 use class has reduced by 0.4 ha since the last reporting year.

L7 Losses of Employment Land

Figure 11: L7 Loss of employment land to non-employment development in Test Valley (2016-2024)



11.10 Figure 11 shows employment land that was lost to non-employment development from 2016/17 to 2023/24. For this reporting period 0.028ha (280m²) of employment land was lost to non-employment development at the Old Coach Works Salisbury Road in Palestine.

L8 Amount of employment land lost to residential development

11.11 There has been a minimal loss of 0.028 ha (280m²) employment land lost to residential uses this reporting year at the Old Coach Works Salisbury Road in Palestine.

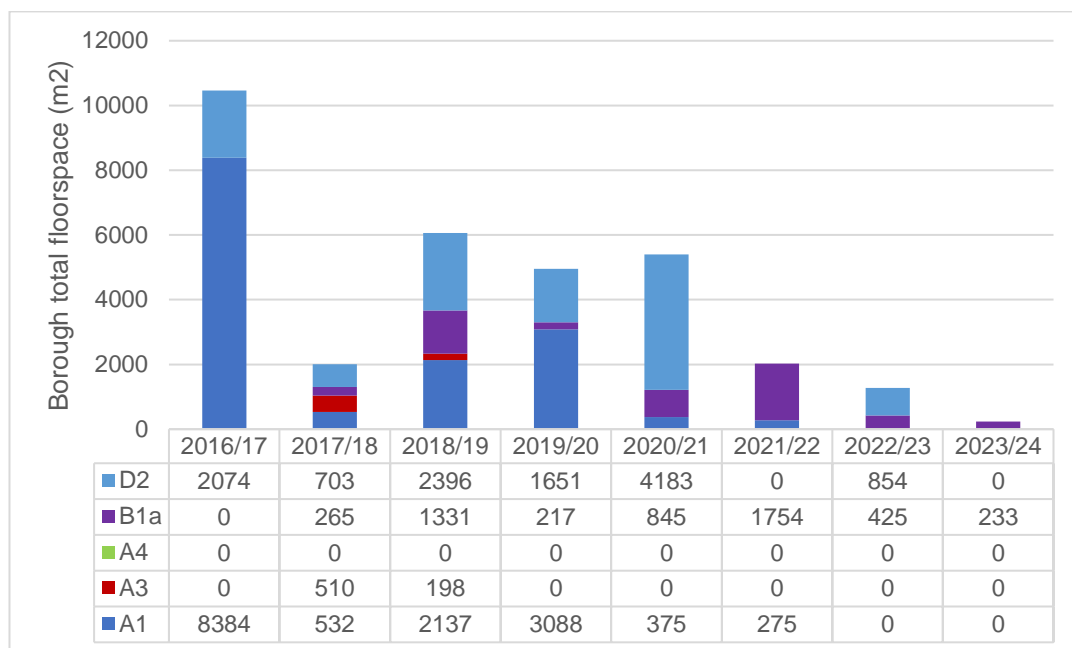
Local Services

L12 Completed retail, office and leisure development in Test Valley

11.12 The Use Classes were amended in 2020 but for purposes of monitoring this report still follows this format. The new use classes order²⁴ amended the type and composition of use classes.

24 <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/757/regulation/7/made>
[The Town and Country Planning \(Use Classes\) \(Amendment\) \(England\) Regulations 2020 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/757/regulation/7/made)

Figure 12: Completed retail, office and leisure development in Test Valley (2016-2024)²⁵



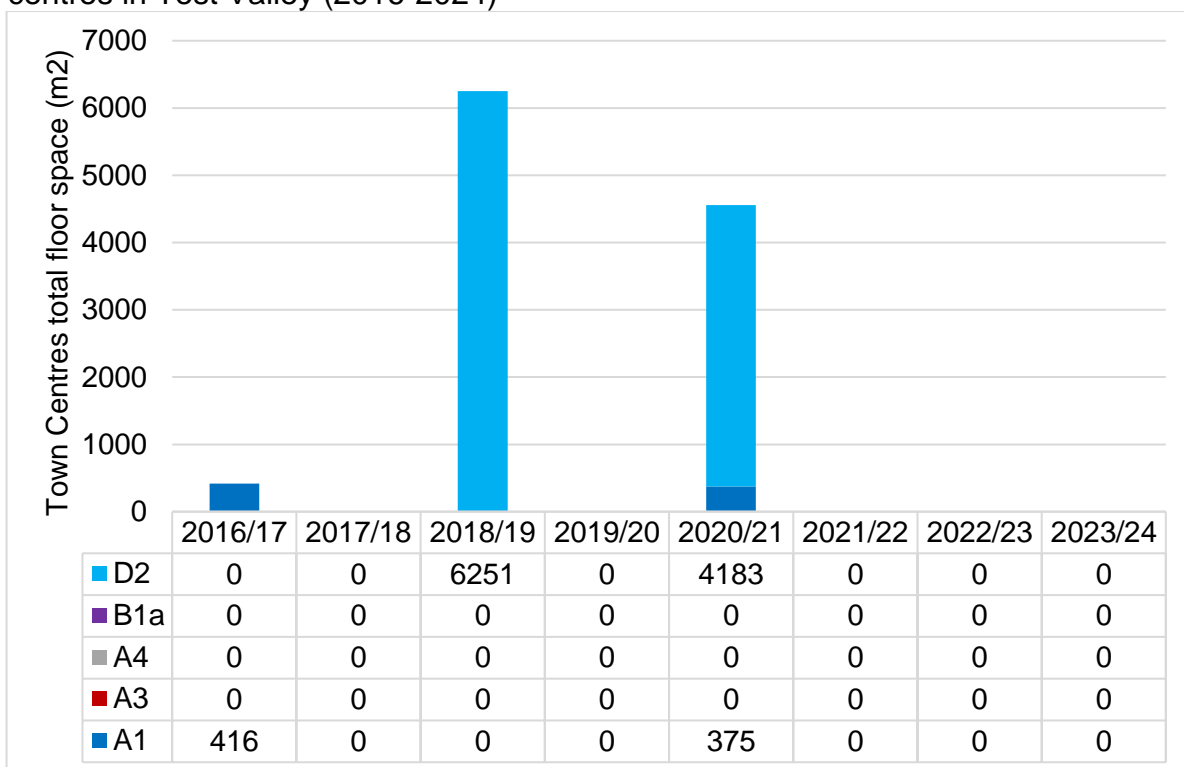
11.13 As shown in Figure 12, there has been a reduction in the amount of completed retail, office and leisure development compared to the last reporting year. The total completed retail, office and leisure development for 2023/24 is 233m² compared to the previous period of 1, 249m² in 2022/23. The biggest change in total floor space has been within B1a shops and D2 facilities.²⁶

²⁵ For additional information: A1 Shops (Shops, retail warehouses, post offices, ticket and travel agencies, sale of cold food for consumption off premises, hairdressers, funeral directors, hire shops, dry cleaners, internet cafes; A3 Food and drink (Restaurants and cafes); A4 Drinking establishments (Public houses, wine bards or other drinking establishments); D2 – Assembly and leisure (Cinemas, concert halls, bingo halls, dance halls, swimming baths, skating rinks, gymnasiums, other areas for indoor and outdoor sports or recreations not involving motorised vehicles or firearms.

²⁶ D2 Use Class covers Assembly & leisure classes, including: cinemas, concert & dance halls, bingo halls, public swimming pools, ice rinks, gyms or sports courts. Note that D2 Use Class does not include facilities for motor-sports or fire-arms

(BD4) Completed retail, office and leisure development respectively in Town Centres (Romsey and Andover)

Figure 13: (BD4) Completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres in Test Valley (2016-2024)



11.14 There has been no increase in total floor space completed in town centres within Test Valley in this reporting year.

Ground Floor Uses within the Primary Shopping Areas of Andover and Romsey

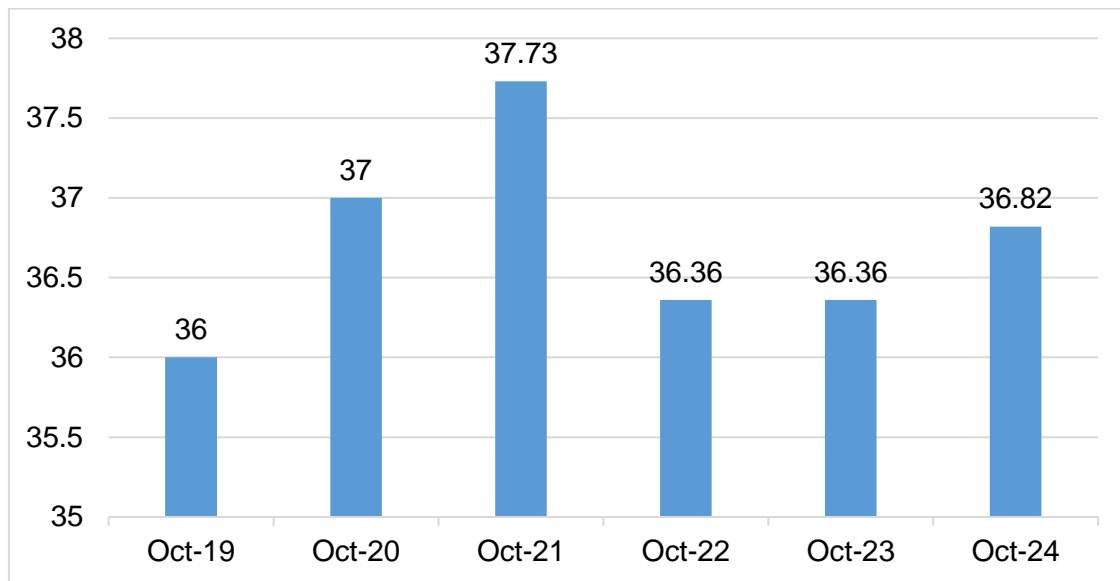
11.15 Although the figures below also show data from outside of reporting period (April 2023-March 2024), October 2024 has been included as the latest available data.

L4 Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets (Andover)

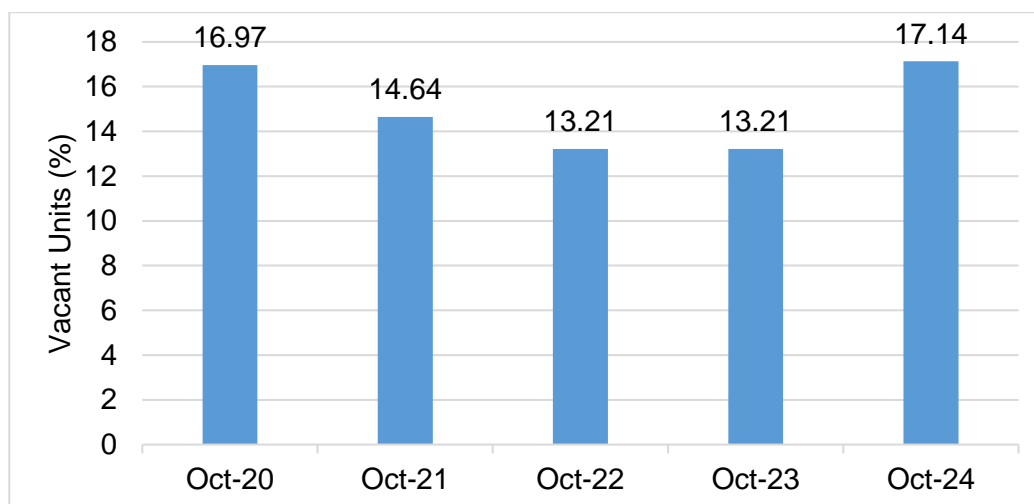
11.16 Andover town centre serves not only the town itself but a large and mainly rural catchment area. The population of the area according to the office of national statistics is approximately 48,487²⁷. In relation to convenience shopping, Andover achieves a high level of convenience expenditure reflecting the long distances to other major centres. For comparison goods, however, the town is less successful with competition from neighbouring centres such as Basingstoke, Winchester, Salisbury and Southampton, as well as out of centre retail parks.

²⁷ https://www.citypopulation.de/en/uk/southeastengland/hampshire/E35001292_andover/

Figure 14: L4 Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets Non A1 (Andover) (2020-2024)



11.17 The Council surveys shop frontages approximately every 6 months. Figure 14 compares targets for the maximum percentage of non-A1 (retail shops) in ground floor use within Andover town centre based on policy LE13, against the actual percentage. In the primary shopping area, it is desirable to maintain a high proportion of retail (class A1 use) and restrict other uses. An over concentration of non-A1 uses may lead to less active frontages and make areas less attractive to shoppers, thus causing an impact on the existing retail units. As displayed above, the shop frontages within Andover have exceeded the target of 30%, for the last five years. For 2023/4, the primary frontage area total of non-A1 Uses has risen slightly to 36.82%.

*Vacant Units in Andover***Figure 15:** Vacant units in Andover town centre (2020-2024)

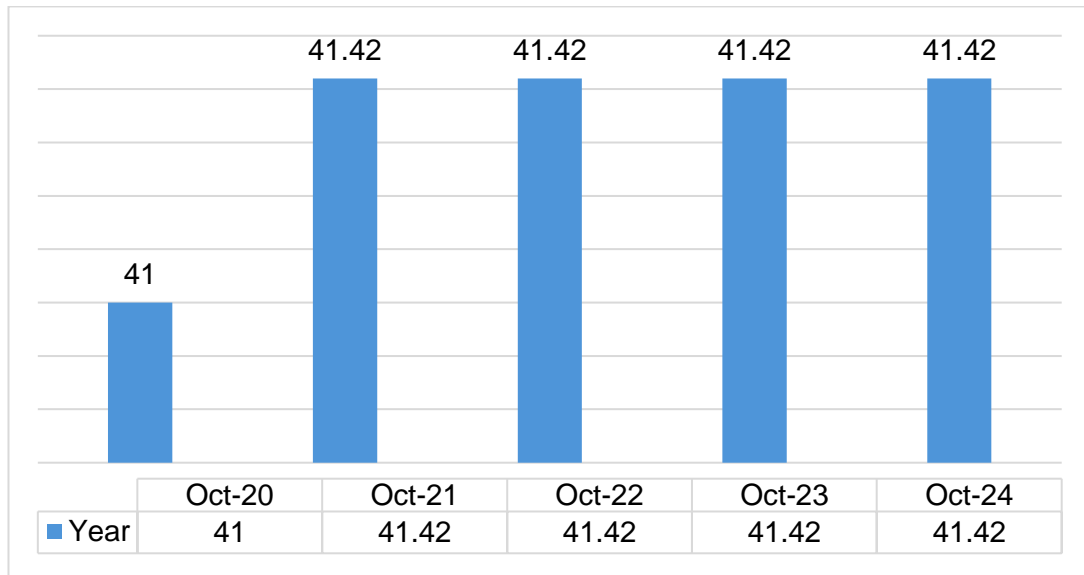
11.18 The Council regularly monitors the number of vacant units in Andover town centre, usually twice per annum in May and October. This aids in assessing the vitality of the town. The number of separate units in the town does not necessarily remain constant; some units might be sub-divided into two or more units or new units developed. This data gives a general picture of the prosperity of the shopping centre. The percentage of vacant units in October 2024 has risen to 17.14% compared to 13.21% in the last reporting year.

L5 Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets (Romsey)

11.19 Romsey town centre serves not only the town itself, but also the wider predominantly rural, area to the north, east and west. The population of the area according to 2021 Census data is approximately 21,608²⁸. The town centre provides for a range of convenience and comparison goods although the proximity to Southampton means that there is a significant outflow of expenditure.

²⁸<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/15352/romsey-town-profile-2021.pdf>

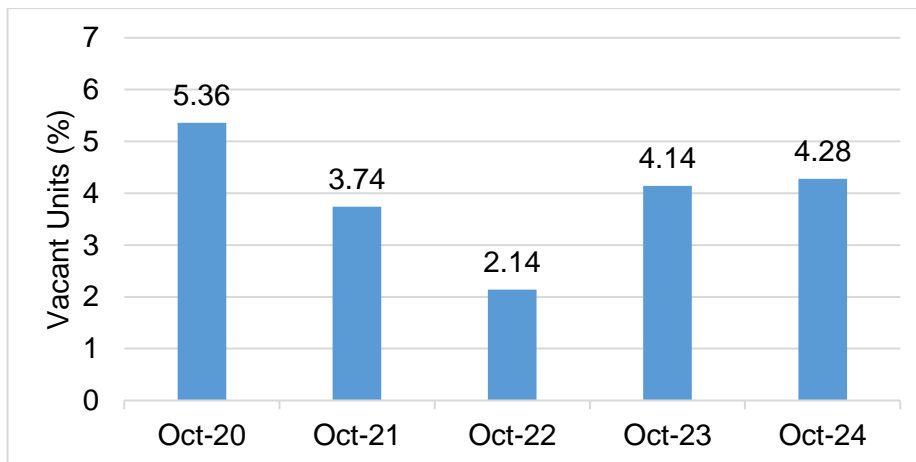
Figure 16: L5 Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets (Romsey) (2020-2023)



11.20 The percentages of shop frontages in Romsey in non-A1 uses have exceeded the 35% target for the past five years. Non-A1 uses have remained consistent at 41.42% this and the last reporting year.

Vacant Units in Romsey

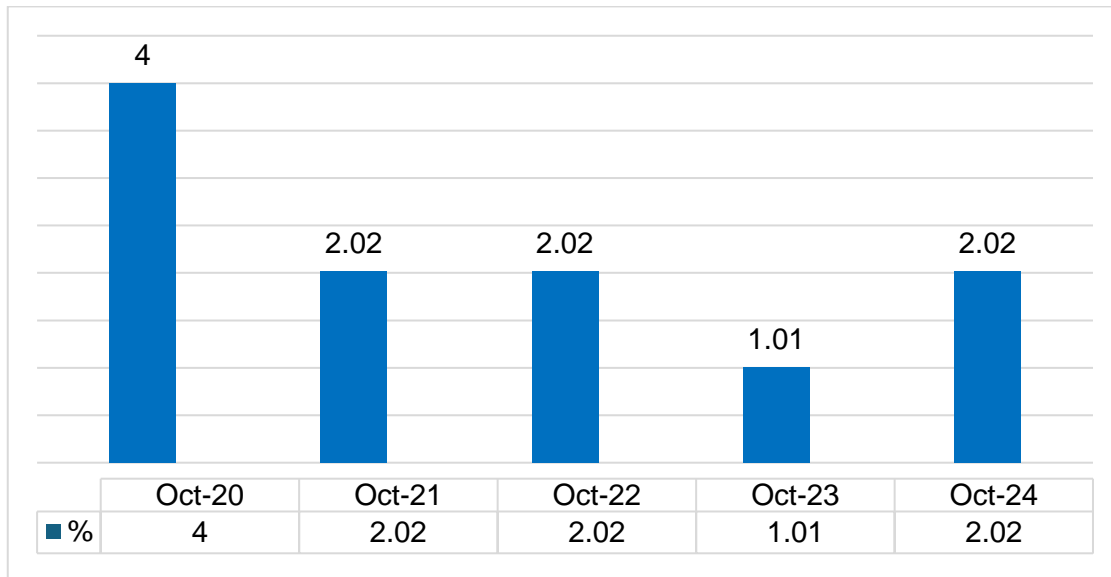
Figure 17: Vacant units in Romsey town centre (2020-2024)



11.21 The Council regularly monitors the number of vacant units in Romsey town centre, usually twice per annum. This helps to assess the vitality of the town's shopping centre. The number of separate units in the town does not necessarily remain constant; some units may split into two or more units or new units developed. This data gives a general picture of the prosperity of the shopping centre. The percentage of vacant units increased by 0.14% in Romsey since the last reporting year.

Stockbridge Local Centre

Figure 18: Vacant Units in Stockbridge Local Centre (2020-2024)



11.22 Since 2016, the Council has included the monitoring of shop frontages in the Stockbridge local centre reflecting a specific policy about the centre in the Adopted Local Plan. As of October 2023, there was 1 vacant unit, compared to 2 in the previous reporting year. The percentage of Non-A1 shop fronts in Stockbridge is 69.7% as of October 2024.

12 Environment

RLP Policies (Chapter 7)	
Policy E1	High Quality Development in the Borough
Policy E2	Protect Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough
Policy E3	Local Gaps
Policy E4	Residential Areas of Special Character
Policy E5	Biodiversity
Policy E6	Green Infrastructure
Policy E7	Water Management
Policy E8	Pollution
Policy E9	Heritage

- 12.1 The protection and enhancement of the Borough's environment and its resources under the wider objective of delivering sustainable development are key issues for the Local Plan. How the natural and built environment is managed has a significant impact on the character of the Borough.
- 12.2 The area of the Borough is approximately 628 square kilometres (about 62,760 hectares) and is predominantly rural in character. The 2011 Rural-Urban-Classification has classed the Borough as 'urban with significant rural' (based on the proportion of the population in rural areas, which stood at 36.5%)²⁹. Its high quality landscape provides an attractive setting for the settlements within the Borough and combined with good access, makes for a very desirable location. These circumstances generate significant pressure on the countryside to meet a range of demands. The Local Plan seeks to manage the cumulative impact of development on the character of the countryside over time.
- 12.3 It is not just the countryside that makes Test Valley attractive. The built environment reflects the Borough's heritage and makes a significant contribution as a place to live and work. Its heritage is a valuable asset and the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment is essential to retain the distinctiveness of the Borough's settlements.

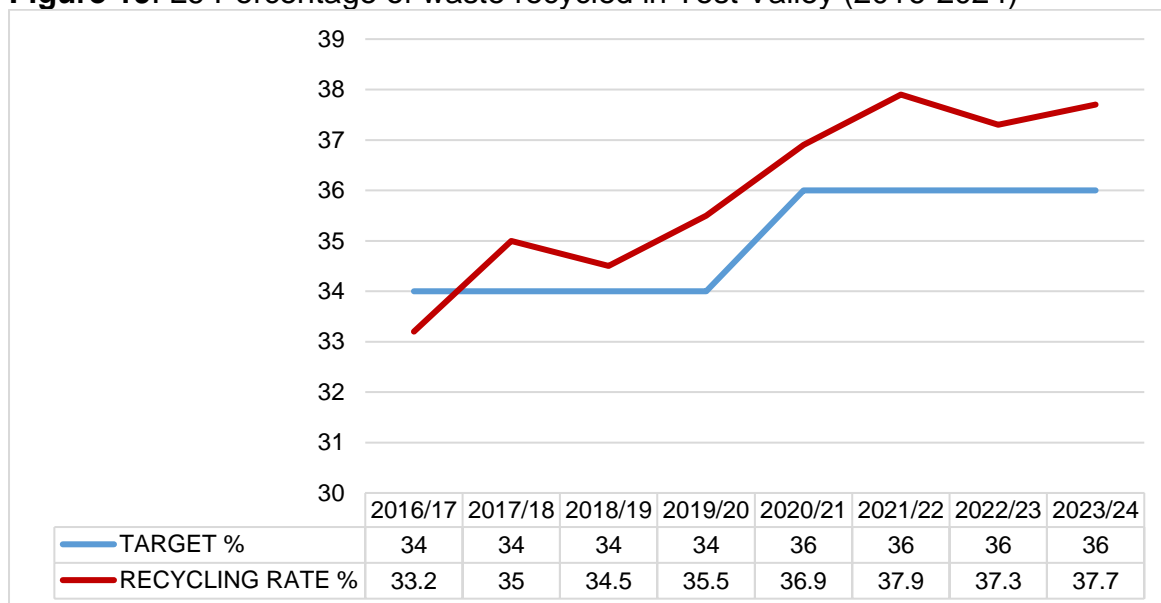
Waste and Recycling

L6 Percentage of Waste Recycled in Test Valley

- 12.4 Hampshire County Council is the waste authority; therefore there are no specific waste policies on waste issues in the Local Plan. However, as part of the environmental context of the Borough, the AMR records recycling performance.

²⁹ Derived from: 2011 Rural-Urban Classification of Local Authorities and other geographies, available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/2011-rural-urban-classification-of-local-authority-and-other-higher-level-geographies-for-statistical-purposes>

Figure 19: L6 Percentage of waste recycled in Test Valley (2016-2024)



12.5 The recycling rate for the 2023/24 recording period within the Borough is 37.7% which has increased slightly from the previous rate of 37.3% for 2022/23. The recycling target for the Borough for 2023/24 was 36%, meaning the target was surpassed for the recording period. During 23/24 there were no changes to the Council's waste and recycling collection service. We are continuing with our behavioural change work, encouraging everyone to recycle more of the right things, to waste less and to reduce contamination. Our garden waste collection service has also remained popular, with just over 7000 tonnes of garden waste collected during this timeframe.

12.6 The Council's Recycling Stars³⁰ campaign is continuing to grow and develop and it is hoped that this, combined with an improving economic situation and an improved garden waste collection service, will continue to increase the recycling rate in Test Valley. Recycling Stars is about increasing our recycling rate by encouraging everyone to waste less and recycle more.

Air Quality

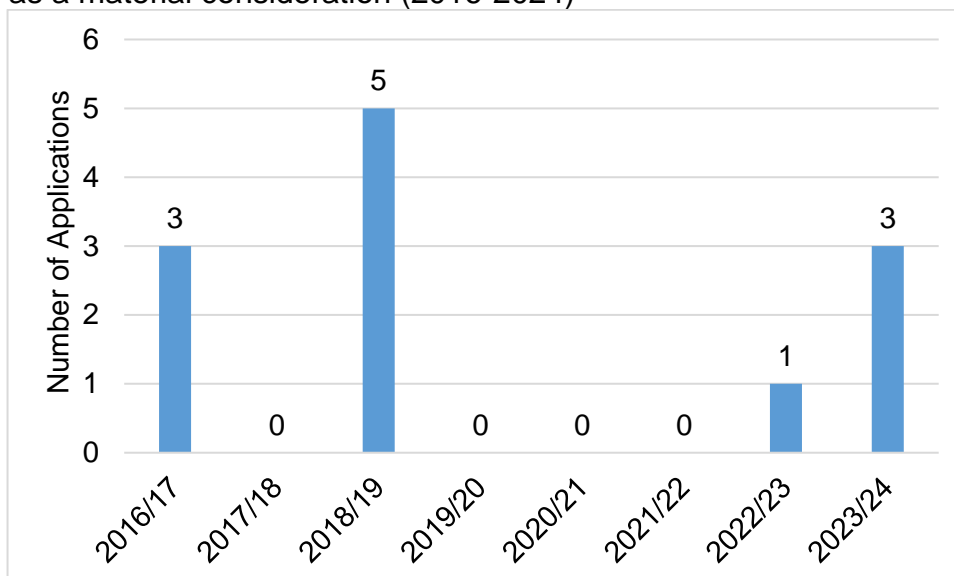
12.7 Air Quality is monitored within the Borough by the Council's Housing and Environmental Health Service³¹. To date, Test Valley Borough Council has not identified any Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs).

³⁰ <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/welcome-to-recycling-stars/recycling-stars>

³¹ For more information see:

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/housingandenvironmentalhealth/environmentalprotection/air-quality>

Figure 20: L1 Number of planning applications where air quality was assessed as a material consideration (2016-2024)



- 12.8 During the reporting period there were 3 planning applications assessed where air quality was included as a material consideration. These were 23/01700/FULLS for Edwina Mountbatten House in Romsey, 23/01372/FULLS for The Four Horseshoes Ltd, Nursling Street, Nursling and 21/02304/FULLN – Amport House, Furzedown Lane, Amport.

Renewable Energy

(E3) Renewable Energy Generation

- 12.9 Not all renewable energy generation needs planning permission, hence the AMR uses building control data and data from national sources.
- 12.10 Building Control records show that there were 381 Competent Persons³² applications for solar panels (photovoltaic system) installations in this reporting period in Test Valley. In comparison, the previous reporting period had 171 Competent Persons applications for solar panels (photovoltaic systems).
- 12.11 The government publishes data on the progress of renewable electricity projects for schemes over 150kW through the planning system in the Renewable Energy Planning Database³³. As at April 2024, there were 16 operational schemes recorded in Test Valley with an installed capacity of about 166 MW electricity.

³² A competent person can self-certify certain works, (Electric, Gas, Heaters etc.) If they work in the building trade as an installer. This is instead of getting building regulations approval.

³³ Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/renewable-energy-planning-database-monthly-extract>

There were four schemes under construction. Additionally, as at the end of 2023, it was indicated that there were 3,632 renewable electricity installations in the borough (of which 3,625 related to solar photovoltaics), providing an installed capacity of 191.5MW³⁴

Flood Risk and Water Quality

(E1) Number of planning permissions granted contrary to the advice of the Environment Agency on either flood defence grounds or water quality

12.12 The Environmental Agency has confirmed that the total number of planning applications in Test Valley where the Environment Agency has objected was three (3) for this reporting period and 1 is pending appeal. The total number of applications in Test Valley that the Environment Agency made comments on was 50

³⁴ Renewable electricity by local authority 2014-2023, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), 2024. Available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/regional-renewable-statistics>

Table 10: (E1) List of applications objected to by the Environment Agency (EA)

EA Reference	Response Date	Test Valley reference / status	Development type / description	Objection reason
HA/2023/125104/01	07.06.2023	23/01017/PDQS Emer Farm Green Lane Ampfield Romsey Hampshire SO51 9BN Permitted	Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed change of use of an agricultural barn into five residential dwellings (Class C3) and for building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion	Inadequate FRA
HA/2023/125221/01	22.08.2023	23/01700/FULLS Edwina Mountbatten House Broadwater Road Romsey Hampshire SO51 8GH Refused- Appeal in progress	Redevelopment for retirement living accommodation comprising 47 retirement apartments including communal facilities, access, car parking and landscaping	Inadequate FRA
HA/2023/125242/01	26.09.2023	23/01717/FULLN Penton Sawmills Newbury Hill Penton Mewsey Andover Hampshire SP11 0SP Refused	Change of use from sawmill (Use Class B2) to general industrial/storage and distribution (Use Class B2/B8) including siting of ancillary office block, and installation of weighbridges (retrospective)	Inadequate FRA

12.13 The Environment Agency (EA) monitors the water quality of the rivers in the Borough. Chalk streams are a rare and valuable habitat, often referred to as the equivalent of England's rain forests or Great Barrier Reef. 85% of all chalk streams are found in England, mainly in the south and east of the country and the Test is one of these. The river is classified as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) throughout its entire course. The geology of the catchment is dominated in the north by chalk, which provides the groundwater upon which the river is dependent. The major urban locations in this part of the catchment are Andover and Romsey. In contrast, the geology of the southern part of the catchment is dominated by clay and demonstrates very different stream characteristics. Major urban areas here are concentrated along the coast, such as Southampton and Totton. It is a highly managed and modified system, with

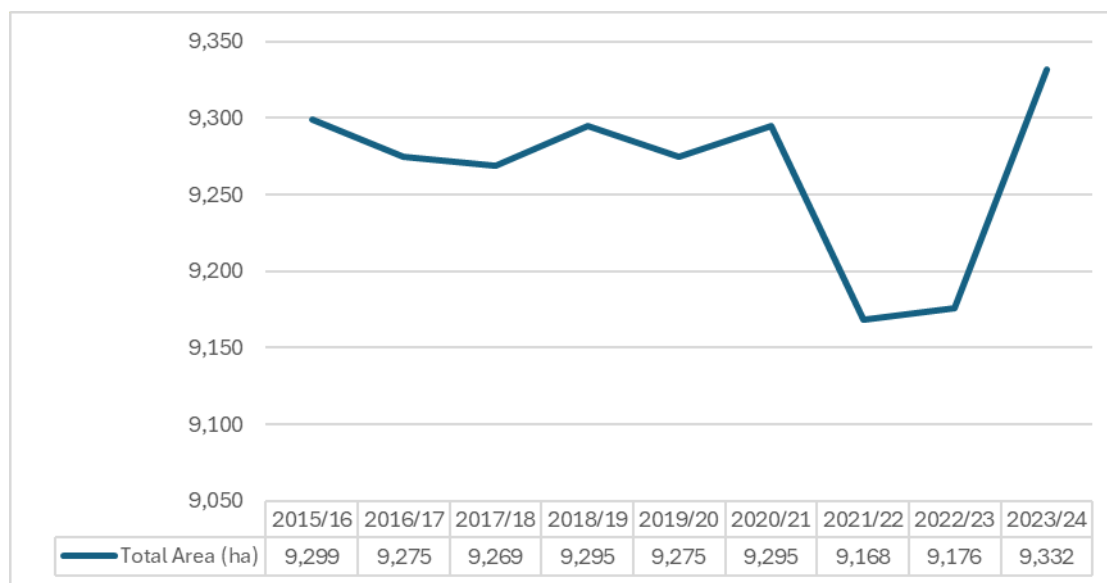
many sections divided into main river and carriers, which historically served a network of mills and water meadow systems³⁵.

Biodiversity

12.14 The purpose of core indicator E2 is to show losses or additions to a biodiversity habitat. Please note that some definitions have changed from former reporting periods and are therefore unable to be directly compared to previous AMR figures.

12.15 At the present time it is extremely difficult to report on definitive changes to habitats or species therefore Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) produces an annual report to help assist local authorities: *Monitoring Change in Priority Habitats, Priority Species and Designated Areas: For Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Reports*. The changes are shown in Table 11` below.

Figure 21: (E2) Change in areas of Biodiversity Importance (2015-2024)



12.16 Figure 21 demonstrates that change in areas of importance has improved and gone up by 33 hectares over 9 years or since 2015, showing increases to priority habitats. The figure for this reporting year is 156 hectares more than the previous reporting year.

12.17 For most Priority habitats (Table 11) there continues to be small changes in extent as a result of new field survey or aerial photographic interpretation as can be seen below.

³⁵ <https://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/ManagementCatchment/3097>

Table 11: Extent of Biodiversity Action Plan Priority habitats in Test Valley and Hampshire (in hectares) (as at 31st March 2024)

Priority Habitat	Comment on Status	Hants 2023/24 Total	TVBC 2015/16	TVBC 2016/17	TVBC 2017/18	TVBC 2018/19	TVBC 2019/20	TVBC 2020/21	TVBC 2021/22	TVBC 2022/23	TVBC 2023/24
Lowland Calcareous Grassland	Comprehensive	2,235	763	764	762	757	757	759	757	759	852
Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Comprehensive. Some overlap with Lowland Heath	3,511	64	64	64	65	65	34	34	35	32
Lowland Meadows	Comprehensive. Some overlap with Costal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh and with Woodland-Pasture and Parkland	1,432	152	127	127	127	128	136	137	136	68
Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pasture	Comprehensive. Some overlap with Costal and Floodplain Grazing Marsh.	1,648	134	134	134	136	136	138	136	132	139
Lowland Heathlands	Comprehensive. Some overlap with Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	12,638	19	19	19	19	19	24	24	26	26
Lowland Beech and Yew Woodland	Not complete. On-going work to distinguish from Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland.	574	49	48.9	48.9	49.8	49.8	51.5	52.2	52.2	59
Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	Ongoing work as all ancient/non ancient woodland has been included yet not all has been surveyed for qualifying NVC types.	35,669	5,870	5,854	5,853	5,846	5,852	5,831	5,714	5,721	5,726

Priority Habitat	Comment on Status	Hants 2023/24 Total	TVBC 2015/16	TVBC 2016/17	TVBC 2017/18	TVBC 2018/19	TVBC 2019/20	TVBC 2020/21	TVBC 2021/22	TVBC 2022/23	TVBC 2023/24
Wet Woodland	Fairly comprehensive. Areas will exist in LMDW that are qualifying types.	2,250	176	177	179	184	184	187	187	194	206
Wood-Pasture and Parkland	Not comprehensive. Further work needed to classify this habitat with historic parkland.	5,613	105	105	105	105	105	105	103	103	108
Arable Field Margins	Incomplete. Figures only show SINCs on arable land designated for rare arable plants.	[93.9]	[22.74]	[23.5]	[23.5]	[23.5]	[23.5]	[23.5]	[23.5]	23.5	[23.5]
Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land	No comprehensive evaluation yet carried out. Two sites with HBIC field surveys.	32						32	32	31	31
Hedgerows	No comprehensive information for Priority Hedgerows. All hedgerows mapped as linear features (km).	[16,448]	[2741]	[2741]	[2,741]	[2,741]	[2,741]	[2,741]	[2,741]	2741	[2,741]
Traditional Orchards	Work to be undertaken to verify areas identified by PTES under contract to NE.	0	-	-	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Ponds [previous years habitat type was eutrophic]	No comprehensive data yet available	100	8	8.3	8.7	8.7	8.4	25.9	25.9	25.9	25.9

Priority Habitat	Comment on Status	Hants 2023/24 Total	TVBC 2015/16	TVBC 2016/17	TVBC 2017/18	TVBC 2018/19	TVBC 2019/20	TVBC 2020/21	TVBC 2021/22	TVBC 2022/23	TVBC 2023/24
standing waters]											
Rivers	Incomplete data. Approx. figures for Chalk Rivers only calculated from EA's River GIS layer (km) as previously.	585	[182]	[182]	[182]	[182]	[182]	[180]	[180]	[180]	186
Costal Floodplain Grazing Marsh	Further work is needed to identify all qualifying grazing marsh. Some overlap with Lowland Meadows and with Purple Moor Grass and Rush Pastures.	7,784	1925	1925	1925	1,941	1,941	1,968	1,744	1,739	1,909
Lowland Fens	Comprehensive	1,911	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	12
Reedbeds	Not Comprehensive	246	45	45.2	45.2	45.5	45.5	30	34.0	34.0	30.6
Coastal Saltmarsh	EA data partly verified	879	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Coastal Sand Dunes	EA data partly verified	201	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coastal Vegetated Shingle	Comprehensive	4,062	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intertidal Mudflats	EA data partly verified	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maritime Cliff and Slopes	Comprehensive	67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saline Lagoons	Comprehensive	348	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

12.18 The Hampshire Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) identifies 50 representative priority species. A total of 38 have been identified in Test Valley and are listed in Appendix 9.

Table 12: Status of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Designations within Test Valley (2016- 31st March 2024)

Condition		16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24
Favourable	Area (Ha)	452	452	452	357	325	363	363	362
	Area %	24.2	24.2	24.2	19.14	17.38	19.43	19.43	19.35
Unfavourable Recovering	Area (Ha)	1,208	1,208	1,208	1,302	1,335	1256	1256	1241
	Area %	64.65	64.65	64.65	69.71	71.47	67.22	67.22	66.43
Unfavourable No Change	Area (Ha)	191	191	191	191	191	216	216	224
	Area %	10.18	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.21	11.56	11.56	11.99
Unfavourable Declining	Area (Ha)	18	18	18	18	18	33	33	42
	Area %	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.94	1.79	1.79	2.23
Part Destroyed	Area (Ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Area %	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Destroyed	Area (Ha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Area %	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	Area (Ha)	1869	1868	1869	1869	1,868	1,868	1,868	1869

12.19 The latest available data on the condition of the Borough's SSSIs in the Borough is shown in Table 12. As at March 2024, 85.78% of SSSIs in Test Valley were within the top two categories compared to 86.65% in the last reporting year. The small reduction (-0.87) is due to re assessments.

Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP)

12.20 There are a range of ongoing projects that contribute to the LBAP, such as the management of nature reserves, this section highlights initiatives with specific deliverables in the reporting year. These Include;

- Support for the Winterbournes and Wetlands Heritage Lottery Project which is a community focussed project working to secure river and wetland restoration along the headwaters of the River Test

- We are working with Southern Water as part of their legal obligation to minimise ecological impact of water abstraction on restoration projects along the river Anton
- Continue to ensure the Borough SINC's and nature reserves are in positive management.
- Continue to promote volunteer conservation opportunities across borough sites with weekend conservation work parties
- Delivery of a programme of nature reserve education visits linked the national curriculum
- Management of new SANG site at Sherfield English
- Opening to the community of Bury Hill Meadows, a new 38 acres space of land in northern TV to revert to aid nature recovery and promote sustainable access to the countryside
- Delivery of urban meadow initiative which has seen 42 hectares of former green space managed as meadow
- Local Nature Reserve Declarations completed for two sites, Ladies Walk (Andover) and Abbotswood Nature Reserve (Romsey)
- Supporting the work to create the first draft of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire

12.21 Initiatives delivering in 2023/24 that supported the LBAP include:

Test Valley Dormouse Project

12.22 This project involves working in partnership with Hampshire Dormouse Group (HDG), the Woodland Trust, People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES), and Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group FWAG to map the distribution of this species and connect habitats across private land linking populations of dormice across the north of Test Valley. The project is now in its sixth year.

12.23 The aim of the project is to continue the partnership with landowners to adopt dormouse friendly management techniques and to improve linkages through hedgerow planting and restoration. Greater connectivity and a well-managed wooded habitat within Northern Test Valley, will allow a healthy population of dormice to thrive.

12.24 The project area has approximately 2,235 ha of woodland, much of which is small and fragmented. Through the creation of natural pathways, the project, with the support of the local landowners, hopes to create a stronger habitat network which will support existing and future populations. Since the project began:

- 27km of hedgerow and 24 woodlands have been assessed to identify potential for restoration of dormice;
- Landscape features were digitised to identify connectivity between suitable linear features and woodland areas; and
- Several events have been hosted to encourage private landowners to engage with the project, 16 landowners in the project area attended.

12.25 Over the past 12 months, two new National Dormouse Monitoring Project sites (NDMP) have been established. In addition, 100 footprint tunnels have been positioned over a number of other local sites. A further landowner engagement day has been held and it is the intention to engage with a number of farm clusters to look for opportunities to establish planting projects.

Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve

12.26 Fishlake Meadows is a 60 hectare wildlife rich wetland site situated to the north of Romsey, in the valley of the River Test SSSI. Over the last twelve months, the Trust have undertaken significant habitat management works including extensive scrub management and reed bed works. Volunteer participation has been extremely positive with well over 2000 hours recorded.

Positive management of Borough SINCs

12.27 The Council is responsible for 15 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs). The Council seeks to promote biodiversity and the positive management of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs).

Access to the Countryside

12.28 The Council has been able to use developer contributions to fund a project that secured 38-acre nature reserve land for access to the countryside, south of Andover at Bury Hill. This will also provide ecological benefits and creating a series of linked spaces and corridors into the countryside.

12.29 We have declared 2 new sites as Local Nature Reserves under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.. These are important sites for wildlife and people and the declaration reflects the important the council has placed on their ongoing management and protection.

12.30 We are working with partners to deliver structure removal and restoration of degraded habitats along the River Anton, a tributary of the river Test, through the delivery of the Andover masterplan. Southern Water through their obligations to minimise impact of water abstraction on the River Anton's ecology are leading a project to improve fish migration and restore the chalk stream environment, also on the River Anton.

12.31 We are a partner on the Watercress and Winterbourne Heritage Lottery project which is a community focussed project working to secure river and wetland restoration along the headwaters of the River Test and Itchen. This project has trained many volunteers in ecological surveying techniques, funded and delivered river restoration projects and broadened the understanding of the history of the river catchments through the collection of stories.

12.32 We are assisting with the work to create the first draft of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire, acting in the local planning authority capacity as a supporting authority.

13 Leisure, Health and Wellbeing

RLP Policies (Chapter 8)	
Policy LHW1	Public Open Space
Policy LHW2	Ganger Farm, Romsey
Policy LHW3	Forest Park
Policy LHW4	Amenity

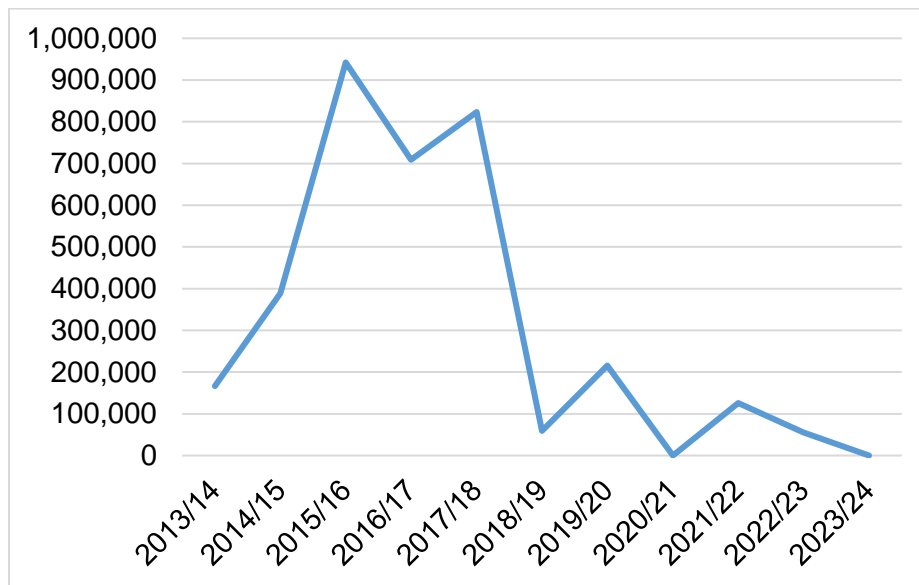
- 13.1 The residents of the Borough are active in terms of exercise when compared with the rest of the country. Test Valley has a higher percentage of physically active people at 70.3% when compared to Hampshire at 70.4% and England at 65.9 %. England.³⁶
- 13.2 However there are a number of areas of concern, especially obesity, within the Borough. The Local Plan aims to support the promotion of a healthy lifestyle through access and provision to a range of high-quality leisure facilities, including formal and informal recreation facilities and the promotion of walking and cycling by enhancing the existing network of routes.

Public Open Space

- 13.3 Policy LHW1 sets out the standards required where new housing development will result in a net increase in the population. It requires a provision of at least 3 hectares per 1000 population comprising:
- Outdoor sports facilities 1.0 hectares
 - Parks and public gardens 0.4 hectares
 - Informal recreation areas 0.8 hectares
 - Provision for children and teenagers 0.6 hectares
 - Allotments 0.2 hectares
- 13.4 Since 2013/14, £3,485,054 in Public Open Space contributions have been collected, as shown in the graph below. No Public Open Space contributions received this reporting year compared to £55,034.43 the previous reporting year.
- 13.5 These figures exclude CIL contributions to the Borough and Parish which may also be allocated to public open space.

³⁶ <https://www.sportengland.org/research-and-data/tools/local-area-insights/area-reports#/view-report/51e43e1b1e27400c9693a4d72c7eabc9/E07000093>

Figure 22: Public open space contributions (2013-2024)



13.6 This year a total of £266,901.50 was paid out to Parish Councils to support public open space projects across the Borough, an increase from the 2022/23 payment of £55,034.43.

The breakdown of payments was as follows;

Broughton - £3,657.50

Over Wallop - £75,000.00

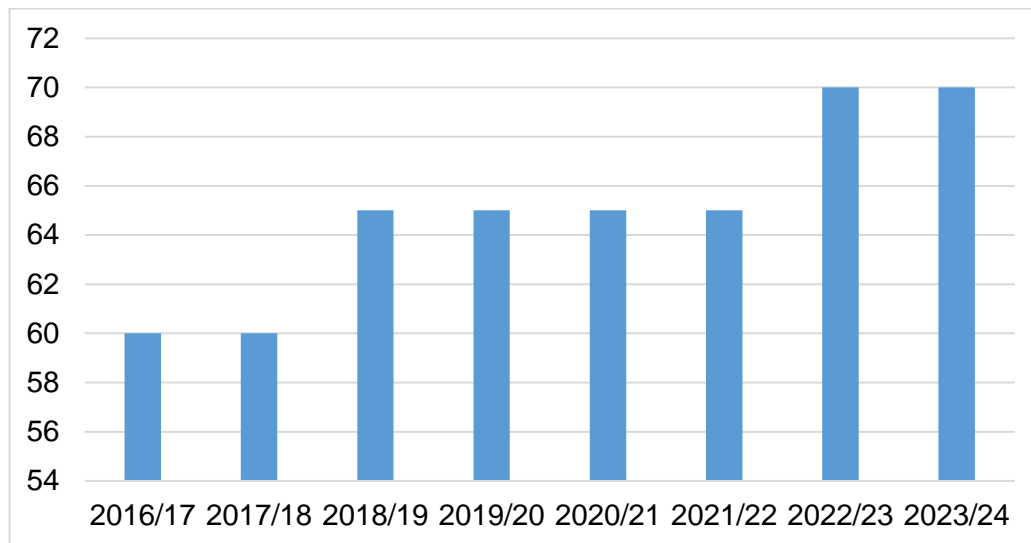
North Baddesley - £165,024.00

Nursling and Rowhams - £12,957.21

13.7 The funding available relates to development sites meeting their triggers for payments received through a specific legal agreement, rather than Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

13.8 With the introduction of CIL back in August 2016 it's expected that Section 106 contributions and specifically Public Open Space will become less. Contributions will come through from large and strategic development sites but these don't happen often so it's likely some quarters will be considerably higher while others may have no incoming POS contributions. Furthermore, there has been no dedicated resource to monitor triggers across all S106 which with the introduction of the new compliance post this figure can be expected to increase.

Figure 23: L13 Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag Award standard (2016-2024)



13.9 In 2023/24 the percentage of eligible open spaces managed to Green Flag Standards was at its highest with 70%.

13.10 In 2023/24 the following open spaces retained their Green Flag status;

- Rooksbury Mill, Andover - retained
- Valley Park Woodlands, Chandlers Ford - retained
- War Memorial Park, Romsey – retained

13.11 The Green Space Strategy 2020 – 2030 builds on the progress and improvements made through the implementation of the Borough's first Green Space Strategy, which was published in 2007. It looks to identify the current issues facing green spaces, how they are used and managed and how we will work collectively with our local community, and our partners, to address current and future pressures. It can be found on the Council's website³⁷

³⁷<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/parksandgreenspaces/green-space-strategy>

14 Transport

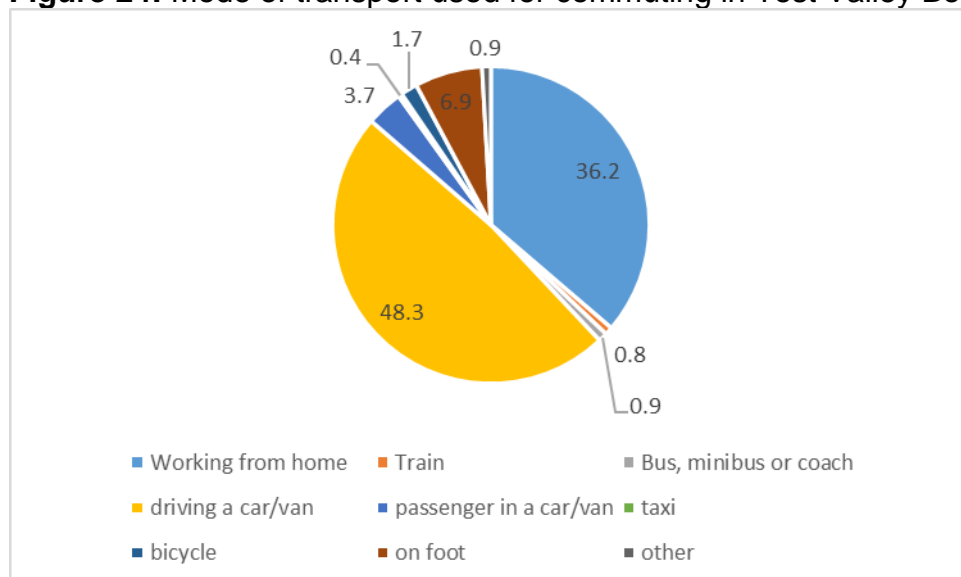
RLP Policies (Chapter 9)	
Policy T1	Managing Movement
Policy T2	Parking Standards
Policy T3	Park & Ride at Bargain Farm, Nursling

- 14.1 The majority of residents located in the Borough have good access via the transport network to destinations both within and outside of the Borough. The M3 and M27 motorways, A303(T), A34(T), A36(T) and the main rail links provide access to London, the south coast, West Country and Midlands respectively. The good network to destinations outside of the Borough is reflected in the level of out-commuting, particularly from rural Test Valley. Access to facilities within the urban areas of the Borough is generally good. Andover has a high level of self-containment and Southern Test Valley, despite its location (close to other large urban centres), has a significant number of people living and working in the area.
- 14.2 The Borough is a relatively affluent area where car ownership and use is higher than the national average. In rural parts of the Borough, where the availability of frequent public transport services is limited, reliance on the private car is high.
- 14.3 The Department for Transport publishes information on publicly available electric vehicle charging devices³⁸. As at January 2024, there were 81 devices within the Borough, which gave 61.7 devices per 100,000 population. For comparison, there were 45.9 devices per 100,000 population for Hampshire and 55.7 devices per 100,000 population for England.

³⁸ Electric Vehicle Charging Device Statistics, Department for Transport, 2023 (available: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/electric-vehicle-charging-device-statistics-january-2024>)

Mode of transport used for commuting

Figure 24: Mode of transport used for commuting in Test Valley Borough³⁹



- 14.4 According to latest 2021 census data, the majority of the Borough's population (48.3%) commute to work by using their own private vehicle whether it be car or van. The second most common method was working from home (36.2%, increased from 13%). Public transport use in the Borough is limited; the number of journeys by train has decreased and the number of bus journeys has decreased as well. This is due to the increase in number of people working from home.
- 14.5 Professional consultation advice on planning applications for Highways and Transport matters is undertaken by Hampshire County Council. The data for these indicators is not currently available.

L10 Percentage of completed non-residential development complying with car parking standards

L11 Percentage of new residential development within 30 minutes of public transport time of local services

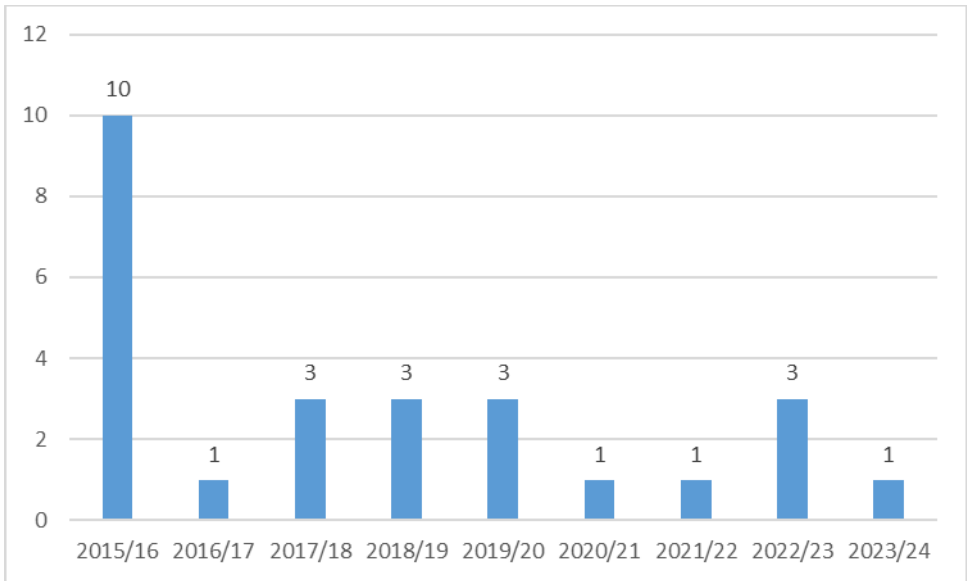
- 14.6 Hampshire County Council has responsibility for seeking and monitoring travel plans. The Council is reviewing how best to monitor this indicator in the future. However, Policy Objective 12 of the *Hampshire Local Transport Plan – Part A: Long-Term Strategy (2011-2031)* calls for investment in sustainable transport measures, including walking and cycling infrastructure. This is principally for urban areas, to provide a healthy alternative to the car for local short journeys to work, local services or schools.

³⁹ <https://www.ons.gov.uk/employmentandlabourmarket/peopleinwork/employmentandemployeetypes/datasets/methodoftraveltowork>

L3 Number of Travel Plans for new developments likely to have a significant traffic generating impact

14.7 Hampshire County Council has responsibility for seeking and monitoring travel plans. The Council is reviewing how best to monitor this indicator in the future. HCC have adopted LTP4 in Feb 2024⁴⁰ and Objective B of the plan states the following: High levels of car use are contributing to low levels of physical activity. In Hampshire, 1 in 6 commuting trips are less than 1.25 miles, but 51% of these are made by car. The Plan highlights providing a choice of high-quality travel options and reduce dependency on the private car. In this vein, HCC monitors data for new permissions and maintains a threshold for developments where a transport assessment is required⁴¹. The threshold is over 50 dwellings. In the reporting year 2023/24 there was 1 permission with over 50 dwellings and therefore needing a Transport impact assessment.

Figure 25: L3 Number of Travel Plans for new developments likely to have a significant traffic generating impact (2015-2023)



⁴⁰ <https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/hampshire-local-transport-plan-4-2024.pdf>

⁴¹ <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/transportassessments>

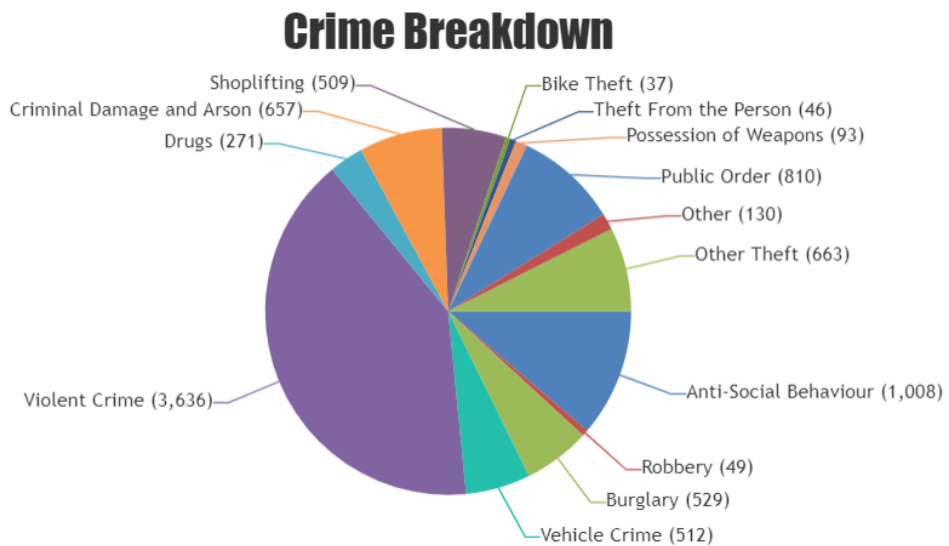
15 Community Safety

RLP Policy (Chapter 10)	
Policy CS1	Community Safety

15.1 Crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour can all have negative impacts upon community wellbeing and the quality of life. The Local Plan includes an objective of ‘creating high quality, low crime environments and spaces’.

15.2 Test Valley experiences relatively low levels of crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB) when compared to national statistics. Figure 26 shows the breakdown in crime statistics for the Borough, with violence that included sexual offences coming out as the highest reported issue within Test Valley for the 2023/24 reporting period. There has been an increase in types of crime overall, in comparison to 2022/23.

Figure 26: Crime statistics for Test Valley (Jan 2024)⁴²



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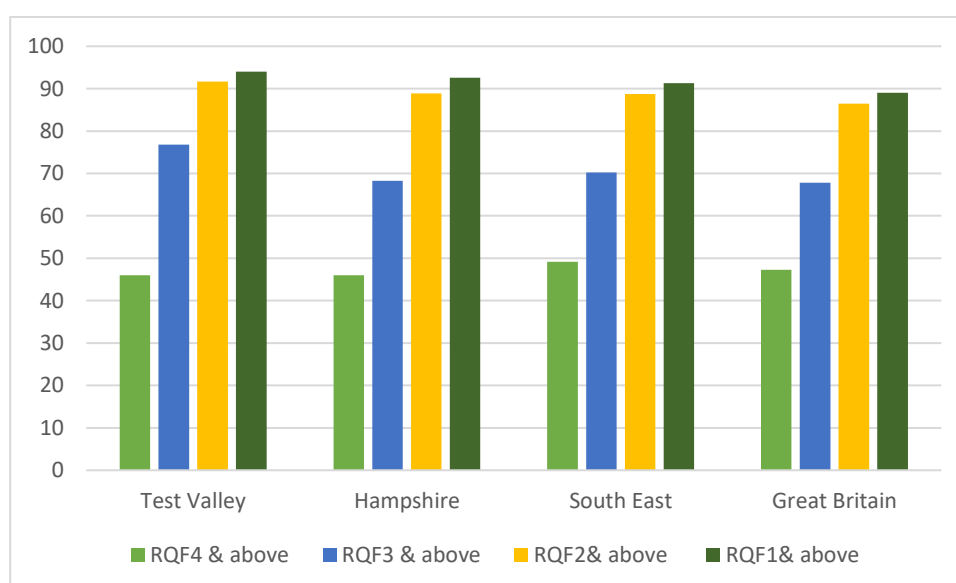
⁴² UK Crime Stats, Test Valley (<https://www.ukcrimestats.com/Subdivisions/DIS/43511/>)

16 Education and Learning

RLP Policy (Chapter 11)	
Policy ST1	Skills and Training

- 16.1 Where a development has a significant impact on the labour market, contributions towards the enhancement of skills training and the provision of apprenticeships within the local community will be required. There are 4 Employment and Skills Plans (ESPs) that have been secured in Test Valley at Adanac Park, Nursling Estate, West Finkley Farm Road, and West Wellow..
- 16.2 People and their skills as one of the three key elements of the Borough’s economy, the other two being enterprise and places. The Office of national statistics data shows that educational attainment and skills of the Borough compare well with the County and national averages with regard to qualifications as seen in the figure below.

Figure 27: Percentage of population achieving qualification level in Test Valley, South East England and Great Britain (2023)⁴³



- 16.3 Test Valley Borough has a greater percentage of its population possessing qualifications at RQF⁴⁴ level 1 & above and RQF level 2 & above compared to the South East and Great Britain. Test Valley Borough has a higher percentage of RQF level 3 & above compared to Great Britain. Please refer to the Appendix 12 for the full table percentage of population achieving qualification level in Test Valley (2013-2023).

⁴³ Source: NOMIS Official Labour Market Statistics, ONS (available: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>)

⁴⁴ RQF level 1 (similar to GCSE grades D–G), RQF level 2 (similar to GCSE grades A*–C), RQF level 3 (similar to an A Level), RQF level 4 (similar to a Higher National Certificate (HNC)/Undergraduate)

- 16.4 The knowledge economy is likely to continue to account for an increasing proportion of the economy, although not all jobs will be high value and knowledge intensive. In raising educational attainment and upskilling, it will be imperative to maximise the population's potential and to attract and expand this type of economy in Test Valley.
- 16.5 The provision of new educational facilities, such as schools and further education establishments is necessary to allow children to develop their skills. The Council will work closely with the Education Authority and other providers to ensure the Borough has appropriate infrastructure. It will also support programmes in partnerships such as training initiatives to develop the skills of the population.

17 Conclusion

- 17.1 This report is the twelfth AMR produced by Test Valley Borough Council. The Council has again worked closely with other organisations to provide the monitoring information and will continue to do so.
- 17.2 This latest AMR has provided contextual information and has also retained the core output indicators to enable comparison with reporting in previous years. The Council will continue to identify useful opportunities to add more local output indicators to help improve the monitoring of policy implementation in future AMRs.
- 17.3 The AMR may be expanded in the coming years to meet the monitoring requirements of the DPDs and SPDs prepared for the Council's Development Plan.

Indicators

- 17.4 *Housing:* The Borough has seen a reduction in the number of affordable homes completed during the reporting year, this figure is below target. Housing completions for this reporting year are below the Revised Local Plan the annualised average requirement.
- 17.5 *Business Development:* The availability of Borough-wide employment land has reduced slightly this reporting year and there has been a slight loss of employment land to residential development. The amount of completed retail, office and leisure development in Test Valley has reduced by 1016m² since 2022/23.
- 17.6 *Environmental Quality:* As at March 2024, 85.78 % of SSSIs in Test Valley were within the top two categories, 'Favourable and 'Un-favourable Recovering'. There has been a change of -0.87% since the previous reporting period.

Local indicators

- 17.7 *Public Space Contributions:* The amount of Public Space Contributions received has reduced compared to the previous reporting year.
- 17.8 *Waste:* The recycling rate has increased by 0.4% but is still exceeding the recycling target. The 2023/24 estimated recycling rate is 37.7% and the 2023/24 target is 36%.
- 17.9 *Primary Shopping Areas:* The Non-A1 percentage target has been exceeded in both Andover and Romsey.

Final note

- 17.10 Overall Test Valley is performing well in context to Output Indicators, as shown in Appendix 1. The Borough is performing well in terms of employment land and

development. The number of affordable housing completions has reduced as all of the major developments in the current LP have come to an end, so until the revised LP identifies new major sites, the Council is mainly relying on smaller infill sites. The diversity of uses beyond the use class A1 has remained fairly consistent with the last reporting year.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Reference list of Core Output Indicators and Local Output Indicators

Off Target	Fluctuating	On Target	No Available Data/No Change

Core Output Indicators		Result	Trend
Business Development			
BD1	Amount of land developed for employment by type	27,296m ²	Increased
BD2	Percentage of BD1, by type, which is on Previously Developed Land	91.5%	Increased
BD3	Employment Land Available by type	50.67 ha	Decreased
BD4	Completed retail, office and leisure development in town centres in Test Valley	0m ²	Maintained
Housing			
H1	Plan period and housing targets		
H2	Housing Trajectory showing: Net additional dwellings – previous year; Net additional dwellings – reporting year; Net additional dwellings – future years; and Managed delivery target	See Appendices 5 & 6	
H3	Percentage of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land	17.9%	Increased
H4	Net additional pitches (Gypsy and Traveller)	4	Increased
H5	Affordable housing completions	112	Decreased
H6	Housing Quality – Building for Life Assessments	No Data	-
Environmental Quality			

Core Output Indicators		Result	Trend
E1	Number of planning permissions granted contrary to advice from the Environment Agency on flooding and water quality grounds	1	Decreased
E2	Change in areas of Biodiversity Importance E3	9332	Increased
E3	Renewable Energy Generation	3,632 total installations	Increased
Minerals			
Not Applicable (Hampshire County Council)		No Data	-
Waste			
Not Applicable (Hampshire County Council)		No Data	-

Local Output Indicators		Result	Trend
Local Development Scheme Milestones			
L1	Number of planning applications where air quality was assessed as a material consideration	3	increased
L2	Deliver 200 affordable dwellings per year	112	Below Target
L3	Number of Travel Plans for new developments likely to have significant traffic generating impact	1	Decreased
L4	Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets (Andover)	36.82%	Increased
L5	Local Plan Shop Frontage Percentage Targets (Romsey)	41.42%	No change
L6	Percentage of waste recycled in Test Valley	37.7%	Increased-above target
L7	Losses of employment land in (i) development/regeneration areas and (ii) local authority area	(i) 0	No Change
		(ii) 280m2 (0.028ha)	Increased
L8	Amount of employment land lost to residential development	280m2 (0.028ha)	Increasing
L9	Percentage of new dwellings completed at:		

Local Output Indicators		Result	Trend
	Less than 30 dwellings per hectare	81.5%	Increasing
	Between 30 and 50 dwellings per hectare	2.7%	Decreased
	Above 50 dwellings per hectare	15.7%	Increased
L10	Percentage of completed non-residential development complying with car park standards set out in the Local Development Framework	No Data	-
L11	Percentage of new residential development within 30 minutes of public transport time of a GP, primary and secondary school, employment and a major health centre	No Data	-
L12	Amount of completed retail, office and leisure development	233m ²	Decreased
L13	Percentage of eligible open spaces managed to green flag award standard	70%	No Change
L14	Change in areas and populations of Biodiversity Importance, including: (i) Change in priority habitats and species (by type); and (ii) Change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub-regional or local significance.	See Tables	Fluctuating

Appendix 2: Comparison of unemployment levels between Test Valley, the South East and Great Britain (2010/11–2023/24)⁴⁵

Unemployment in Test Valley age 16 and over				
	Test Valley Figure	Test Valley (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
2010/11	2500	4.0	5.8	7.6
2011/12	2500	4.4	5.9	8.1
2012/13	2600	4.6	6.1	7.8
2013/14	2200	3.5	5.4	7.2
2014/15	2100	3.3	4.6	6.0
2015/16	1800	2.9	4.2	5.2
2016/17	1600	2.5	3.8	4.7
2017/18	1700	2.6	3.4	4.3
2018/19	1,800	2.9	3.3	4.1
2019/20	1,800	2.7	3.1	3.9
2020/21	2000	2.9	4.1	4.9
2021/22	1700	2.5	3.3	3.8
2022/23	1700	2.6	3.4	3.8
2023/24	1800	2.4	3.3	3.7

⁴⁵ Annual Population Survey
<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157309/report.aspx?town=test%20valley#tabempunemp>

Appendix 3: Area of the New Forest National Park that lies within the Borough of Test Valley



Appendix 4: Housing Trajectory Guidance Note Summary

HOUSING TRAJECTORY	
Row A	Total completions for past years, from allocated sites
Row B	Total completions for past years, from unallocated sites
Row C	Total completions for past years, (sum of allocated sites plus unallocated sites)
Row D	Total projected completions for current and future years
Row E	Cumulative completions for each year (sum of completions for current and past years)
Row F	PLAN figure – annual strategic requirement (set out by the Local Plan)
Row G	MONITOR figure – number of cumulative completions above or below the PLAN figure (F) ⁴⁶
Row H	MANAGE figure – number of future completions required to meet the outstanding strategic requirement ⁴⁷

CALCULATION
$C = A + B$
$E \text{ (from previous year)} + C = E \text{ (for current year)}$
$E \text{ (for current year)} - (F \times \text{number of years into the plan period}) = G$
For the first year, the MANAGE figure (H) is identical to the PLAN figure (F)
For the second year onwards, $H = F - (G \text{ divided by the number of years remaining})$

CHART
Comprises 2 graphs:
1. Total past completions and total projected future completions. This graph shows the PLAN figure (F) and the MANAGE figure (H) as line graphs, overlaid on the bar chart.
2. MONITOR figure (G) shown as a line graph

⁴⁶ Where cumulative completions are above the total annual requirement to date, the figure is positive and there is a surplus (i.e. the strategy is ahead of its delivery); where the cumulative completions are below the annual requirement to date, the figure is negative and there is a shortfall (i.e. the strategy is under-delivering).

⁴⁷ This is the remaining annual requirement as reflected over the remaining years of the plan period, taking account of shortfalls or surplus from previous years.

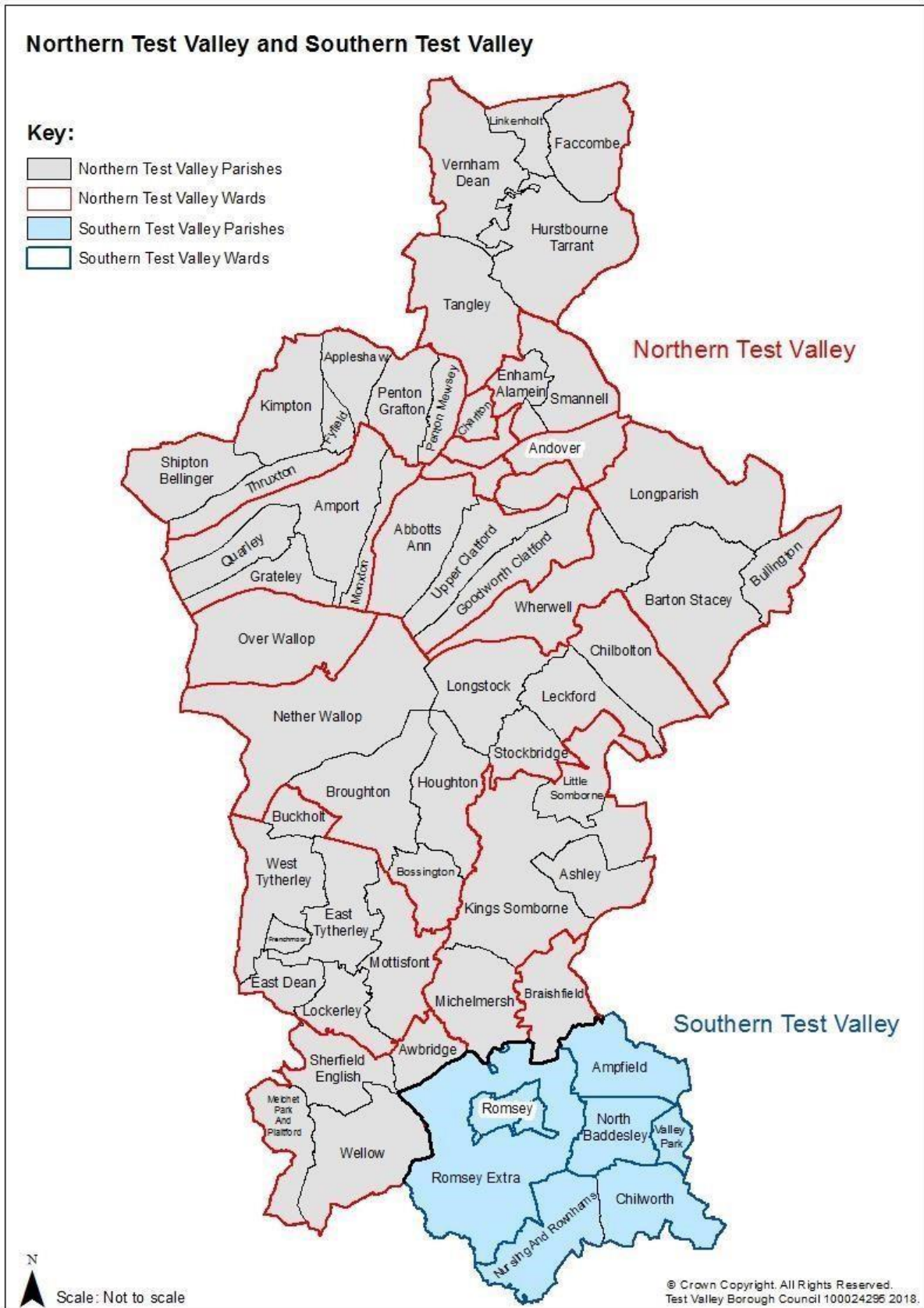
Appendix 5: Housing Trajectory 2011/12-2028/29 for Northern Test Valley (as at April 2024)

The Housing Trajectory data is currently unavailable and will be updated once it is available.

Appendix 6: Housing Trajectory 2011/12-2028/29 for Southern Test Valley (as at April 2024)

The Housing Trajectory data is currently unavailable and will be updated once it is available.

Appendix 7: Map illustrating extent of Northern Test Valley and Southern Test Valley



Appendix 8: Percentage of new and converted dwellings on Previously Developed Land (2014/15-2023/24)

	2014/15		2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
Density (Dwellings/ ha)	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<30	162	18.8	325	33.5	271	31.6	416	54.6
30-50	591	68.7	498	51.3	226	26.4	264	34.6
>50	107	12.4	148	15.2	360	42.0	82	10.8
Total	860		971		857		762	

	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
Density (Dwellings / ha)	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<30	455	53.4	602	61.9	575	75	395	51.3	224	53.4	243	82.7
30-50	362	42.5	351	36.1	48	6.25	313	40.7	176	42.2	8	2.7
>50	35	4.1	19	1.99	138	18	62	8	17	4.1	43	14.6
⁴⁸Total	852		972		767		770		365		294	

⁴⁸ This is the gross number of dwellings that does not take into account the loss in dwellings for the reporting year

Appendix 9: Distribution of Hampshire Notable Species (N=50) For Annual Reporting from 2012 to (March) 2024

Scientific name	Common name	Group	Test Valley
<i>Triturus cristatus</i>	Great crested newt	Amphibian	✓
<i>Bombus humilus</i>	brown-band. carder bee	Bees	
<i>Lucanus cerus</i>	stag beetle	Beetles	✓
<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	skylark	Birds	✓
<i>Branta bernicla bernicla</i>	dark-bellied Brent goose	Birds	✓
<i>Caprimulgus europ.</i>	nightjar	Birds	✓
<i>Lallula arborea</i>	woodlark	Birds	✓
<i>Luscinia megarhynchos</i>	nightingale	Birds	✓
<i>Emberizac alandra</i>	corn bunting	Birds	✓
<i>Perdix perdix</i>	grey partridge	Birds	✓
<i>Pyrhula pyrrhula</i>	bullfinch	Birds	✓
<i>Streptopelia turtur</i>	turtle dove	Birds	✓
<i>Sylvia undata</i>	Dartford warbler	Birds	✓
<i>Tringa totanus</i>	redshank	Birds	✓
<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	lapwing	Birds	✓
<i>Argynnis paphia</i>	silver-washed fritillary	Butterflies	✓
<i>Cupido minimus</i>	small blue	Butterflies	✓
<i>Hamearis lucina</i>	Duke of Burgundy	Butterflies	✓
<i>Hesperia comma</i>	silverspotted skipper	Butterflies	✓
<i>Lysandra coridon</i>	chalkhill blue	Butterflies	✓

Scientific name	Common name	Group	Test Valley
<i>Plebejus argus</i>	silver-studded blue	Butterflies	
<i>Gammarus insensibilis</i>	lagoon sand shrimp	Crustacea	
<i>Coenagrion mercuriale</i>	southern damselfly	Dragonfly	✓
<i>Asilus crabroniformis</i>	hornet robberfly	Flies	✓
<i>Carex divisa</i>	divided sedge	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Chamaemelum nobile</i>	chamomile	Flw Plants	
<i>Epipactis phyllanthes</i>	Greenflowered. helleborine	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Gentiana pneumon.</i>	marsh gentian	Flw Plants	
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	juniper	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Lithospermum arvense</i>	field gromwell	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Oenanthe fluviatilis</i>	river waterdropwort	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Orchis morio</i>	greenwinged orchid	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Pulicaria vulgaris</i>	small fleabane	Flw Plants	
<i>Pulmonaria longifolia</i>	marrow leaved lungwort	Flw Plants	
<i>Thesium humifuum</i>	bastard toadflax	Flw Plants	✓
<i>Zostera marina/noltii</i>	eelgrass	Flw Plants	
<i>Poronia punctate</i>	nail fungus	Fungi	
<i>Gomphocerippus rufus</i>	rufous grasshopper	Grasshopper	
<i>Arvicola terrestris</i>	water vole	Mammals	✓
<i>Eptesicus serotinus</i>	Serotine bat	Mammals	✓
<i>Lepus europaeus</i>	brown hare	Mammals	✓

Scientific name	Common name	Group	Test Valley
<i>Muscardinus avellan.</i>	dormouse	Mammals	✓
<i>Vertigo moulinsiana</i>	Desmoulin's whorl snail	Molluscs	
<i>Apoda limacodes</i>	festoon	Moths	✓
<i>Catocala promissa</i>	light crimson underwing	Moths	✓
<i>Hemaris fuciformis</i>	Broad-bord. Bee hawk-moth	Moths	✓
<i>Hypena rostrialis</i>	buttoned snout	Moths	✓
<i>Minoa murinata</i>	drab looper	Moths	✓
<i>Shargacucullia lychnitis</i>	Striped lychnis	Moths	✓
<i>Coronella austriaca</i>	Smooth snake	Reptiles	
		Total	38
		Previous total	39

Appendix 10: Percentage of population achieving qualification level in Test Valley (2015/16-2022/23)

	RQF level ⁴⁹	Test valley (number)	Test Valley (%)	South East (%)	Great Britain (%)
2022/23	4 & above	33500	46.1	49.2	47.3
	3 & above	55800	76.8	70.2	67.8
	2 & above	66700	91.7	88.7	86.5
	1 & above	68300	94.0	91.3	89
2021/22	4 & above	30,500	41.6	45.2	43.6
	3 & above	46,500	63.4	63.8	61.5
	2 & above	60,700	82.7	80.7	78.1
	1 & above	68,000	92.6	90.4	87.5
2020/21	4 & above	35,700	47.4	45.1	43.1
	3 & above	56,600	75.1	63.8	61.3
	2 & above	64,500	85.5	80.5	78.1
	1 & above	71,300	94.7	90.2	87.7
2019/20	4 & above	30,900	41.2	43.4	40.3
	3 & above	46,100	61.6	62.1	58.5
	2 & above	59,700	79.8	79.1	75.6
	1 & above	70,600	94.2	88.8	85.6
2018/19	4 & above	27,900	38.1	42.2	39.3
	3 & above	46,200	63.1	61.8	57.8
	2 & above	59,100	80.7	78.9	74.9
	1 & above	69,800	95.4	89.2	85.4
2017/18	4 & above	27,700	38.5	41.4	38.6
	3 & above	52,400	72.8	61.1	57.2
	2 & above	62,800	87.2	78.6	74.7
	1 & above	67,300	93.4	89.5	85.4
2016/17	4 & above	31,700	44.5	41.4	38.2
	3 & above	46,600	65.4	60.2	56.9
	2 & above	56,400	79.2	77.5	74.3
	1 & above	66,500	93.4	88.8	85.3
2015/16	4 & above	31,100	58.3	39.7	37.1
	3 & above	42,000	58.3	58.8	55.8
	2 & above	57,300	79.6	76.8	73.6
	1 & above	67,700	94.1	88.5	84.9

Source: Labour Market Profile: Test Valley

(<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/reports/lmp/la/1946157309/report.aspx#tabquals>)

⁴⁹ NVQ level 1 (similar to GCSE grades D–G), NVQ level 2 (similar to GCSE grades A*–C), NVQ level 3 (similar to an A Level), NVQ level 4 (similar to a Higher National Certificate (HNC)/Undergraduate)