

Planning Policy

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To whom it may concern

I have been trying to find an address to send our responses to the Local Plan consultation but have been unable to access the link and unable to find a definitive place to send them to. Therefore I am sending them to you in the hope that you can pass them on.

Please find our responses below:

Members made the following comments for the review of the Consultation of the Local Plan:

1. ***What is good about living and/or working in Test Valley?***
 - No comment.
2. ***What could be improved about living and/or working in Test Valley?***
 - Better infrastructure to further better living/working balance in Test Valley Borough Council.
3. ***What should the Local Plan aspirations be for the next 20 years?***
 - A vibrant town centre for Andover, Grammar School and University, raising aspirations for people, 5G fibre Internet, infrastructure of higher education.
4. ***Should the Local Plan's housing requirement be consistent with Governments standard methodology? Do you have any evidence to support your view?***
 - No, general belief is that it is not fit for purpose.
5. ***Should the Local Plan increase its housing requirement to help support economic growth? If yes, do you have any evidence to support this?***
 - No, infrastructure not here to support/or jobs.
6. ***Do you think the HMA boundary is broadly right? If not, how and why do you think it should be changed?***
 - No, boundaries need reviewing.
7. ***Are there any other approaches to distributing development across the Borough that we should consider?***
 - Look at building affordable housing in villages.
8. ***Do you have any comments on the approaches suggested above?***
 - Need mixed approach.
9. ***How should the settlement boundaries be defined in the next Local Plan?***
 - The wards green space is significantly less than in London. Settlement boundaries should reflect living, green space and amenities.
10. ***Do you think we should continue with seeking up to 40% of new homes to be affordable, or should we change the percentage?***
 - 40% of new housing developments need to be affordable housing, yes.
11. ***What should the trigger be for seeking affordable housing?***
 - Trigger should be dropped to 10.
12. ***Should we allow market housing on rural affordable exception sites?***
 - Yes.
13. ***How should we meet the requirement for Self Build Plots? Should it be as part of sites over a certain threshold or separate sites?***
 - Separate sites.
14. ***Should we establish a policy that covers dwellings in the countryside which are of exceptional quality?***
 - No.

15. Should the Council change its approach and set out a requirement that certain sites should provide for the needs of such groups as the elderly?

- Yes, if left to the housing market, it will not provide what is required.

16. Should we include a policy that requires a mix and type of housing, or should the housing market inform what mix and type of housing to build?

- Yes, mixed housing, elderly needs.

17. Should we restrict the size of replacements and extensions to dwellings in the countryside to keep a range of dwellings?

- No.

18. Should the Council establish density standards in the Local Plan?

- Yes.

19. Do you think we should establish internal space standards for future homes?

- Yes.

20. Do you think we should establish standards for accessible, adaptable and wheelchair user dwellings?

- Yes.

21. Should the Local Plan set out a definition of rural worker? And if so what should it include?

- Yes – Defined on someone working in the rural industry, i.e. agricultural, forestry or other traditional rural based industries.

22. How do you think we should best meet Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Show People's needs?

- Yes – Best strive to meet the Gypsy and Traveller's needs.

23. Do you agree that we should have a specific policy on health and wellbeing? What sort of issues do you think it should cover?

- Yes – We should have a specific policy but not limited to the Local Plan.

24. Should some types of facilities and services be given more protection than others?

- Yes.

25. Should we continue to protect all existing community facilities and services?

- Yes.

26. Should we allocate more land to enable more choice and flexibility to the market?

- No.

27. What are your views on promoting smaller workspaces within the Borough?

- Yes.

28. What provisions or controls should be made relating to people working from home?

- None.

29. Should the Council continue to encourage retail uses within primary frontages or should a more flexible approach be taken with a greater range of uses being allowed?

- More flexible approach should be taken.

30. How should we best continue seeking apprenticeships?

- The quality of apprenticeships has to be addressed.

31. What should be included in any tourism policy in the next local plan?

- Hotel rooms, longer stay options, more attractions.

32. Should there be measures to support tourism proposals and if so, what?

- Yes – it depends on measures proposed.

33) Should we continue to retain the principle of Local Gaps? Should we define specific boundaries or a more general policy which aims to avoid coalescence?

- Yes – good idea, Andover has less green space than London.

34) Should the Local Plan identify and designate Local Areas of Green Space or should this be undertaken via Neighbourhood Plans?

- Yes – need to build them into the urban areas

35) Should the next Local Plan continue to promote water efficiency from new developments?

- Yes

36) Should we identify suitable sites for renewable energy, including onshore wind, in the Local Plan?

- Yes

37) If so, which areas of the Borough would be appropriate and for which types of technology (e.g. wind turbines, solar photovoltaic panels)?

- Solar photovoltaic panels should be put on each and every council building.

Wind turbines – unable to put in Andover.

Electric charging points – all newbuilds should have them fitted.

38) Should the Local Plan encourage energy efficiency when constructing new development?

- Yes

39) How can we improve design quality within the Borough?

- Proper design statements that are enforced.

40) Should the Local Plan be specific on the type of open space to provide or should it take account of existing provision/future requirements?

- It should take account of existing provision/future requirements.

41) Should we continue to set a per dwelling or per hectare standard for recreational open space provision on residential developments? Or, should the Council require the provision of recreational open space on residential developments to be based on the needs set out in the Playing Pitch Strategy?

- Set dwelling per hectare for recreational open space provision on residential developments.

42) Should alternative open space for mitigation be provided as part of new developments or should land be specifically allocated, or a combination?

- Open space – land to be specially allocated for open space.

43) Is there anything additional which the Council should be taking account of?

- Make more of and protect proud Roman Heritage in Andover and logged properly.

44) How can the Council promote more sustainable forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport?

- More electrical public charging points

- Separate cycle lanes

- We should not be taking on disused buses from other areas that are no longer required.

45) How do you think the Council should be making provision for parking within new development?

- More visitor spaces

- Residential parking fees

- Proper provision for parking, i.e. work vehicles

- Provision of lorry parks with washing facilities and cafes

46) Do you agree with the Council's current approach or are there changes you would like to see made?

- No comment

Thank you

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Deputy Clerk

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