

Planning Policy

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I believe there to be two points of major importance when creating a new local plan:

1.) to preserve the local gaps at all costs as they are vital to stop the merging of villages and towns and help the settlements stay separate. In particular the Ampfield - Valley park Gap is important to separate these two areas.

2.) countryside and the surrounds of SSSI site must be protected from development. The SSSI habitats benefit from a variety of landscapes together (e.g. A meadow alongside a Copse). Developing up to the borders of a SSSI and thus "hemming them in "should be avoided at all costs. Although developers quote a 15 metre ecological buffer is adequate between a dwelling and a SSSI, this is only a bare minimum and Test Valley should consult the Woodland Trust who advocate for much greater protection and buffer zones.

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