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Dear Sirs,

Further to your email dated 6th July regarding Issues and Options Consultation for the next Local Plan, North Baddesley Parish Council wish to comment as follows:

Test Valley Borough Council - Local Plan for the Borough for the period to 2036

North Baddesley Parish Council has been actively involved in helping define the development of the local area and welcome the opportunity to comment on the Local Plan for the Borough extending up to 2036. A key consideration for Test Valley should be the basic geography where there has been heavy development in both the North and South of the Borough.

As representatives of North Baddesley we have seen significant development to a point where it has been acknowledged that the local infrastructure is now beyond capacity. There is also further development to come in the local area especially around Romsey, which will also have an additional impact on the local infrastructure already over capacity. We strongly support the retention of the Local Gaps and the settlement boundaries around North Baddesley. These are key issues we want to keep, which will ensure that the identities of our local area is preserved. We also understand the need for affordable or social housing to help our younger generation gain footholds in the housing market thus helping them establish families of their own in a suitable environment.

It is therefore important for TVBC to recognise the lack of development in the middle of the borough, which needs to be supported by suitable housing and facilities in an area which has an excellent infrastructure. Development here will also help link the two key North and South areas creating new jobs and a stronger borough by helping increase affordable housing for younger generations as defined by the County Councils Network (CCN Latest News CCN NEWS 2017).

Developing key areas within the centre of the borough adding to that already present where for example Stockbridge has an excellent town centre with a town hall and other facilities including excellent sporting facilities. However, there is a lack of social housing for both young families and those in retirement. This area has excellent infrastructure where there is easy access locally to Salisbury, Winchester, Andover and Romsey. There is also good access to the M3 and London making it a great place for development. As stated there would have to be a balanced development programme with a focus on suitable housing for all and not just commuters. Development here could also lead to an increase in employment which could help justify expanding local services, which could also help link the North and South of the borough, creating a balanced environment.

Regards,

Joan Harrington
Parish Clerk