

# TEST VALLEY BOROUGH REVISED LOCAL PLAN DPD 2011-2029 (ADOPTED 27 JAN 2016) FIVE YEAR REVIEW<sup>1</sup>

## PAS LOCAL PLAN ROUTE MAPPER TOOLKIT PART 1: LOCAL PLAN REVIEW ASSESSMENT

### Why you should use this part of the toolkit

The following matrix will assist you in undertaking a review of policies within your plan to assess whether they need updating.

The matrix is intended to supplement the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) (NPPF) (paragraph 33 in particular) and the associated [National Planning Practice Guidance](#) on the review of policies within the plan. Completing the matrix will help you understand which policies may be out of date for the purposes of decision making or where circumstances may have changed and whether or not the policy / policies in the plan continue to be effective in addressing the specific local issues that are identified the plan. This in turn will then help you to focus on whether and to what extent, an update of your policies is required. We would recommend that you undertake this assessment even if your adopted local plan already contains a trigger for review which has already resulted in you knowing that it needs to be updated. This is because there may be other policies within the plan which should be, or would benefit from, being updated.

This part of the toolkit deals only with local plan review. Part 2 of the toolkit sets out the content requirements for a local plan as set out in the NPPF. Part 3 of the toolkit outlines the process requirements for plan preparation set out in legislation and the NPPF. Soundness and Plan Quality issues are dealt with in Part 4 of the toolkit.

### How to use this part of the toolkit

Before using this assessment tool it is important that you first consider your existing plan against the key requirements for the content of local plans which are included in the [Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 \(as amended\)](#); [The Town and Country Planning \(Local Planning\) \(England\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#) and the most up to date NPPF. To help you with

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation 10A The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended)

this **Part 2 of the toolkit** provides a checklist which sets out the principal requirements for the content and form of local plans against the relevant paragraphs of the [NPPF](#). Completing **Part 2 of the toolkit** will help you determine the extent to which your current plan does or does not accord with relevant key requirements in national policy. This will assist you in completing question 1 in the assessment matrix provided below, and in deciding whether or not you need to update policies in your plan, and to what extent.

To use the matrix, consider each of the statements listed in the “requirements to consider” column against the content of your current plan. You will need to take into consideration policies in all development plan documents that make up your development plan, including any ‘made’ neighbourhood plans and/ or any adopted or emerging Strategic Development Strategy. For each statement decide whether you:

- Disagree (on the basis that your plan does not meet the requirement at all);
- Agree (on the basis that you are confident that your current plan will meet the requirement)

Some prompts are included to help you think through the issues and support your assessment. You may wish to add to these reflecting on your own context.

Complete all sections of the matrix as objectively and fully as possible. Provide justification for your conclusions with reference to relevant sources of evidence where appropriate. You will need an up to date Authority Monitoring Report, your latest Housing Delivery Test results, 5 year housing land supply position and the latest standard methodology housing needs information. You may also need to rely on or update other sources of evidence but take a proportionate approach to this. It should be noted that any decision not to update any policies in your local plan will need to be clearly evidenced and justified.

### **How to use the results of this part of the toolkit**

The completed assessment can also be used as the basis for, or as evidence to support, any formal decision of the council in accordance with its constitution or in the case of, for example, Joint Planning Committees, the relevant Terms of Reference in relation to the approach to formal decision-making, as to why an update to the local plan is or is not being pursued. This accords with national guidance and supports the principle of openness and transparency of decision making by public bodies.

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<b>A</b>	<b>PLAN REVIEW FACTORS</b>		
<b>A1.</b>	<p><b>The plan policies still reflect current national planning policy requirements.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> As set out above in the introductory text, in providing your answer to this statement consider if the policies in your plan still meet the ‘content’ requirements of the current NPPF (completing Part 2 of the toolkit will help you determine the extent to which the policies in your plan accord with relevant key requirements in national policy).</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence):</b></p> <p>The adopted Local Plan was tested and found sound under the 2012 NPPF.</p> <p>The PAS Toolkit Part 2 Local Plan Form and Context Checklist to assess it against the plan making requirements of 2019 NPPF has been completed.</p> <p>Some NPPF 2019 requirements necessitate new or additional policy, or revision of the current policy approach being considered to address this, or which will be taken into account and considered in a review of the in preparing the next Local Plan, or which could alternatively be addressed though Supplementary Planning Documents or other additional guidance. However these are not considered to mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound.</p>
<b>A2.</b>	<p><b>There has not been a <u>significant</u> change in local housing need numbers from that specified in your plan (accepting there will be some degree of flux).</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Look at whether your local housing need figure, using the standard methodology as a starting point, has gone up significantly (with the measure of significance based on a comparison with the housing requirement set out in your</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence):</b></p> <p>Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 of the adopted Local Plan sets the housing requirement at a minimum of 10,584 homes (588 dwellings per annum), which is then sub-divided between two different Housing Market Areas: Northern Test Valley and Southern Test Valley to give a split housing requirement, each with a</p>

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	<p>adopted local plan).</p> <p>Consider whether your local housing need figure has gone down significantly (with the measure of significance based on a comparison with the housing requirement set out in your adopted local plan). You will need to consider if there is robust evidence to demonstrate that your current housing requirement is deliverable in terms of market capacity or if it supports, for example, growth strategies such as Housing Deals, new strategic infrastructure investment or formal agreements to meet unmet need from neighbouring authority areas.</p>		<p>Housing Trajectory.</p> <p>The latest calculation using the most recent data (2014 based household projections and 2019 housing affordability ratio) under the Government's standard method (as the starting point for setting the housing requirement) is 550 dwellings per annum.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the evidence base is being prepared including on the quantum of employment land and other development and infrastructure needs. A Housing Market Areas Study will consider the issue of housing market areas and whether the approach of having a split housing requirement should continue.</p>
<p><b>A3.</b></p>	<p><b>You have a 5-year supply of housing land</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Review your 5-year housing land supply in accordance with national guidance including planning practice guidance and the Housing Delivery Test measurement rule book</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>The Council has a five year housing land supply as at 1 April 2020 (see Housing Implementation Strategy April 2020) of 6.27 years in Northern Test Valley and 5.26 years in Southern Test Valley, against a target of 5.00 years.</p> <p><a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10505/Housing%20Implementation%20Strategy%20April%202020.pdf">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10505/Housing%20Implementation%20Strategy%20April%202020.pdf</a> and has met the requirements of the Housing Delivery Test 2019 Measurement at 195%</p>

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<b>A4.</b>	<p><b>You are meeting housing delivery targets</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Use the results of your most recent Housing Delivery Test, and if possible, try and forecast the outcome of future Housing Delivery Test findings. Consider whether these have/are likely to trigger the requirement for the development of an action plan or trigger the presumption in favour of sustainable development. Consider the reasons for this and whether you need to review the site allocations that your plan is reliant upon. In doing so you need to make a judgement as to whether updating your local plan will support delivery or whether there are other actions needed which are not dependent on changes to the local plan.</p>	Agree	<p>Recent housing completions has been significantly in excess of both the Housing Delivery Test household projection measurement and the adopted Local Plan housing requirement.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the results of the Housing Delivery Test 2020 Measurement will remain healthy and that triggers for the implementation of an action plan, or for the presumption in favour of sustainable development will not be engaged.</p>
<b>A5.</b>	<p><b>Your plan policies are on track to deliver other plan objectives including any (i) affordable housing targets; and (ii) commercial floorspace/jobs targets over the remaining plan period.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Use (or update) your Authority Monitoring Report to assess delivery.</p>	Agree	<p>Recent delivery has exceed the corporate target for affordable housing delivery and completions of employment floorspace have been strong.</p> <p>See Authority's Monitoring Report 2019/20 <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10609/Test%20Valley%20Borough%20Council%20Authority%20Monitoring%20Report%202019_20.pdf">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10609/Test%20Valley%20Borough%20Council%20Authority%20Monitoring%20Report%202019_20.pdf</a></p>

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A6.	<p><b>There have been no significant changes in economic conditions which could challenge the delivery of the Plan, including the policy requirements within it.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> A key employer has shut down or relocated out of the area.</p> <p>Up-to-date evidence suggests that jobs growth is likely to be significantly more or less than is currently being planned for.</p> <p>Consider if there is any evidence suggesting that large employment allocations will no longer be required or are no longer likely to be delivered.</p> <p>You will need to consider whether such events impact on assumptions in your adopted local plan which have led to a higher housing requirement than your local housing need assessment indicates.</p> <p>Consider what the consequences could be for your local plan objectives such as the balance of in and out commuting and the resultant impact on proposed transport infrastructure provision (both capacity and viability), air quality or climate change considerations.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Prior to the impact of the Covid 19 the local economy remained healthy with strong and robust economic and employment growth.</p> <p>The employment allocations in the adopted Local Plan were not reduced in light of the last recession in order to provide for a range and choice of site both for the growth of local businesses and opportunities for inward investment.</p> <p>The housing requirement was set in light of an aim to ensure a sufficient local labour supply of working age to provide for the forecast employment growth and for the balance of net out commuting to be maintained.</p> <p>The evidence base for the next Local Plan with regard to employment land needs is been prepared jointly though the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) as part of the work to support the new joint Statement of Common Ground under the Duty to Co-Operate.</p>

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A7.	<p><b>There have been no significant changes affecting viability of planned development.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> You may wish to look at the Building Cost Information Service (BCIS) All-in Tender Price Index, used for the indexation of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), or other relevant indices to get a sense of market changes.</p> <p>Consider evidence from recent planning decisions and appeal decisions to determine whether planning policy requirements, including affordable housing, are generally deliverable.</p> <p>Ongoing consultation and engagement with the development industry may highlight any significant challenges to delivery arising from changes in the economic climate.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>The Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) was adopted in January 2016 and implemented in August 2016.</p> <p>There is no local evidence that CIL, affordable housing or other policy requirements are generally an impediment to development viability or act as a deterrent to planning applications being submitted.</p>
A8.	<p><b>Key site allocations are delivering, or on course to deliver, in accordance the local plan policies meaning that the delivery of the spatial strategy is not at risk.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Identify which sites are central to the delivery of your spatial strategy. Consider if there is evidence to suggest that lack of progress on these sites (individually or collectively) may prejudice the delivery of housing numbers, key infrastructure or other spatial priorities. Sites may be deemed to be key by virtue of their scale, location or type.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>The adopted Local Plan includes a number of strategic allocations for housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM3 Whitenap, Romsey 1,300 – progressing towards submission of outline application</li> <li>• COM4 Hoe Land, North Baddesley 300 – resolution to permit outline application</li> <li>• COM5 Park Farm, Stoneham 50 – current application with resolution for permission for 63</li> <li>• COM6 Picket Piece, Andover 400 – under</li> </ul>

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			<p>construction (320 permitted so far)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COM6A Picket Twenty, Andover 300 – under construction (higher number permitted)</li> </ul> <p>Progress with Whitenap and Hoe Lane, North Baddesley has been slower than originally anticipated, but both sites are moving forward towards delivery.</p> <p>See Housing Implementation Strategy April 2020  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10505/Housing%20Implementation%20Strategy%20April%202020.pdf">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/assets/attach/10505/Housing%20Implementation%20Strategy%20April%202020.pdf</a></p>



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A9.	<p><b>There have been no significant changes to the local environmental or heritage context which have implications for the local plan approach or policies.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> You may wish to review the indicators or monitoring associated with your Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA).</p> <p>Identify if there been any changes in Flood Risk Zones, including as a result of assessing the effects of climate change.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any changes in air quality which has resulted in the designation of an Air Quality Management Area(s) or which would could result in a likely significant effect on a European designated site which could impact on the ability to deliver housing or employment allocations.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any changes to Zones of Influence / Impact Risk Zones for European sites and Sites of Special Scientific Interest or new issues in relation to, for example, water quality.</p> <p>Consider whether there have been any new environmental or heritage designations which could impact on the delivery of housing or employment / jobs requirements / targets.</p> <p>Consider any relevant concerns being raised by statutory</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Recent issue of nutrient neutrality affecting residential and overnight accommodation and major tourist facilities arose in summer 2019, in light of advice from Natural England, on the impact on the on the Solent (SPA and SAC). <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance/solent-southampton-water-special-protection-area">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance/solent-southampton-water-special-protection-area</a></p> <p>Mitigation measures to address this issue are being investigated. Whilst solutions are needed, this is not considered to affect the adopted Local Plan's approach or policies.</p> <p>Further evidence has been undertaken jointly with neighbouring authorities on the impact of recreation disturbance of birds in the New Forest (SPA).</p> <p>For the next Local Plan evidence base a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) to be prepared jointly though the Partnership for South Hampshire is being commissioned, which will reflect current policy and guidance of flood risk.</p> <p>Conservation Areas for Andover and Romsey town centres are being reviewed.</p>

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	<p>consultees in your area in relation to the determination of individual planning applications or planning appeals which may impact upon your plan - either now or in the future.</p>		
<p><b>A10.</b></p>	<p><b>There are no new sites that have become available since the finalisation of the adopted local plan which require the spatial strategy to be re-evaluated.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b></p> <p>Consider if there have been any new sites that have become available, particularly those within public ownership which, if they were to come forward for development, could have an impact on the spatial</p>	<p>Agree</p>	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No new sites which require the adopted Local Plan’s spatial strategy to be re-evaluated, or could result in a loss of employment land and would have impact on quality of place if no-reuse.</p> <p>However, the next Local Plan will need to take account of the potential availability of additional sites for</p>

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	<p>strategy or could result in loss of employment and would have a significant effect on the quality of place if no new use were found for them.</p> <p>Consider whether any sites which have now become available within your area or neighbouring areas could contribute towards meeting any previously identified unmet needs.</p>		<p>consideration for development.</p> <p>The Council has approved masterplans for Andover town centre (September 2020)  <a href="https://www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/">https://www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2020/sep/andover-town-centre-redevelopment-one-step-closer">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2020/sep/andover-town-centre-redevelopment-one-step-closer</a>            and South of Romsey town centre (September 2020).  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/south-of-romsey-town-centre-masterplan">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/south-of-romsey-town-centre-masterplan</a>            These have the potential to deliver housing and commercial development through redevelopment in the future.</p> <p>No previously identified unmet need with a formal request to be accommodated in Test Valley.</p> <p>The Council has updated its Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/evidence-base/shelaa-review-2019">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/evidence-base/shelaa-review-2019</a></p>

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A11.	<p><b>Key planned infrastructure projects critical to plan delivery are on track and have not stalled / failed and there are no new major infrastructure programmes with implications for the growth / spatial strategy set out in the plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> You may wish to review your Infrastructure Delivery Plan / Infrastructure Funding Statement, along with any periodic updates, the Capital and Investment programmes of your authority or infrastructure delivery partners and any other tool used to monitor and prioritise the need and delivery of infrastructure to support development.</p> <p>Check if there have been any delays in the delivery of critical infrastructure as a result of other processes such as for the Compulsory Purchase of necessary land.</p> <p>Identify whether any funding announcements or decisions have been made which materially impact upon the delivery of key planned infrastructure, and if so, will this impact upon the delivery of the Local Plan.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No infrastructure projects critical to adopted Local Plan delivery are a current impediment though being stalled or failed. No new major infrastructure programmes with implications for the adopted Local Plan’s planned growth or spatial strategy.</p> <p>The Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Infrastructure Funding Statement and Infrastructure and Developer Contributions SPD are currently being reviewed.</p>

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A12.	<p><b>All policies in the plan are achievable and effective including for the purpose of decision-making.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> Consider if these are strategic policies or those, such as Development Management policies, which do not necessarily go to the heart of delivering the Plan’s strategy.</p> <p>Identify if there has been a significant increase in appeals that have been allowed and /or appeals related to a specific policy area that suggest a policy or policies should be reviewed.</p> <p>Consider whether there has been feedback from Development Management colleagues, members of the planning committee, or applicants that policies cannot be effectively applied and / or understood.</p>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>Consider that the adopted Local Plan’s policies both strategic, and non-strategic (including development management policies) currently remain achievable and effective, including for decision making.</p> <p>No evidence on an increase in appeals or appeal decisions which would indicate that adopted Local Plan policies should be reviewed or are out of date. Recent appeal decisions have confirmed the adopted Local Plan is consistent with the current NPPF 2019.</p> <p>No feedback that adopted Local Plan policies cannot be effectively applied or understood, but their application and interpretation is kept under review, to see whether any potential ambiguity or specific wording could be amended which would improve their effectiveness.</p>

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A13.	<p><b>There are no recent or forthcoming changes to another authority's development plan or planning context which would have a material impact on your plan / planning context for the area covered by your local plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> In making this assessment you may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review emerging and adopted neighbouring authority development plans and their planning context.</li> <li>● Review any emerging and adopted higher level strategic plans including, where relevant, mayoral/ combined authority Spatial Development Strategies e.g. The London Plan.</li> <li>● Review any relevant neighbourhood plans</li> <li>● Consider whether any of the matters highlighted in statements A1- A12 for their plan may impact on your plan - discuss this with the relevant authorities.</li> <li>● Consider any key topic areas or requests that have arisen through Duty to Cooperate or strategic planning discussions with your neighbours or stakeholders - particularly relating to meeting future development and /or infrastructure needs.</li> </ul>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No recent or expected forthcoming changes to neighbouring authorities Local Plan which have direct implications for Test Valley's adopted Local Plan or next Local Plan.</p> <p>No current formal requests from neighbouring authorities in relation to meeting future development or infrastructure needs.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan this will however take account as relevant of the strategy of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) in preparing new joint Statement of Common Ground under the Duty to Co-Operate, together with a supporting joint evidence base. This will supersede the current joint Planning Position Statement 2016.</p> <p>In addition to our participation in PfSH regular bilateral engagement with our neighbouring authorities, particularly Basingstoke and Deane BC, New Forest DC, New Forest NPA and Winchester CC, with which the most DtC issues have arisen.</p> <p>Southampton CC is one of the 20 largest cities and urban areas to receive an additional 35% uplift in the latest version of the Government's standard method for calculating the housing requirement, however PPG specifies that the expectation is that should be met within Southampton's own administrative area.</p>

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A14.	<p><b>There are no local political changes or a revised / new corporate strategy which would require a change to the approach set out in the current plan.</b></p> <p><b>PROMPT:</b> In making this assessment you may wish to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review any manifesto commitments and review the corporate and business plan.</li> <li>● Engage with your senior management team and undertake appropriate engagement with senior politicians in your authority.</li> <li>● Consider other plans or strategies being produced across the Council or by partners which may impact on the appropriateness of your current plan and the strategy that underpins it, for instance, Growth Deals, economic growth plans, local industrial strategies produced by the Local Economic Partnership, housing/ regeneration strategies and so on.</li> </ul>	Agree	<p><b>Reason (with reference to plan policies, sections and relevant evidence sources):</b></p> <p>No local political change or new corporate strategy which require a significant change of approach, however the following more recent policy documents are relevant considerations and will be taken into account in preparing the next Local Plan:</p> <p>The next Local Plan will reflect and deliver the spatial aspects of the Council's Corporate Plan 2019-2023 'Growing our Potential'.  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/corporate-plan-for-2019-to-2023">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/corporate-plan-for-2019-to-2023</a></p> <p>The Council has approved masterplans for Andover town centre (September 2020)  <a href="https://www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/">https://www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2020/sep/andover-town-centre-redevelopment-one-step-closer">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/news/2020/sep/andover-town-centre-redevelopment-one-step-closer</a>  and South of Romsey town centre (September 2020).  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/south-of-romsey-town-centre-masterplan">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/south-of-romsey-town-centre-masterplan</a></p> <p>The Council has declared a climate emergency (September 2019) and has approved a Climate Emergency Action Plan (June 2020)  <a href="https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/environmentandsustainability/climate-emergency-action-plan">https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/corporatedirection/environmentandsustainability/climate-emergency-action-plan</a></p>

	ASSESSING WHETHER OR NOT TO UPDATE YOUR PLAN POLICIES	YES/NO (please indicate below)	
A15.	You <b>AGREE</b> with <u>all</u> of the statements above	YES	<p>If <b>no</b> go to question A16.</p> <p>If <b>yes</b>, you have come to the end of the assessment. However, you must be confident that you are able to demonstrate and fully justify that your existing plan policies / planning position clearly meets the requirements in the statements above and that you have evidence to support your position.</p> <p>Based on the answers you have given above please provide clear explanation and justification in section A17 below of why you have concluded that an update is not necessary including references to evidence or data sources that you have referenced above. Remember you are required to publish the decision not to update your local plan policies. In reaching the conclusion that an update is not necessary the explanation and justification for your decision must be clear, intelligible and able to withstand scrutiny.</p>
A16.	You <b>DISAGREE</b> with one or more of the statements above and the issue can be addressed by an update of local plan policies	NO	<p>If <b>yes</b>, based on the above provide a summary of the key reasons <u>why</u> an update to plan policies is necessary in section A17 below and complete Section B below.</p>



A17.	<p><b><u>Decision:</u> Update plan policies / No need to update plan policies (delete as necessary)</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for decision on whether or not to update plan policies (clear evidence and justification will be required where a decision not to update has been reached):</b></p> <p><b>Other actions that may be required in addition to or in place of an update of plan policies</b></p> <p>Following assessment of the Plan Review Factors under A1-A14 including the evidence and relevant documentation referred to under these, the spatial strategy of adopted Local Plan is considered to remain sound and plan policies remain up to date. Update plan policies as relevant in order to provide spatial strategy beyond the 2029 plan period of the adopted Local Plan.</p> <p>The scope and wording of plan policies will be reviewed in preparing the next Local Plan to ensure they fully reflect NPPF 2019, taking account of the assessment undertaken using Local Plan Route Mapper Toolkit Part 2 Local Plan Form and Content Checklist. Some NPPF 2019 requirements necessitate new or additional policy, or revision of the current policy approach being considered to address this, or which will be taken into account and considered in a review of the in preparing the next Local Plan, or which could alternatively be addressed though Supplementary Planning Documents or other additional guidance. However these are not considered to mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound.</p> <p>The Council has already commenced the preparation of the next Local Plan and a Refined Issues and Option Consultation was undertaken July-August 2020.</p>		
	<b>B. POLICY UPDATE FACTORS</b>	<b>YES/NO (please indicate below)</b>	<b>Provide details explaining your answer in the context of your plan / local authority area</b>
B1	<b>Your policies update is likely to lead to a material change in the housing requirement which in turn has implications for other plan requirements / the overall evidence base.</b>	NO	<p>The latest calculation using the most recent data (2014 based household projections and 2019 housing affordability ratio) under the Government's standard method (as the starting point for setting the housing requirement) is 550 dwellings per annum.</p> <p>This compares to Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-</p>

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B2	<b>The growth strategy and / or spatial distribution of growth set out in the current plan is not fit for purpose and your policies update is likely to involve a change to this.</b>	NO	The growth strategy and spatial distribution of growth in the adopted Local Plan remains sound. However, for the next Local Plan the spatial distribution will be reviewed, including the approach to Housing Market Areas and the settlement hierarchy.
B3	<b>Your policies update is likely to affect more than a single strategic site or one or more strategic policies that will have consequential impacts on other policies of the plan.</b>	NO	Adopted Local Plan policies remain up to date. The scope and wording of plan policies will be reviewed to ensure they fully reflect NPPF 2019.
	<b>You have answered yes to one or more questions above.</b>		<b>You are likely to need to undertake a full update of your spatial strategy and strategic policies (and potentially non-strategic policies). Use your responses above to complete Section B4.</b>
	<b>You have said no to <u>all</u> questions (B1 to B3) above</b>		<b>If you are confident that the update can be undertaken without impacting on your spatial strategy and other elements of the Plan, you are likely to only need to undertake a partial update of policies. Complete Section B4 to indicate the specific parts / policies of the plan that are likely to require updating based on the answers you have given above.</b>
B4	<p><b>Decision: <del>Full Update of Plan Policies</del>/ Partial Update of Plan Policies (delete as necessary)</b></p> <p><b>Reasons for scope of review:</b></p> <p>The scope and wording of plan policies will be reviewed in preparing the next Local Plan to ensure they fully reflect NPPF 2019, taking account of the assessment undertaken using Local Plan Route Mapper Toolkit Part 2 Local Plan Form and Content Checklist. Some NPPF 2019 requirements necessitate new or additional policy, or revision of the current policy</p>		

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approach being considered to address this, or which will be taken into account and considered in a review of the in preparing the next Local Plan, or which could alternatively be addressed though Supplementary Planning Documents or other additional guidance. However these are not considered to mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound.

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