



From your Borough Councillors



Draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) Public Consultation

Public consultation on the draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) has already started. This is taking place for eight weeks between Tuesday 6th February and Tuesday 2nd April 2024 (closing at noon)..

Draft Local Plan 2040



As you will be aware, the Council is preparing the next Local Plan for the Borough and is now seeking comments on its draft Local Plan. The consultation is your chance to get involved in shaping the future of the Borough. Details on how to make comments are available on page 4 of this issue. We are also undertaking a Call for Sites during the same period.

What is a Local Plan?

The Local Plan is produced by Test Valley Borough Council, in its role as the local planning authority. The Plan guides future development within the Test Valley area and covers a range of matters such as the amount and type housing and employment, land required to meet the community's needs, policies on the town centres, countering climate change. The Local Plan sets out how it intends to deliver sustainable development, whilst conserving and enhancing the local environment and heritage. It is used in assessing planning applications.

A Local Plan will go through several statutory stages of preparation which includes public consultation before it is examined.

Why is the Local Plan important?

Local plans are important as they shape how places will change in the future. They can play a key role in helping to deliver local priorities, such as those identified by our Four Year (Corporate) Plan 2023-2027.

The Local Plan influences future changes within local communities. These changes can be on a wider scale, such as the location of new residential development across the borough or on a local scale, such as the parking provision on new development. If you and your community are seeking to influence the future of Test Valley, the Local Plan is the place to start.

Where we are with preparation?

All Local Plans must be in accordance with national policy which the Government produces. Test Valley already has an Adopted Local Plan which looks forward to 2029 which provides the starting point for this one.

Three stages of public consultation have already been undertaken.

Issues and Options consultation (2018),
Refined Issues and Options Consultation (2020)
Regulation 18 Stage 1 (2022).

The next stage of preparation is the Regulation 18 Stage 2 document, which is a full draft Local Plan.



Consultation Process

This draft Local Plan is at the Regulation 18 stage. The consultation document sets out the spatial vision and objectives for the future of Test Valley in planning terms. It sets out the level of new homes, jobs and infrastructure to be provided to support needs up to 2040 whilst also including policies on protecting the environment.

If adopted the Local Plan 2040 will replace the current Test Valley Revised Local Plan 2011-2029 which was adopted in January 2016

The draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 will be out to public consultation for an 8-week period running from Tuesday 6th February 2024 to noon on Tuesday 2nd April 2024. The documents are available on our website at www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040

During the public consultation period, paper copies of the draft Local Plan 2040 will be available to view at the Council's Offices (Beech Hurst, Andover and the Former Magistrates Court, Romsey) between the hours of 8.30am and 5pm on Monday to Thursday and 8.30am and 4.30pm on Fridays.

Paper copies will also be available to view at libraries during their respective opening hours at Andover, Romsey, North Baddesley, Lordshill and Chandlers Ford. A paper copy will be sent to all Councillors following the start of the public consultation period.

If you are unable to access the consultation documents, please contact us to discuss alternative arrangements. Officers are attending the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils meeting on 7 March to provide an update on the draft Local Plan.

Public Exhibitions

The following public exhibitions will be held during the public consultation and are an opportunity to ask questions and view the draft Local Plan 2040.^[2]

Valley Park Community Centre
Pilgrims Close, Valley Park, Chandler's Ford, SO53 4ST
Wednesday 28 February 3.00pm to 7.00pm

Memorial Hall
Andover Road, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9LZ
Monday 4 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm

Crosfield Hall Annex
Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL
Tuesday 5 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm

North Baddesley Village Hall
Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9DT
Saturday 9 March 10.00am to 1.00pm

The Guildhall Andover, SP10 1NT
Tuesday 12 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm

Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall
Joe Bigwood Close, Nursling, Southampton, SO16 0YL
Wednesday 13 March 3.00pm to 7.00pm

How to Comment

The new draft Local Plan for the period to 2040 is open for consultation for eight weeks, until 2 April 2024, following its approval at January's Full Council meeting

Residents, business owners and visitors to Test Valley will be able to comment on the proposals within the plan in a number of ways, including in writing, by email and through an online survey. Printed copies of the plan will be available at the council offices and libraries.

Comments on the draft Local Plan should either be:

- Submitted using the consultation survey or comments form available on the Council's website at <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2040?chapter=4>,
- Sent in writing to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ, or
- Email to: planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Respondents will need to provide their name and either a postal or email address. If they are responding on behalf of someone else, they will need to provide the name of the individual or organisation. Please note that emails are subject to a maximum 30Mb size limit, above which they will not be received.

Only those representations that are made in writing and arrive (in either hard copy or electronically) within the 8-week period between Tuesday 6th February 2024 and ending at noon on Tuesday 2nd April 2024 will have the right to have their representations considered.

Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Council meeting

The next meeting of the Test Valley Association of Parish and Town Councils is taking place on Thursday 7 March at Longstock Village Hall from 6pm. There will be two workshops as requested by Association members:

- An overview of the council's Development Management processes
- An update on the Test Valley draft Local Plan 2040

The Anti-Social Behaviour Fund (ASB Fund)

The ASB Fund has been established to provide financial assistance to tackle persistent issues where CSPs (Community Safety Partnerships) and neighbourhood policing teams need extra support. It is focused on supporting local initiatives to address and prevent behaviours that disrupt the peaceful coexistence of individuals and communities.

The aim is to support local communities to make their environment a safer place to live and work. This local partnership has the potential to make a significant difference in the lives of its residents.

Examples of Anti-Social Behaviour may include but is not limited to:

Vandalism and graffiti
Intimidation, harassment or bullying
Noise nuisance
Public drunkenness and disorderly conduct
Drug related activity
Environmental damage or littering
Hate crimes and discriminatory behaviour
Inconsiderate or dangerous driving
Applicants should note the following.

This funding will be provided to Local Authorities or Hampshire Constabulary. Applications can be from individual organisations but payments from OPCC (Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) can only be made to Local Authority or Police from the ASB Fund.

Local Authorities will fund external suppliers and will be responsible for managing those arrangements.

A bid application form and application guidance is available by emailing ASBFund@hampshire.police.uk

Fancy a change of career?

We have some great job roles available at Test Valley Borough Council.

Whether you like to be in the office or out and about, there are lots of different opportunities on offer.

For more information see the Council's website at:
<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk>

OTHER NEWS

New dog day care and boarding awarded grant



Shepherds Lodge dog day care and home boarding, has received a business incentive grant of £750.

Julia Palmer set up her dog day care and boarding business from home; currently around 50% of her customers are boarding and 50% day care. Her business has grown through word of mouth and now has regular repeat customers.

Man given community order after fly-tip near Romsey



A man, caught by a covert camera fly-tipping garden waste and buckets of concrete into a layby, has been given a community order.

Richard Biffen, 45, of North Road, Romsey, was seen on one of our cameras depositing the waste from the back of his vehicle on 19 February 2023 just outside of the town.

North and Mid Hampshire Safe Haven

Are you struggling to cope and feel you have nowhere to turn?

North and Mid Hampshire Safe Haven is a free crisis service, open 6pm-10pm, 365 days a year including weekends and bank holidays.

- No referral or appointment needed.
- A safe space when you feel at your lowest.
- Out of hours service.
- Virtual Support given.

Andover Mind Wellbeing Centre
3 Vyne Road, Basingstoke RG21 5NL Virtual

andovermind.org.uk/safehaven or Call us 0300 303 5772

FREE MATINEES AT KINGS SOMBORNE VILLAGE HALL



COMMUNITY FUND No tickets | Free to all
Tea | Coffee | Biscuits



Supported by the Lottery Community Fund, Somborne Community Cinema is running a series of free matinees, open to all, this winter:

12th Feb: Guardians of the Galaxy Vol 3 (12A)
4th Mar: Book Club The Next Chapter (12A)
25th Mar: Summerland (12A)

The Broughton and Mottisfont Community Bus will provide **FREE TRANSPORT**: 1.25pm at Mill Rise, and 1.30pm at the Social Club. Supported by Broughton and Mottisfont Parish Councils, and by Test Valley Borough Council.

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Doors open at 1.45pm, films start at 2.15pm. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

A Defibrillator Near You

Defibrillators for public use are located at:

- Stockbridge Fire Station (available 24 hours)
- Longstock Village Hall (available 24 hours)
- Leckford Estate Office (restricted hours)
- Leckford Farm Shop (restricted hours)
- Up Somborne Rookley Farm (24 hours)
- King's Somborne Village Hall
- King's Somborne - The Crown Inn (available 24 hours on front wall of pub)

Instructions for use are given when the device is commandeered but for anyone who would like prior understanding of how to use one, see <https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/events/>



In the event of an emergency, after dialling 999 to report the incident, the phone operative should give the access code for the cabinet, to the person/first aider using the device.

Contact

If there are any issues in this copy that you would like to discuss, or any items of news that you would like to be considered in a future copy please contact any of the Borough councillors.



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