

## Planning Policy

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**From:** Parish Cler'  
**Sent:** 13 September 2018 09:37  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Re: Issues and Options consultation for the next Local Plan  
**Attachments:** NextLocalPlanConsult-Feedback.pdf

Dear Mr Smith,

Please find attached the consultation response from Upper Clatford Parish Council.

Regards

Upper Clatford Parish Clerk

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On 6 July 2018 at 11:03, Planning Policy <[planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk)> wrote:

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 6<sup>th</sup> July to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The document is available on our website [www.testvalley.gov.uk/NextLocalPlan](http://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](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk)

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17 September 2018

Dear Sir,

## ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION FOR THE NEXT LOCAL PLAN

The Parish Council has reviewed the above document and would like to register comment on the following:

### PROPORTIONATE DISTRIBUTION TO PARISHES

**5.21 This option would see the housing requirement distributed amongst the main settlements on a pro rata basis. (more specifically Q8)**

The current policy *"to concentrate development to existing main settlements where services and jobs are most accessible"* should be maintained in the next Local Plan. We particularly do not support proportionate distribution to parishes. This is an extremely blunt instrument which takes no account of the suitability of any parish to accept further development. Proportional allocation in Upper Clatford would increase the historic requirement by ~300% and 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). We would be most concerned if consideration were given to any planning applications within the water meadows as this area is liable to flooding. Andover and Romsey are already substantial towns with established local infrastructure including excellent road and rail links. Further development of these major centres would have the least impact on the overall character of the borough of any of the identified options.

### 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" (specifically Q33)** Local gaps will continue to be extremely important in maintaining the essential character and separation of our towns, villages and parishes. The current policy of defined Local Gaps (their boundaries specifically defined, to remain free of any further development) should be continued in the next Local Plan, specifically the gap between the settlement of Upper Clatford / Anna Valley and the southern limit of Andover as defined by the A303, rather than a general policy that seeks to avoid coalescence.

Yours faithfully,