

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH REVISED LOCAL PLAN DPD 2011-2029 (ADOPTED 27 JAN 2016) FIVE YEAR REVIEW¹

PAS LOCAL PLAN ROUTE MAPPER TOOLKIT PART 2: LOCAL PLAN FORM & CONTENT CHECKLIST

Why you should use this part of the toolkit

The following table sets out a checklist of the key requirements for the content and form of local plans as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Guidance to supplement the NPPF is set out within [National Planning Practice Guidance](#), which is regularly updated by the Government. You should review relevant sections of the National Planning Practice Guidance and consider any implications for your policies.

This part of the Toolkit will assist by informing all plan making stages, including any visioning and scoping exercises seeking to ascertain what the plan should cover. It should be applied before consultation or publication of a local plan update. This will help to ensure that you have considered all of the key plan-making requirements in preparing your plan in accordance with the NPPF.

This part of the toolkit deals only with the local plan content requirements specified in the NPPF. Toolkit Part 1 provides more detail on carrying out a review of the need to update policies within your plan. Toolkit Part 3 sets out the process requirements for local plan preparation as set out in legislation and the NPPF. Soundness and Plan Quality issues are dealt with in Toolkit Part 4.

How to use this part of the toolkit

You can use column C in the table to record the results of your assessment against the checklist for the following plan making stages:

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

Local Plan Review: The toolkit can be used to inform the decision on whether or not your local plan policies need to be updated. In this case:

- Ask yourself whether the development plan for your area (which may comprise more than one development plan document or include a spatial development strategy and/or neighbourhood plans) still meets current NPPF requirements.
- Identify which policy and document addresses the requirement in column C or identify why it is not relevant.

If your plan was adopted under the NPPF 2012 you might find the following quick reference colour codes helpful to identify new or revised NPPF requirements since the adoption of your plan:

Key:

New plan-making requirement of the NPPF 2019 not contained within the previous 2012 version
Revised plan-making requirement of the NPPF, containing some changes from the 2012 version
Requirement of the NPPF which has not changed from the 2012 version in relation to plan-making

Scoping your policies update: The checklist can also be used to determine the scope of your local plan policies update and ensure that content requirements are addressed. You can work through each section of the table to determine:

- whether the provision is relevant to your local plan policies update/ planning context of your local authority area(s); and then
- consider whether your local plan policies update will need to address these content requirements or identify whether they are contained in other documents that form the development plan in your area.

Assessing your draft policies update: The checklist can also be used to ensure that your emerging draft policies update is adequately addressing content requirements of national planning policy. You can work through each section of the table to determine:

- whether the provision is relevant to your local plan policies update/planning context of your local authority area(s); and then
- if it is, whether your draft local plan policies update addresses these content requirements (or identify whether they are contained in other documents that form part of the development plan in your area).

How to use the results of this part of the toolkit

This checklist is to help you review your policies and/or develop an update to these where required. There is no requirement to publish or submit this table to the Planning Inspectorate. However, you may find it (or some elements) helpful to assist you in demonstrating how the policies update does/does not accord with the NPPF.

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
	<i>General Requirements</i>			
1.	Include any relevant material that is set out in a government policy statement(s) for the area for example a national policy statement(s) for major infrastructure and written ministerial statements.	NPPF Para 5, 6	Not Applicable. No such policy statements which raise specific implications for Test Valley.	N/A
2.	Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.	NPPF Para 8, 9, 16	All relevant Policies. This is a legal requirement. The adopted Local Plan was tested and found sound under the 2012 NPPF.	Green
3.	Apply the presumption in favour of sustainable development.	NPPF Para 11	Policy SD1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development of the adopted Local Plan. The wording of Policy SD1 will be reviewed in light of minor revisions to the wording on the presumption in NPPF Para 11.	Amber

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4.	Provide a positive vision for the future; a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities.	NPPF Para 15	<p>The adopted Local Plan Chapter 2 The Issues for the Borough sets out the aims and objectives for the plan and for each respective topic chapter and an overall vision, reflecting those of the Community Plan 'Your Test Valley' prepared by the Test Valley Local Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>The next Local Plan will reflect and deliver the spatial aspects of the Council's Corporate Plan 201-2023 'Growing our Potential'.</p>	Green
5.	Plans should be: Aspirational and deliverable Contain clear and unambiguous policies Accessible through the use of digital tools Serve a clear purpose avoiding duplication	NPPF Para 16	<p>The adopted Local Plan was tested and found sound under the 2012 NPPF, including being deliverable.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the content and policy wording will be reviewed to avoid any unnecessary duplication of policies, including with the NPPF.</p> <p>For the adopted Local Plan an interactive Proposals Map is available on the Council's website. For the next Local Plan opportunities for greater use of digital tools to increase its accessibility will be considered.</p>	Green
<i>Plan Content</i>				

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6.	Include strategic policies to address priorities for the development and use of land. They should set out an overall strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development.	NPPF Para 17, 20	<p>The adopted Local Plan sets out a strategy for the pattern, scale and quality of development and makes provision for housing, infrastructure, community facilities and protection of the natural and built environment.</p> <p>The next Local Plan will provide the strategy and provision for development for the future plan period.</p>	Green
7.	Outline which policies are 'strategic' policies	NPPF Para 21	<p>Annex A List of Strategic Policies of the adopted Local Plan provides a list of the policies considered to be strategic in terms of being essential to the delivery and successful implementation of the plan's overall strategy.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the approach used to define which policies and strategic policies will be reviewed and options for how greater clarification between strategic and non-strategic policies can be provided will be considered.</p>	Amber
8.	Strategic policies should look ahead over a minimum 15-year period <u>from adoption</u> .	NPPF Para 22	<p>The adopted Local Plan period runs to 2029 and was 13 years 2 months on adoption. There are 8 years 2 months (as at January 2021) remaining.</p> <p>The plan period for the next Local Plan has yet</p>	Amber

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			<p>to be determined, although an end date of 2036 has previously been suggested. Some of the joint evidence base being prepared by the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) for a Statement of Common Ground under the Duty to Co-operate may look to 2040.</p> <p>NPPF Para 67b only requires that broad locations for growth be identified for 10 years. The Planning White Paper ‘Planning for the Future’ suggests that future Local Plan will be a 10 year lifespan.</p>	
9.	Indicate broad locations for development on a key diagram, and land use designations and allocations on a policies map.	NPPF Para 23	The adopted Local Plan includes broad locations on a Key Diagram and land use designations and development allocations on the Proposal Map (and its Inset Maps), and on it allocations and policy areas Maps A-L.	Green
10.	Strategic policies should provide a clear strategy for bringing sufficient land forward, and at a sufficient rate, to address objectively assessed needs over the plan period.	NPPF Para 23	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 subdivided between two different Housing Market Areas: Northern Test Valley and Southern Test Valley to give a split housing requirement, each with a Housing Trajectory.	Amber

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			<p>Total projected completions for the whole plan period in the latest trajectories show completions will likely exceed 10,584</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>	
11.	Include non-strategic policies to set out more detailed policies for specific areas.	NPPF Para 18, 28	<p>Annex A List of Strategic Policies of the adopted Local Plan provides a list of the policies considered to be strategic in terms of being essential to the delivery and successful implementation of the plan's overall strategy. All other policies are non-strategic.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the scope of non-strategic policies will be reviewed and options</p>	Amber

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			for how greater clarification between strategic and non-strategic policies can be provided will be considered.	
12.	Set out contributions expected from development, and demonstrate that expected contributions will not undermine the deliverability of the Plan.	NPPF Para 34, 57	<p>Chapter 12 Delivery, Implementation and Monitoring</p> <p>Policies set out when contributions are required or sought including: Policy COM7 Affordable Housing Policy COM15 Infrastructure Policy E5 Biodiversity Policy T1 Managing Movement Policy ST1 Skills and Training</p> <p>Further details set out within: Infrastructure and Developer Contributions SPD Affordable Housing SPD Infrastructure Delivery Plan</p> <p>There are mechanisms for negotiations on provision where this is demonstrated through a viability assessment for an individual site, due to exceptional circumstances.</p> <p>Evidence base include affordable housing viability, CIL viability and development viability implications, audit of policies studies</p>	Amber

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			<p>The Infrastructure Delivery Plan, Infrastructure Funding Statement and Infrastructure and Developer Contributions SPD are currently being reviewed.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the level of contributions and viability will be reviewed and an updated viability study undertaken.</p>	
	<i>Housing</i>			
13.	Be informed by a local housing need assessment, conducted using the standard method in national planning guidance as a starting point.	NPPF Para 60	<p>See above 10.</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>This is lower than the adopted Local Plan housing requirement Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 at a minimum of 10,584 homes (588 dwellings per annum),</p>	Amber
14.	Identify the size, type and tenure of housing needed for different groups.	NPPF Para 61	<p>Policies set out the mix of housing to be delivered: Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029</p>	Amber

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			<p>supporting text Paras 5.31-5.34 Policy COM7 Affordable Housing Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing Policy COM9 Community Led Development</p> <p>Further details set out within: Affordable Housing SPD The evidence base includes a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).</p> <p>For the next Local Plan evidence base a new SHMA is currently in preparation the scope of which includes assessing the size, type and tenure of housing in general and for specific household groups. Whether individual planning policies are needed for the specific household groups (including those listed in NPPF Para 61) will be considered in light of this evidence.</p>	
15.	Where a need for affordable housing is identified, specify the type of affordable housing required.	NPPF Para 62	<p>Policies set out the mix of affordable housing to be delivered: Policy COM7 Affordable Housing Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing Policy COM9 Community Led Development</p> <p>Further details are set out within:</p>	Amber

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			Affordable Housing SPD The evidence base includes a Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA).	
16.	Expect at least 10% of homes to be available for affordable home ownership, unless this would exceed the level of affordable housing required in the area, or significantly prejudice the ability to meet the identified affordable housing needs of specific groups	NPPF Para 64	<p>Policies set out the mix of affordable housing to be delivered: Policy COM7 Affordable Housing Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing Policy COM9 Community Led Development</p> <p>Further details are set out within: Affordable Housing SPD.</p> <p>Within the affordable housing sought, the mix of affordable tenures is subject to negotiation on the balance between rented and home ownership tenures, the starting point for negotiations is 30% intermediate housing and 70% social/affordable rent. Under Policy COM7 on sites of 15 dwellings or more up to 40% of dwellings should be affordable housing.</p>	Amber
17.	Set out a housing requirement for designated neighbourhood areas which reflects the overall strategy for the pattern and scale of development and any relevant allocations.	NPPF Para 65	For the next Local Plan the Council will consider what approach should be taken to the provision of setting out a housing requirement for each designated neighbourhood area. This	Red

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			will be undertaken together with a review of the housing distribution and settlement hierarchy. The current designated neighbourhood plan areas are individual parishes or for a number of parishes working together jointly. As Test Valley is fully parished, the issue of a housing requirement figures for all parishes (including those not currently a designed neighbourhood area) will also be considered.	
18.	Identify a supply of specific, deliverable sites for years one to five of the plan period, and specific, developable sites or broad locations for growth, for years 6-10 and, where possible, for years 11-15 of the plan.	NPPF Para 67	<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. This also includes an assessment of supply for sites included within the housing supply which are forecast to deliver beyond 5 years.</p> <p>The adopted Local Plan (paras 5.101-5.103) contains a contingency mechanism if there is a delay in housing delivery.</p>	Amber
19.	Identify land to accommodate at least 10% of the housing requirement on sites no larger than one hectare; unless it can be demonstrated that there are strong reasons why the 10% target cannot be	NPPF Para 68	The Council monitors delivery from smaller sites through the monitoring of the five year housing land supply position, and through housing completions. Call for sites exercises	Red

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	achieved.		<p>are used to update the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA).</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will consider the mechanism to deliver at least 10% of the housing requirement from sites of 1 hectare or less.</p>	
20.	Support the development of entry level exception sites, suitable for first time buyers, unless the need for such homes is already being met within the authority's area.	NPPF Para 71	<p>Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will consider whether a specific policy framework for Entry Level Exception Sites should be included. This will take account of the latest Government policy on this issue.</p>	Red
21.	Include a trajectory illustrating the expected rate of housing delivery over the plan period, and requiring a buffer of 10% where the local planning authority wishes to demonstrate a five year supply of deliverable sites through an annual position statement or recently adopted plan.	NPPF Para 73	<p>The adopted Local Plan includes a Housing Trajectory. The expected rate of delivery is kept under review through the five year housing land supply. This also includes an assessment of supply for sites included within the housing supply which are forecast to deliver beyond 5 years.</p> <p>The Council does not currently wish to</p>	Green

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			demonstrate a five year housing land supply through an annual statement. A 5% buffer is used for the calculation of the five year land supply as published in the Housing Implementation Strategy.	
22.	Be responsive to local circumstances and support rural housing developments that reflect local needs.	NPPF Para 77	Adopted Local Plan policies provide for rural housing to be delivered: Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing Policy COM9 Community Led Development Policy COM10 Occupational Accommodation for Rural Workers in the Countryside	Amber
23.	Identify opportunities for villages to grow and thrive, especially where this will support local services.	NPPF Para 78	The adopted Local Plan includes a settlement hierarchy Table 7 which takes account of local services. Adopted Local Plan policies provide for housing to be delivered in villages: Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy Policy COM8 Rural Exception Affordable Housing Policy COM9 Community Led Development Policy COM10 Occupational Accommodation for Rural Workers in the Countryside	Amber
24.	Avoid the development of isolated homes in the countryside unless specific circumstances are consistent with those set out in the NPPF.	NPPF Para 79	The adopted Local Plan states that development outside of the boundaries of settlements in the settlement hierarchy will not be permitted unless it is essential to be located	Green

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			in the countryside or is covered by a specific policy. Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy	
	<i>Economy</i>			
25.	Create conditions in which businesses can invest, expand and adapt.	NPPF Para 80	<p>The adopted Local Plan provides a positive framework for business growth where this is consistent with consistent with sustainable development principles.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will review the degree of flexibility and take account of changes to the Use Classes Order.</p>	Amber
26.	Set out a clear economic vision and strategy which positively and proactively encourages sustainable economic growth, having regard to Local Industrial Strategies and other local policies for economic development and regeneration.	NPPF Para 81	<p>Chapter 6 Local Economy sets out the adopted Local Plan’s planning strategy for the economy.</p> <p>The economic evidence base includes studies assessing the local economy and the requirements for employment land and premises.</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>	Amber

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			Account is also taken of the Council’s Economic Development Strategy and the Local Industrial Strategies of the Enterprise M3 LEP and Solent LEP.	
27.	Set criteria, or identify strategic sites, for local and inward investment to match the strategy and to meet anticipated needs over the plan period.	NPPF Para 81	The adopted Local Plan includes both allocations, policy areas for individual employment site restricted to meet the needs for particular types of use and criteria based policy to provide a framework to consider planning applications.	Green
28.	Seek to address potential barriers to investment, such as inadequate infrastructure, services or housing, or a poor environment.	NPPF Para 81	The adopted Local Plan as a whole seeks to provide for the necessary provision of infrastructure, services, housing and environment to enable the implementation and delivery of its spatial strategy. Policy COM15 Infrastructure and Chapter 12 Delivery, Implementation and Monitoring cover the issue of infrastructure are relevant.	Green
29.	Be flexible enough to accommodate needs not anticipated in the plan, allow for new and flexible working practices (such as live-work accommodation), and to enable a rapid response to changes in economic circumstances.	NPPF Para 81	The adopted Local Plan’s local economy (LE) policies provide for flexibility where this is supported by evidence in justification for planning applications.	Amber

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			<p>The adopted Local Plan contains a contingency mechanism (Para.6.47) for where there is an identified lack of employment site being delivered so that current requirements can be met, or if future evidence shows an increased demand for sites.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will review the degree of flexibility and take account of changes to the Use Classes Order.</p>	
30.	Recognise and address the specific locational requirements of different sectors. This includes making provision for clusters or networks of knowledge and data-driven, creative or high technology industries; and for storage and distribution operations at a variety of scales and in suitably accessible locations.	NPPF Para 82	<p>The adopted Local Plan takes account of the needs of particular locational requirements of different sectors and clusters, though both allocations and policy areas for individual employment site restricted to meet the needs for particular types of use, including:</p> <p>Policy LE1 and LE2 University of Southampton Science Park (Class B1b)</p> <p>Policy LE4 Land South of Brownhill Way, Nursling (Class B8)</p> <p>Policy LE6 Land at Adanac Park office/research/manufacturing (Class B1)</p> <p>Policy LE7 Nursling Estate (Class B8)</p>	Green
31.	Enable the sustainable growth and expansion of all types of business in rural areas, both through conversion of existing buildings and well-designed	NPPF Para 83	The adopted Local Plan includes policies both on the conversion of existing building and for new buildings for commercial use:	Green

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	new buildings.		Policy LE16 Re-Use of Buildings in the Countryside Policy LE17 Employment Sites in the Countryside	
32.	Enable the development and diversification of agricultural and other land-based rural businesses.	NPPF Para 83	The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on these issues which would be covered by the relevant policies of the plan including: LE16 Re-Use of Building in the Countryside	Amber
33.	Enable sustainable rural tourism and leisure developments which respect the character of the countryside.	NPPF Para 83	The adopted Local Plan includes a specific policy on tourism development Policy LE18 Tourism, which covers both attractions and accommodation. Policy LE16 Re-Use of Buildings in the Countryside covers commercial use (including tourist accommodation), which could include leisure. There is no specific policy on leisure developments which would be covered by the relevant policies of the plan	Amber
34.	Enable the retention and development of accessible local services and community facilities, such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship.	NPPF Para 83	The adopted Local Plan provides for the provision of new community facilities Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations. Policy COM14 Community Services and	Green

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			Facilities covers the retention of existing community facilities, shops and public houses. Policy LHW1 Public Open space covers the retention of open spaces and recreation facilities.	
35.	Recognise that sites to meet local business and community needs in rural areas may have to be found adjacent to or beyond existing settlements, and in locations that are not well served by public transport.	NPPF Para 84	The adopted Local Plan provides policies for the redevelopment, extension of building and new building on existing employment sites in the countryside, and for the re-use of buildings for commercial uses, irrespective of location. Policy LE16 Re-Use of Buildings in the Countryside Policy LE17 Employment Sites in the Countryside Policy COM9 Community Led Development also provides for the provision of new or replacement of infrastructure and facilities for community needs. Accessibility issues would be considered under Policy T1 Managing Movement	Amber
	<i>Town centres</i>			
36.	Define a network and hierarchy of town centres and promote their long-term vitality and viability.	NPPF Para 85	The adopted Local Plan has defined the network and hierarchy. Andover and Romsey are defined as town centres and Stockbridge as	Green

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			a local centre. Policy LE11 Main Town Centre Uses Policy LE15 Stockbridge Local Centre These polices aim to protect their vitality and viability.	
37.	Define the extent of town centres and primary shopping areas, and make clear the range of uses permitted in such locations.	NPPF Para 85	The adopted Local Plan defines the town centre boundaries of Andover and Romsey, and their primary shopping areas. Within the primary shopping areas, primary and secondary shopping frontages are also defined. Policy LE12 Ground Floor Uses in Romsey Policy LE13 Ground Floor Uses in Andover These policies prescribe the uses which are permitted within the primary and secondary shopping frontages. For the next Local Plan the Council will review the degree of flexibility and take account of changes to the Use Classes Order, and the changing patterns in the use of town centre and retailing.	Amber
38.	Retain and enhance existing markets and, where appropriate, re-introduce or create new ones.	NPPF Para 85	The adopted Local Plan makes reference to the context of Andover and Romsey as market towns, but there is not specific policy for markets.	Red

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39.	Allocate a range of suitable sites in town centres to meet the scale and type of development likely to be needed, looking at least ten years ahead.	NPPF Para 85	<p>The adopted Local Plan identifies Land at Eastern Avenue in Andover town centre for a mixed development Policy LE14 Mixed Development at George Yard/Black Swan Yard</p> <p>The Council has approved masterplans for Andover town centre (September 2020) and South of Romsey town centre (September 2020). For the next Local Plan the Council will consider how these should best be reflected in its town centre policies and potential allocations.</p>	Amber
40.	Where suitable and viable town centre sites are not available for main town centre uses, allocate appropriate edge of centre sites that are well connected to the town centre.	NPPF Para 85	The adopted Local Plan provides a framework for the consideration sites through the mechanism of a sequential assessment Policy LE11 Main Town Centre uses	Green
41.	Recognise that residential development often plays an important role in ensuring the vitality of centres and encourage residential development on appropriate sites.	NPPF Para 85	<p>The adopted Local Plan provides for residential development to be permitted in principle within settlements subject to the other relevant policies of the plan Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the provision of additional housing within town centre will be</p>	Amber

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			considered in response to the approved masterplans for Andover town centre (September 2020) and South of Romsey town centre (September 2020).	
<i>Healthy and safe communities</i>				
42.	Achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which promote social interaction, are safe and accessible, and enable and support healthy lifestyles.	NPPF Para 91	<p>The adopted Local Plan includes a number of policies which cover these issues: Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities Policy LHW1 Public Open Space Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough Policy E6 Green Infrastructure Policy T1 Managing Movement Policy CS1 Community Safety</p> <p>For the next Local Plan these issues will be reviewed, together with the approach to potential design policies.</p>	Amber
43.	Plan positively for the provision and use of shared spaces, community facilities (such as local shops, meeting places, sports venues, open space, cultural buildings, public houses and places of worship) and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments.	NPPF Para 92	The adopted Local Plan provides for the provision of new community facilities Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations.	Green

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			<p>Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities covers the retention of existing community facilities, shops and public houses.</p> <p>Policy LHW1 Public Open space covers the provision and retention of open spaces and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough covers connectivity between spaces</p> <p>Policy E6 Green Infrastructure covers provision of green infrastructure.</p>	
44.	Take into account and support the delivery of local strategies to improve health, social and cultural well-being for all sections of the community.	NPPF Para 92	<p>The adopted Local Plan provides for the provision of new community facilities Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations, this includes health, social and cultural facilities.</p> <p>The Council works with other infrastructure provider e.g. NHS of health and Hampshire County Council on libraries.</p>	Green

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45.	Guard against the unnecessary loss of valued facilities and services, particularly where this would reduce the community’s ability to meet its day-to-day needs.	NPPF Para 92	Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities covers the retention of existing community facilities, shops and public houses. Policy LHW1 Public Open space covers the retention of open spaces and recreation facilities.	Green
46.	Ensure that established shops, facilities and services are able to develop and modernise, and are retained for the benefit of the community.	NPPF Para 92	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities covers the retention of existing community facilities, shops and public houses and provides a framework for consideration of their replacement when justified.	Green
47.	Ensure an integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and community facilities and services.	NPPF Para 92	The adopted Local Plan provides for the provision of new community facilities Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations. This will be undertaken in drafting the policy requirements for different uses within allocations and through masterplanning.	Green
48.	Consider the social, economic and environmental benefits of estate regeneration.	NPPF Para 93	The adopted Local Plan does not include any policy or proposals for estate regeneration, although this is not considered to be a significant issue affecting Test Valley given the	Red

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			nature of its housing stock and built form. Any proposal for such regeneration would be considered against Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy and other relevant policies.	
49.	Promote public safety and take into account wider security and defence requirements.	NPPF Para 95	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy CS1 Community Safety covers the issues of public safety including in the design and layout of developments.</p> <p>The Council engages with the Ministry of Defence on their military estate within the Borough. They are recognised as a significant local landowner.</p>	Green
50.	Provide open space, sports and recreational facilities which meets the needs of the local area.	NPPF Para 95	<p>The adopted Local Plan provides for the provision of new open space, sports and recreational facilities Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations.</p> <p>Policy LHW1 Public Open space covers the provision and retention of open spaces and recreation facilities.</p> <p>Policy E6 Green Infrastructure covers provision</p>	Green

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51.	Protect and enhance public rights of way and access.	NPPF Para 98	<p>The adopted Local Plan includes are several references to the rights of way network (Paras. 2.70, 2,71, 7,47 and 8.14).</p> <p>Policy T1 Managing Movement cover the issues of impact on and accessibility to the rights of way network.</p> <p>Hampshire County Council is the Highway (and Rights of Way) Authority for the Borough.</p>	Green
	<i>Transport</i>			
52.	Should actively manage patterns of growth in support of objectives in Para 102. Significant development should be focused on locations which are/can be made sustainable. Opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary between urban and rural areas - this should be taken into account in plan-making.	NPPF Para 103	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy T1 Managing Movement covers the accessibility and sustainability of development in location and transport terms.</p> <p>The principle and scale of development is cover by the settlement hierarchy Table 7 and Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy which take account of the sustainability of settlements.</p>	Green

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53.	Support an appropriate mix of uses across an area, and within larger scale sites, to minimise the number and length of journeys needed for employment, shopping, leisure, education and other activities.	NPPF Para 104	<p>In the adopted Local Plan a mix of uses is provided within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations, including for those activities which generate frequent journeys.</p> <p>The principle and scale of development is cover by the settlement hierarchy Table 7 and Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy which take account of the sustainability of settlements.</p>	Green
54.	Identify and protect, where there is robust evidence, sites and routes which could be critical in developing infrastructure to widen transport choice and realise opportunities for large scale development.	NPPF Para 104	<p>In the adopted Local Plan provision is made for a strategic park and ride facility under Policy T3 Park and Ride at Bargain Farm, Nursling.</p> <p>There are on other sites or routes consider critical for identification or protection as major transport infrastructure to deliver large scale development.</p> <p>The provision of improvements to highways and transport come under Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations.</p>	Green

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
55.	Provide for high quality walking and cycling networks and supporting facilities such as cycle parking (drawing on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans).	NPPF Para 104	In the adopted Local Plan Policy T1 Managing Movement covers walking and cycling networks. Policy T2 Parking Standards and Annex G covers cycle parking provision. Access Plan SPDs for Romsey, Andover and Test Valley, plus Cycle Strategy and Network SPD covers the Borough	Green
56.	Provide for any large-scale transport facilities that need to be located in the area and the infrastructure and wider development required to support their operation, expansion and contribution to the wider economy.	NPPF Para 104	Not Applicable. The Council is not aware of any large scale transport facilities proposed within Test Valley which would fall within this category, or which would fall within the category of a nationally important infrastructure project.	N/A
57.	Recognise the importance of maintaining a national network of general aviation airfields.	NPPF Para 104	The adopted Local Plan does not contain a specific policy covering airfield or aviation. There are a number of small airfields located in the Borough, and the Army Aviation Centre at Middle Wallop which is an operational military airbase.	Red
58.	Provide adequate overnight lorry parking facilities, taking into account any local shortages.	NPPF Para 107	The adopted Local Plan does not contain a specific policy covering the provision of overnight lorry parking. However, this is not considered to be a significant issue for Test	Red

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			Valley.	
59.	In assessing sites that may be allocated for development in plans, it should be ensured that: appropriate opportunities to promote sustainable transport modes can be – or have been – taken up, given the type of development and its location; safe and suitable access to the site can be achieved for all users; and any significant impacts from the development on the transport network (in terms of capacity and congestion), or on highway safety, can be cost effectively mitigated to an acceptable degree.	NPPF Para 108	<p>In the adopted Local Plan the principle and scale of development is cover by the settlement hierarchy Table 7 and Policy COM2 Settlement Hierarchy which take account of the sustainability of settlements, including in transport and accessibility terms.</p> <p>Sustainable travel opportunities was covered in the Sustainability Appraisal which informed the choice of strategic housing allocations.</p> <p>The provision of improvements to highways and transport come under Policy COM15 Infrastructure and within the specific infrastructure requirements within the new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations.</p> <p>Local Plan Policy T1 Managing Movement covers the accessibility and sustainability of development in location and transport terms and the impacts of development on the highway network and highway safety.</p>	Green

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
60.	Development should only be prevented on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, or the residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe.	NPPF Para 109	The adopted Local Plan Policy T1 Managing Movement covers the issue of highway safety with the regard to the impact of development. Hampshire County Council is the Highway Authority for the Borough.	Green
<i>Communications</i>				
61.	Support the expansion of electronic communications networks, including next generation mobile technology (such as 5G) and full fibre broadband connections, setting out how high-quality digital infrastructure is expected to be delivered and upgraded over time.	NPPF Para 112	The adopted Local Plan covers the issue of telecommunications under Policy COM15 Infrastructure and there is a specific reference to telecommunications (including broadband) in the supporting text (Para.5.142). For the next Local Plan the Council will consider the inclusion of a specific policy on telecommunications infrastructure provision include high speed broadband and 4G and 5G mobile networks as relevant.	Amber
<i>Making effective use of land</i>				
62.	Promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions.	NPPF Para 117	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 sets out the housing requirement and Para.5.30 of it supporting text covers the issues of density and the use of previously developed land. There are specific policies to meet other development	Green

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			<p>requirements.</p> <p>Policies of the plan cover the issues of the environment and living conditions including: Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough Policy LHW4 Amenity covers privacy, amenity, private open space, daylight and sunlight E Policies within Chapter 7 Environment cover safeguarding and improving the environment</p>	
63.	Set out a clear strategy for accommodating objectively assessed needs, in a way that makes as much use as possible of previously-developed or 'brownfield' land.	NPPF Para 117	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 sets out the housing requirement and Para.5.30 of it supporting text covers the issue of supporting the use previously development land whenever appropriate. However, the character of the Borough and the scale of development to be accommodated means that most new housing is delivered on greenfield sites.	Green
64.	Encourage multiple benefits from both urban and rural land, including through mixed use schemes and taking opportunities to achieve net environmental gains.	NPPF Para 118	In the adopted Local Plan mixed uses schemes are provided for as new neighbourhoods as strategic housing allocations. Mixed use schemes can also be delivered in rural areas through Policy COM9 Community Led Development. E Policies within Chapter 7 Environment set out	Amber

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			<p>the framework for securing environmental gains from development including: Policy E5 Biodiversity Policy E6 Green Infrastructure</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will consider how best to achieve a net gain for biodiversity from new development as proposed in the Environment Bill.</p>	
65.	Recognise that some undeveloped land can perform many functions, such as for wildlife, recreation, flood risk mitigation, cooling/shading, carbon storage or food production.	NPPF Para 118	<p>The adopted Local Plan does not contain a specific policy on this issue.</p> <p>However, E Policies within Chapter 7 Environment cover these issues and it is recognised that land can provide for a number of complementary functions, where such opportunities are available and policy requirement can be complied with. The Council is supportive of this whenever achievable.</p>	Amber
66.	Give substantial weight to the value of using suitable brownfield land within settlements for homes and other identified needs, and support appropriate opportunities to remediate despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated or unstable land.	NPPF Para 118	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 sets out the housing requirement and Para.5.30 of it supporting text covers the issue of supporting the use previously development land whenever appropriate. The development of land for homes within settlements is covered by Policy	Green

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			COM2 Settlement Hierarchy. The issue of derelict land or land within the other categories is not a major issue in Test Valley. However, the Council would support appropriate opportunities for their remediation where this is compliant with relevant policies.	
67.	Promote and support the development of under-utilised land and buildings.	NPPF Para 118	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM2 Settlement Boundaries covers the principle of residential use, including of existing buildings. There are further specific policies which apply to change of use or conversion to residential use of buildings and premises, dependent upon their location and existing use, including: Policy LE10 Retention of Employment land and Strategic Employment Sites Policy LE16 Re-Use of Buildings in the Countryside Policy LE12 and LE13 Ground Floor Uses in town centres Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities	Green
68.	Support opportunities to use the airspace above existing residential and commercial premises for new homes.	NPPF Para 118	In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM2 Settlement Boundaries covers the principle of residential use. There is no specific policy which covers upward extensions to use the	Amber

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			airspace above buildings, which would be considered against relevant polices with regard to issues including: design, local character and amenity and access.	
69.	Reflect changes in the demand for land.	NPPF Para 120	<p>Para. 5.101-5103 of the adopted Local Plan contains a contingency mechanism if there is a delay in housing deliver and Para.6.47 a contingency mechanism for where there is an identified lack of employment site being delivered so that current requirements can be met, or if future evidence shows an increased demand for sites. These allow for a response to changing circumstances. Evidence of changes to market demand, viability or site specific circumstances will be considered reasonably and policies applied flexibility where justification is provided.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan with Council will review development requirements and land availability and will review existing site allocations where these are not yet developed.</p>	Green

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
70.	Support development that makes efficient use of land, taking into account the need for different types of housing and other forms of development, local market conditions, the availability and capacity of infrastructure and services, the character and setting of the area, and the importance of securing well-designed, attractive and healthy places.	NPPF Para 122	<p>In the adopted Local Plan there is no specific policy on the efficient use of land. However Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough includes a criterion on making the efficient use of land.</p> <p>In meeting the housing requirement under Policy COM1 Housing Provision 2011-2029 the supporting text (Paras.5.30-5.340) covers the issues of the mix of housing (as informed by the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) study, to take account of needs and market conditions.</p> <p>Policy COM15 Infrastructure covers specific infrastructure capacity.</p> <p>Proposals would be considered against relevant policies with regard to issues including: design, local character, including E Policies within Chapter 7 Environment and LHW Policies within Chapter 9 Leisure, Health and Wellbeing.</p>	Amber

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
71.	Avoid homes being built at low densities where there is an existing or anticipated shortage of identified housing needs, and where appropriate include the use of minimum density standards.	NPPF Para 123	<p>In the adopted Local Plan there is no specific general policy on density and individual densities have not been specified for particular sites or areas. Para.5.30 of the supporting text covers that density should be informed by the character of the site and its surroundings.</p> <p>There is a specific Policy E4 Residential Areas of Special Character for areas with distinctive pattern of development which is characterised by low density. This policy is supported by an SPD.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will review the approach to density, including the use of minimum density standards.</p>	Amber
<i>Design</i>				
72.	Set out a clear design vision and provide maximum clarity about design expectations.	NPPF Para 125 & 126	<p>The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on design. However, Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough covers issues regarding design and local distinctiveness and includes criteria regarding design matters.</p> <p>Village Design Statements as SPD and Neighbourhood Plans provide more detailed</p>	Amber

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			<p>guidance for specific parish areas. There are also specific SPD on shopfront design and supporting Policy E4 Residential Areas of Special Character.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the approach to the issue of how design is addressed be reviewed including the potential for specific design policies.</p>	
73.	<p>Ensure that developments will function well and add to the overall quality of the area, are visually attractive as a result of good architecture, layout and appropriate and effective landscaping, are sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting, establish or maintain a strong sense of place, optimise the potential of the site to accommodate and sustain an appropriate amount and mix of development, and create places that are safe, accessible and inclusive.</p>	NPPF Para 127	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy E1 High Quality Development in the Borough covers issues regarding design and local distinctiveness including layout and built form.</p> <p>E Policies within Chapter 7 Environment cover safeguarding and improving the environment including landscape and the built environment.</p> <p>The plan also includes a number of policies which covers issues regarding these matters: Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities Policy LHW1 Public Open Space Policy E6 Green Infrastructure Policy T1 Managing Movement Policy CS1 Community Safety</p>	Amber

	A. NPPF Requirement	B. NPPF Paragraph Reference	C. Record your assessment results	RAG
			For the next Local Plan the approach to the issue of how design is addressed be reviewed including the potential for specific design policies.	

74.	Set out proposals for new Green Belts within strategic policies. This should demonstrate why normal planning and development management policies would not be adequate, any major changes in circumstances, consequences for sustainable development, the need for Green Belt to support adjoining areas, and how new Green Belt would meet other objectives of the Framework.	NPPF Para 135	<p>Not Applicable. No Green Belt designated within Test Valley.</p> <p>The rationale and justification for an appropriate Green Belt designation for South Hampshire (for the countryside surrounding the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth) is being investigated as part of the joint work being undertaken by the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) in preparing a Statement of Common Ground under the Duty to Co-Operate. A potential Green Belt and other forms of protection for the countryside to prevent the coalescence of town and villages will be considered.</p>	N/A
75.	Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified, through the preparation or updating of plans. Strategic policies should establish the need for any changes to Green Belt boundaries, having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so they can endure beyond the plan period. Where a need for changes to Green Belt boundaries has been established through strategic policies, detailed amendments to those boundaries may be made through non-strategic policies, including neighbourhood plans. Even when exceptional circumstances are demonstrated strategically to take land out of the Green Belt, it is still necessary to demonstrate that exceptional circumstances exist at the site level.	NPPF Para 136	Not Applicable. No Green Belt designated within Test Valley.	N/A

76.	Strategic policies should make as much use as possible of suitable brownfield sites and underutilised land and optimise the density of development including promoting an uplift in minimum density standards in town and city centres and locations well served by public transport. Where it has been concluded that it is necessary to release Green Belt land for development, plans should give first consideration to land which has been previously-developed and/or is well-served by public transport. They should also set out ways in which the impact of removing land from the Green Belt can be offset through compensatory improvements to the environmental quality and accessibility of remaining Green Belt land.	NPPF Para 137 & 138	Not Applicable. No Green Belt designated within Test Valley.	N/A
77.	When defining Green Belt boundaries, plans should ensure consistency with the development plan's strategy for meeting identified requirements for sustainable development, not include land which it is unnecessary to keep permanently open, identify areas of safeguarded land between the urban area and the Green Belt where necessary, make clear that the safeguarded land is not allocated for development at the present time, be able to demonstrate that Green Belt boundaries will not need to be altered at the end of the plan period, and define boundaries clearly.	NPPF Para 139	Not Applicable. No Green Belt designated within Test Valley.	N/A

<i>Climate change, flooding and coastal change</i>				
78.	Take a proactive approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change, taking into account the long-term implications for flood risk, coastal change, water supply, biodiversity and landscapes, and the risk of overheating from rising temperature.	NPPF Para 149	<p>The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on climate change, with responding to and mitigating the issue covered by Paras.2.41, 3.2 (in relation to the plan's objectives) and 7.49-7.51 of the supporting text. Paras.7.33 and 7.45 also make specific reference to the issue with regard to biodiversity and green infrastructure respectively.</p> <p>Policy E7 Water Management covers water efficiency and compliance with national policy and guidance on flood risk.</p> <p>A small part of the River Test estuary in Test Valley is tidal, but is not at the sea. There is no significant risk of coastal change.</p> <p>The Council has declared a climate emergency (September 2019) and has approved a Climate Emergency Action Plan (June 2020).</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will reviews the local policy approach to climate change, including whether to include specific policy.</p>	Amber
79.	Support appropriate measures to ensure the future resilience of communities and infrastructure to climate change impacts.	NPPF Para 149	<p>The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on climate change, with responding to and mitigating the issue covered by Paras.2.41, 3.2 (in relation to the plan's objectives) and 7.49-7.51 of the supporting text. Consideration of this issue will include with regard to the future resilience of</p>	Amber

			communities and infrastructure.	
80.	Increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat by providing a positive strategy for energy from these sources, identifying suitable areas for renewable and low carbon energy sources, and identifying opportunities for development to draw its energy supply from decentralised, renewable or low carbon energy supply systems and for co-locating potential heat customers and suppliers.	NPPF Para 151	<p>The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on renewable energy and reliance is had on national planning policy. This approach is set out in Para 7.50 of the supporting text. The Council supports the principle of energy generating proposals which help mitigate and adapt to climate change within both defined settlements and the countryside. Such proposals will be considered against the relevant policies of the plan.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will review the local policy approach to renewable and low carbon energy and whether specific local policy should be included. For the evidence base a Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Study is being prepared to assess the potential of such energy sources in the Borough and where suitably this could be appropriately accommodated particularly taking account of landscape impact and connection infrastructure.</p>	Amber
81.	Strategic policies should manage flood risk from all sources.	NPPF Para 156	The adopted Local Plan does not include a specific policy on flood risk as reliance is had to national planning policy on this matter. Policy E7 Water Management includes a criterion that national policy on guidance on flood risk should be complied with. Flood risk is also covered by Paras.7.58-7.60 of the supporting text.	Amber

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			For the next Local Plan the Council will review the local policy approach to flood risk and a new Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) is being commissioned jointly through the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) as part of the evidence base.	
82.	Avoiding inappropriate development in vulnerable areas and not exacerbating the impacts of physical changes to the coast.	NPPF Para 167	Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a coastal authority. A small part of the River Test estuary in Test Valley is tidal, but is not at the sea. There are no areas vulnerable to risk of coastal change or identified as Coastal Change Management Areas affecting the Borough. It is noted that sea level rise may increase areas at risk of tidal flooding.	N/A

<i>Natural environment</i>				
83.	Contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils, recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services.	NPPF Para 170	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy E2 Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough covers the issues of landscapes, and Policy E5 Biodiversity covers the issues of biodiversity and geological conservation interests.</p> <p>Policy COM2 Settlement Boundaries recognising the value of the intrinsic character and beauty of countryside by limiting development outside of settlement boundaries to that which is essential to be located in the countryside or falls with the scope of specific limited plan policies.</p> <p>For the next Local Plan the Council will consider how best to achieve a net gain for biodiversity from new development as proposed in the Environment Bill, including how this relates to natural capital and ecosystems.</p>	Amber
84.	Plans should: distinguish between the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated sites, take a strategic approach to maintaining and enhancing networks of habitats and green infrastructure, and plan for the enhancement of natural capital at a catchment or landscape scale across local authority boundaries.	NPPF Para 171	<p>Adopted Local Plan Policy E5 Biodiversity covers the hierarchy of international, national and locally designated nature conservation sites. The policy includes priority habitats and species nationally and locally and features that function as part of a wider network of sites. The Proposals Map includes internationally, nationally and locally designated nature conservation sites.</p> <p>Details of designated sites and priority habitats and species and their location is held by the Hampshire</p>	Amber

			<p>Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). This includes ecological networks and at a landscape scale this include Biodiversity Opportunity Areas.</p> <p>Policy E6 Green Infrastructure covers green infrastructure.</p> <p>A local ecological network has been published for Hampshire, which takes account of certain priority habitats and opportunities to enhance the network. The will be taken into account in the next Local Plan and the Council will continue its engagement with the Hampshire Local Nature Partnership.</p>	
85.	Conserve the special character and importance of Heritage Coast areas.	NPPF Para 173	Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a coastal authority. A small part of the River Test estuary in Test Valley is tidal, but is not at the sea. There are no Heritage Coast designations affecting the Borough.	N/A
86.	Identify, map and safeguard components of local wildlife-rich habitats and wider ecological networks, promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species, and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity.	NPPF Para 174	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy E5 Biodiversity includes priority habitats and species nationally and locally and features that function as part of a wider network of sites. The Proposals Map includes internationally, nationally and locally designated nature conservation sites.</p> <p>Details of designated sites and priority habitats and species and their location is held by the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). This includes ecological networks and at a landscape scale this include Biodiversity Opportunity Areas.</p>	Amber

			<p>For the next Local Plan the Council will consider how best to achieve a net gain for biodiversity from new development as proposed in the Environment Bill, including how this relates to natural capital and ecosystems.</p> <p>A local ecological network has been published for Hampshire, which takes account of certain priority habitats and opportunities to enhance the network. The will also be taken into account in the next Local Plan and the Council will continue its engagement with the Hampshire Local Nature Partnership.</p>	
<p>87.</p>	<p>Ensure that a site is suitable for its proposed use taking account of ground conditions, any risks arising from land instability and contamination, and the likely effects of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment.</p>	<p>NPPF Para 178 & 180</p>	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy E8 Pollution covers all types of pollution as detailed in Footnote 116 as anything which affects the quality of land, air, water or soil, or which might lead to an adverse impact on human health, the natural environment or amenity. Reference is also made to the definition of pollution in the NPPF Glossary.</p> <p>Issues of ground conditions, land instability and land contamination, would be assessed thorough the Sustainability Appraisal with regard to site allocations as relevant, and through development management in the determination of planning applications. However, there is a current lack of data sources for the Sustainability Appraisal for land stability or ground conditions matters.</p> <p>No land is formally designated as contaminated land in Test Valley.</p>	<p>Green</p>

88.	Sustain and contribute towards compliance with relevant limit values or national objectives for pollutants, taking into account the presence of Air Quality Management Areas and Clean Air Zones, and the cumulative impacts from individual sites in local areas.	NPPF Para 181	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy E8 Pollution covers all types of pollution as detailed in Footnote 116 as anything which affects the quality of land, air, water or soil, or which might lead to an adverse impact on human health, the natural environment or amenity. Reference is also made to the definition of pollution in the NPPF Glossary.</p> <p>In assessing proposals account would be taken of relevant value limits and national objectives for pollutants.</p> <p>There are currently no designed Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) or Clean Air Zones within Test Valley.</p>	Green
89.	Ensure that new development can be integrated effectively with existing businesses and community facilities.	NPPF Para 182	<p>In the adopted Local Plan Policy COM15 Infrastructure covers new infrastructure from development and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan sets out the assessment of requirements.</p> <p>Policy COM14 Community Services and Facilities covers existing community facilities.</p> <p>The new neighbourhoods as strategic allocations have been planned to be integrate into existing settlements within new infrastructure and enhancements to existing infrastructure delivered by these in a manner which seeks wider benefits for both new and existing residents, and takes account of existing provision. Their location was assessed through the Sustainability Appraisal has included consideration of existing</p>	Green

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			businesses (employment and economic activity) and community facilities. In assessing the location of development account will be taken of any impact on existing businesses and community facilities.	
<i>Historic Environment</i>				
90.	Set out a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats.	NPPF Para 185	Adopted Local Plan Policy E9 Heritage covers the protection of heritage assets. The supporting text Paras.7.71-7.84 includes including the issues of their conservation and enjoyment.	Green
<i>Minerals</i>				
91.	Provide for the extraction of mineral resources of local and national importance.	NPPF Para 204	Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority. Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.	N/A
92.	Take account of the contribution that substitute or secondary and recycled materials and minerals waste would make to the supply of materials, before considering extraction of primary materials.	NPPF Para 204	Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority. Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.	N/A
93.	Safeguard mineral resources by defining Mineral Safeguarding Areas.	NPPF Para	Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.	N/A

		204	<p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p> <p>Mineral Consultation Areas are shown on the Local Plan Proposals Map. The Council will consider the issue of whether to include boundaries for minerals designations and if so, for which and what from in the next Local Plan, in consultation with Hampshire County Council as minerals planning authority.</p>	
94.	Encourage the prior extraction of minerals, where practical and environmentally feasible, if it is necessary for non-mineral development to take place.	NPPF Para 204	<p>Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p>	N/A
95.	Safeguard existing, planned and potential sites for: the bulk transport, handling and processing of minerals, the manufacture of concrete and concrete products and the handling, processing and distribution of substitute, recycled and secondary aggregate material.	NPPF Para 204	<p>Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p>	N/A

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96.	Set out criteria or requirements to ensure that permitted and proposed operations do not have unacceptable adverse impacts on the natural and historic environment or human health	NPPF Para 204	<p>Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p>	N/A
97.	Recognise that some noisy short-term activities, which may otherwise be regarded as unacceptable, are unavoidable to facilitate minerals extraction	NPPF Para 204	<p>Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p>	N/A
98.	Ensure that worked land is reclaimed at the earliest opportunity, taking account of aviation safety, and that high-quality restoration and aftercare of mineral sites takes place.	NPPF Para 204	<p>Not Applicable as Test Valley is not a minerals and waste planning authority.</p> <p>Minerals and Waste development planning is covered by the Minerals and Waste Plans prepared jointly between Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest and South Downs National Park Authorities.</p>	N/A

RAG (Red/Amber/Green)

Red	Significant difference(s) between the adopted Local Plan and the NPPF 2019 requirement, which necessitates a new or additional policy, or revision of the current policy approach in this regard being considered to address this in preparing the next Local Plan. However, the difference(s) are not considered to mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound.
Amber	Some difference(s) between the adopted Local Plan and the NPPF 2019 requirement, which will be taken into account and considered in a review of the current policy approach in preparing the next Local Plan, or which could alternatively be addressed through Supplementary Planning Documents or other additional guidance. However, the difference(s) are not considered to necessitate a review of the adopted Local Plan on this basis, nor mean that the adopted Local Plan is out of date or unsound.
Green	The adopted Local Plan fully or substantially meets the NPPF 2019 requirement and that no revision of the current policy approach is necessary on this basis. It is considered that the adopted Local Plan is not out of date or unsound.
N/A	Not Applicable. The NPPF 2019 requirement does not apply to Test Valley as local planning authority in preparing a Local Plan, or the NPPF 2019 requirement is with regard to a feature, designation or planning constraint which is not present in Test Valley. The NPPF 2019 requirement is therefore not relevant to the adopted Local Plan.

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