

VALLEY PARK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Revised Local Plan

The Borough Council has prepared a new Revised Local Plan. It provides the planning framework for the Borough of Test Valley up to 2029 and includes proposals for additional housing, employment and community facilities. It also sets out policies to protect the environment.

The Revised Local Plan can be viewed on the Council's web site

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/dpd/>



The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Alan Dowden, urges residents to have a look at the document and make their views known to Test Valley Borough Council.

The Revised Local Plan proposes to keep the existing local gaps between North Baddesley and Valley Park; Valley Park and Ampfield and Southampton and Eastleigh. These gaps are important to help resist pressure for further development in the area.

In order to guarantee the protection of our area it is imperative that residents write individual letters to the Head of Planning and Transport at Test Valley Borough Council, BeechHurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire. SP10 3AJ. supporting the new Revised Local Plan and in particular the retention of local gaps.

Any previous letters that residents sent on the Core Strategy will not be taken into account for the Revised Local Plan

The 7 week public consultation will begin on 8th March at 4.30pm and will run to 26th April 2013.



New Fencing on Skywoods Road

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Alan Dowden, is pictured with his two Borough/Parish Council colleagues, Councillors, Kath Tilling and Andrew Beesley, inspecting the new fencing recently erected at this location.





Parish Precept

The Parish Council is pleased to announce a further reduction in the Parish Council Precept. The Parish Council's element of the total council tax remains the lowest in Test Valley.

Over the last six years the Parish Council has reduced the tax by a total of 16%. This has been due to prudent financial management by the Parish Council and by gaining grants and business donations.

Start date for extension to new cycleway

Work will commence on the 11th March on the extension of the cycleway on Baddesley Road, from Flexford Bridge to North Millers Dale, to provide a safer route to the Hiltngbury / Hursley Road crossroads.



Knightwood Children's Play Area

The surface area of the young children's play area situated near the Knightwood Leisure Centre, will be improved in April/May. This is to alleviate the muddy conditions that prevent young children using this facility in wet weather conditions.

In the picture Parish and Borough Councillors are inspecting the site.



County Council Elections 2 May 2013

Residents are reminded that if they would like a **postal vote** this year then they must ring Test Valley Borough Council on **01264 368021** to apply for one.

If you are not currently registered to vote then to register please visit :-

<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/localdemocracy/elections/elections/>



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