

## Planning Policy

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**Subject:** RESPONSE - ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION FOR THE NEXT LOCAL PLAN

Please add to my response below a comment of strong support for 5.25 "New Garden Village" (also page 17) which is attractive precisely because, if properly planned, it would be a great opportunity to provide new housing while at the same time addressing all 7 of the points below.

Dear Planning Policy Team

Response to Consultation as follows:-

First I congratulate the team on the document itself; the layout and clarity is excellent, and the options are presented in an even handed, unbiased way that does not attempt to lead the reader in any particular direction. Well done.

I am strongly opposed to the option on 5.21 to 5.23 on page 17 – Proportionate Distribution to Parishes – for the following 7 reasons:-

1. Impact on the character of Test Valley – 40+ small separate rural villages, many with conservation areas and large numbers of listed buildings – all this will change; the villages will become urbanised and in some areas will start to coalesce
2. Infrastructure (narrow roads, dangerous bends, no street lighting) in the villages is not sustainable with a large numerically driven parcel of additional houses required from each village
3. Green travel issues; most bus routes have gone or are under pressure; residents in new housing will need to travel to work, school, retail, leisure, health and more; delivery services will also be further away, less environmentally friendly
4. Deliverability; history shows that every application will be long drawn out and resisted; delivering 20 villages X 50 houses will be much less achievable than delivering 1,000 in one place
5. Dispersal will bring the Local Plan into conflict with the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plans; Parishes that have adopted an NDP could see years of work in doubt if required by a new Borough Local Plan to accept a proportionate distribution in place of their NDPs. If Parishes with adopted or emerging NDPs were excluded from proportionate distribution because of their NDP progress, it would be unfair to ask those without NDPs to bear the burden alone
6. There is no support for dispersal in the notes from the first parish workshops; indeed there is a call for "new settlements" not "expanding existing"
7. Dispersal will meet strong opposition from residents, Parish Councils, and the "new" newly elected Borough Councillors in 2019

Please acknowledge this consultation response.

Many Thanks

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