Mid-Test Matters

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A newsletter for Parish Councils from the Borough Councillors of the Mid-Test Ward

**Affordable Housing Strategy**

Following our newsletter earlier this month, we have been asked by some of the rural parishes to provide a further briefing note on the draft affordable housing strategy (SPD) which is currently out for consultation.

The document can be found here:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/supplementary-planning-documents/draft-affordable-housing-spd>

The public consultation ends 12 noon on Friday 11th October 2019 and comments can be either sent in writing to Planning Policy, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, ANDOVER, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ or by Email to [planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk)

The important part for rural parishes to read is chapter 7 and chapter 8.

Chapter 7 deals with those rural exception schemes which are 100% affordable. Chapter 8 relates to the ‘community led development’ (Policy COM9) schemes where parishes have worked with landowners and developers to bring forward both open market and affordable homes as well as community benefit.

There will be other more generic elements of the SPD which rural parishes may find interesting as below: -

Chapter 5: Types of affordable housing pp 8-12

Chapter 9: Tenure split, mix, size and house type pp 21-22

Chapter 13: Layout and design p 30

We would recommend that you familiarise yourselves with the whole document if you do wish to comment as there may be other elements pertinent to your experience.

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