



## Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter Edition 5 – October 2008

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### **Great Covert Valley Park**

An outline planning application, TVBC08/02094/OUTS, has been registered with Test Valley Borough Council for the development of housing (up to 1050 dwellings), commercial buildings, retail, sports facilities, a junior school, medical and community facilities, woodland and recreational area, heat and power plant and associated landscaping, footpaths, cycleways and access on land at Great Covert Park, Castle Lane, North Baddesley.

The Parish Council will be objecting to this application on a number of grounds as follows:-

*The application is premature in that the Test Valley Core Strategy Development Planning Document was launched for public consultation on 31st October. This site on which the planning application has been made does not form part of the proposed sites for development that have been supported by TVBC to accommodate the South East Plan requirement of 3910 homes in Southern Test Valley up to the year 2026.*

*TVBC's sustainable appraisal report produced for the Core Strategy, which includes environmental, economic and social issues, has demonstrated that development at Great Covert would be unsustainable.*

*The area between Valley Park/North Baddesley has been allocated within the 2001/2011 County Structure Plan as a G2 Strategic Gap and within the emerging TVBC Core Strategy Development Planning Document as an important local gap.*

*Development west of Valley Park will threaten the relatively narrow gap between Valley Park/North Baddesley.*

*The area is a site of nature conservation.*

*Night Jars (ground nesting birds) are located within the area and are protected by European legislation.*

*There are both surface water and waste water treatment issues at this location and as Chickenhall Sewage Treatment Works is operating at near capacity the water authority may well object.*

*The development would have an impact on the landscaped character of the area in what is an important local gap.*

*Under the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations the Parish Council considers and therefore objects to the fact that the Environmental Statement is deficient in regards of the wildlife survey requirements.*

*Impact on local highway network.*

Residents are therefore encouraged to make their views known on this application in writing to the Head of Planning at Test Valley Borough Council, Council Offices, Duttons Road, Romsey, Hampshire, SO51 8XG. Local councillors have gained extra time to enable you to submit comments.

**Residents please do not leave the above matters to your neighbour. Your neighbour may be leaving it to you.**

**Whilst the Parish Council will be making a detailed response to Test Valley Borough Council it is important that you do too.**