

Planning Policy

From: Clerk to Valley Park Parish Council <
Sent: 17 July 2018 09:34
To: Planning Policy
Subject: re: Issues and Options consultation for the next Local Plan
Attachments: Consultation Our Future- How do we Plan for it.docx

Dear Graham,

Please find attached the comments on the Issues and Options consultations for the next Local Plan from Valley Park Parish Council.

Best wishes,

Cristina Mitchell

Parish Clerk

Valley Park Parish Council

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From: "Planning Policy"
Sent: 06 July 2018 11:05
To: "Councillors" , "Parish Council Chairmen" , "Parish Council Clerks"
Subject: Issues and Options consultation for the next Local Plan

The Council is preparing our next Local Plan for the Borough for the period to 2036.

A Local Plan has to be based upon national planning guidance (National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance), the evidence that we have collected and have taken into account, and what the Council and our communities see as the key planning issues.

The Council is therefore consulting on the issues and options for the next Local Plan, as the first stage in the preparation process, aims to get your views on the issues that face the Borough, and those that live and work in Test Valley will face, and the options for how best to deal with them. This includes how much development we should plan for and where it should go. It is not about identifying possible sites for development at this stage. The consultation includes issues covering: housing, employment, the environment and infrastructure. The potential options we've identified may not through be the only ones, and you can suggest other alternatives, if you think there are more.

The Issues and Options document was been approved by the Council for a ten week public consultation period running from 6th July to 14th September 2018. The document is available on our website

www.testvalley.gov.uk/NextLocalPlan

Comments on the Issues and Options document should either be:

- Sent in writing to Planning Policy, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ; or
- Emailed to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Please provide your name and either a postal or email address. If you are responding on behalf of someone else, please also provide the name of the individual/organisation. Please note that emails are subject to a maximum 30Mb size limit, above which they will not be received.

Only those representations that are made in writing and arrive (in either hard copy or electronically) within the ten week period ending at **4.30pm on Friday 14 September 2018** will have the right to have their representations considered. If you respond to this consultation, we will keep you informed of future consultation stages unless you advise us that you want to opt out of such communication.

The next Local Plan will take approximately five years to prepare and following this consultation there will be at least two further opportunities for you to have your say. We will use the results of this consultation to prepare a

Consultation

OUR FUTURE - HOW DO WE PLAN FOR IT

Valley Park Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the consultation being carried out by Test Valley Borough Council seeking views for their new Local Plan up to the year 2036.

This Council strongly supports the retention of the Local Gap policy that is presently embedded in the Revised Local Plan up to 2029.

There needs to be a fairer distribution of new homes and employment opportunities within Test Valley. Over the last twenty-five years areas within the South of the Borough there has been too much development, in particular in Valley Park, North Baddesley, Nursling, Rownhams, Nursling and Romsey. Much of the highway network is at full capacity and with further development to be developed at Rownhams, North Baddesley and Whitenap Romsey. This situation can only get worse.

Therefore development should be considered in the creation of a few new villages particularly in the central parts of Test Valley. Stockbridge has a thriving town centre for shopping and a senior school and primary schools. There are sporting facilities, a town hall, hotels and pubs and many restaurants. There is a lack of homes for young families and for older residents who want to downsize and this would also then free up larger properties.

Stockbridge is a sustainable location and with further development allocated on its outskirts this area could benefit from Community Infrastructure Levy funding to provide excellent bus services to Andover, Winchester and Romsey.

With new homes in any future plan further employment opportunities from business would most definitely be provided.

Affordable housing allocations should be mainly of a shared equity this gives the incentive to tenants to not only take extra care of their home because in the future, when their financial position improves they would be able to purchase the property.

With an ever increasing older population because people are living longer we must consider further Extra Care facilities and some single storey housing accommodation.

Valley Park Parish Council