

## Planning Policy

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**From:** .....  
**Sent:** 16 August 2018 13:15  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Cc:** .....  
**Subject:** TVBC - Issues and Options Consultation for the next Local Plan

Dear Sir,

I have read the above document and I would like to register my position in respect the following issues:

### **PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION TO PARISHES**

**5.21 This option would see the housing requirement distributed amongst the main settlements on a pro rata basis.** I do not support a proportional allocation of housing as described in section 5.21. Our parish has approximately 1250 residents which equates to ~1% of the borough. Proportional allocation would imply an additional ~6 homes per year. Over the last 10 years, Upper Clatford parish has contributed approximately 2 houses per year and proportional allocation would increase the requirement by ~300% which would threaten the characteristics that are important to the village currently proscribed by the green spaces within the village, the Conservation and Settlement boundaries and of course the Site of Important Nature Conservation (the water meadows). I would expect TVBC to reject any planning applications within the water meadows as this area is also liable to flooding.

### **SETTLEMENT BOUNDARIES**

**5.27 The Local Plan needs to give clear signals to developers, the community and infrastructure providers about where development will take place and where it will not take place.** The potential for expansion outside the current Settlement Boundary within Upper Clatford and Anna Valley is constrained by geography (hills and water meadows) which limits the opportunity for expansion of the settlement without threatening the village character.

## **LOCAL GAPS**

**7.4 Whilst national guidance does not contain a specific reference to Local Gaps reflected in the core principles that underpin plan making stating that they should “contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment”.** I strongly support the retention and protection of the Local Gap between the settlement of Upper Clatford / Anna Valley and the southern limit of Andover as defined by the A303. The TVBC Local Plan should maintain strictly defined Local Gaps which can then also be reinforced via Parish Neighbourhood Plans, rather than a general policy that avoids coalescence.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF NEW DEVELOPMENT**

**7.13 The Government has identified the role of renewable and low carbon energy sources in working towards national targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute towards a changing climate.** The Local Plan Should encourage energy efficiency when constructing new housing developments, which should include mandatory integration of solar roof panels.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE IN TEST VALLEY**

I would like to see TVBC encourage the development of more bicycle tracks, by supporting communities who wish to extend the range of cycle tracks, especially into Andover. In addition, while it is not within the remit of the TVBC, the Council should engage with the Department for Transport, Highways England and Hampshire County Council in reducing noise pollution from fast moving traffic on the A303 Andover bypass as it also effects the villages in the surrounding countryside. A reduced speed limit and quiet tar would be a great start.

Yours sincerely,

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