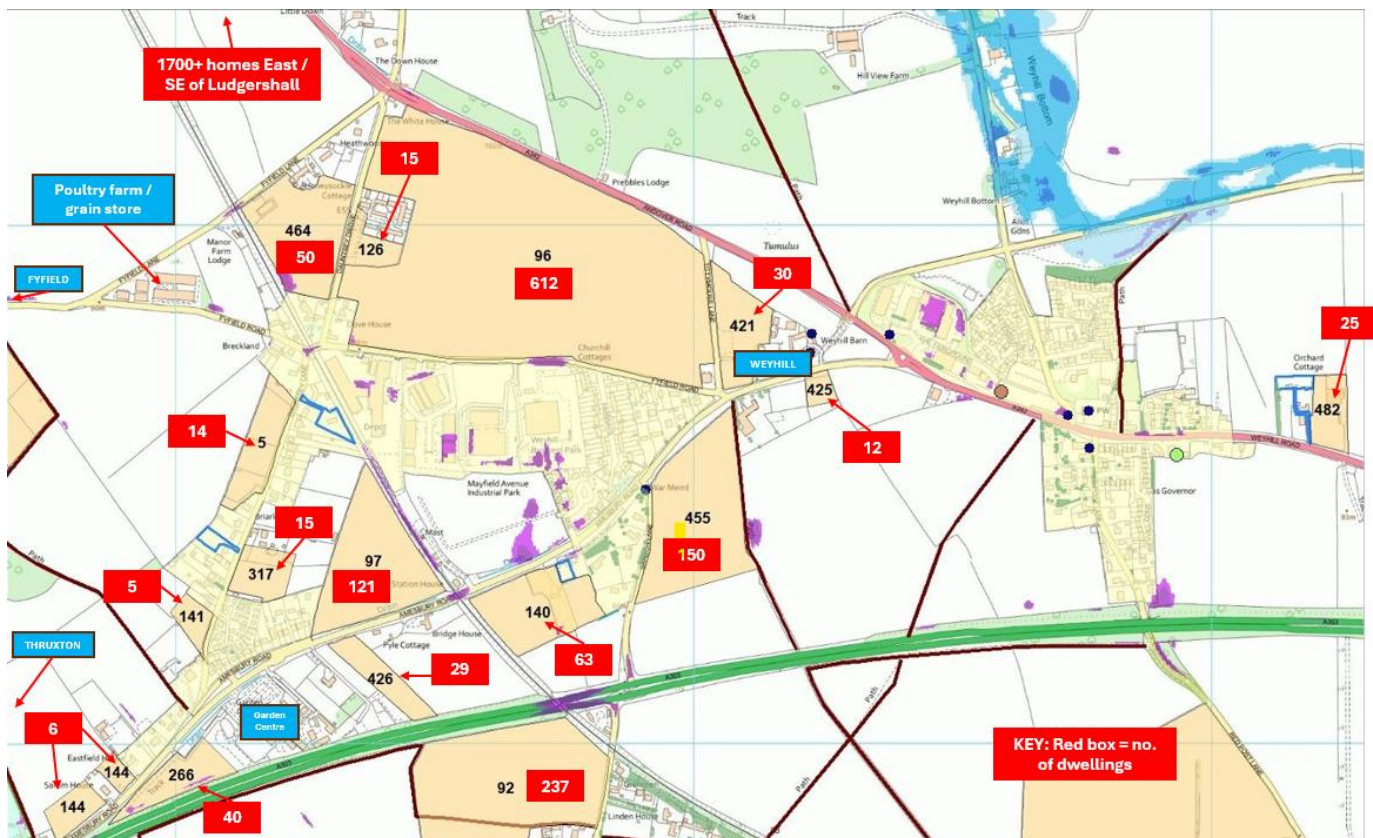


2,700 HOMES NEAR FYFIELD, WEYHILL, THRUXTON, KIMPTON & LUDGERSHALL IN TVBC PLAN ** PUBLIC CONSULTATION **

In the past few weeks, Penton Grafton Parish Council (along with our neighbouring parishes) have been hit with the news that TVBC has, out of the blue, proposed a new local plan for the borough to 2042, which opened for consultation. This draft plan includes a proposed housing allocation of 1,000+ homes in and around Weyhill, Thrupton and Kimpton & 1,700 just up the road, East of Ludgershall. The draft plan is available via the TVBC website (referred to as **Revised Regulation 18 draft plan**):

www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2042 OR search for 'TVBC local plan 2042' in Google etc. Illustration of the proposed locations below.



Ampton Parish Council (APC) have received some explanations as to how this proposal has come about and received an apology from the planners at TVBC for the lack of notice. Penton Grafton Parish Council and all our residents now face the real burden of commenting on the TVBC proposals before the expiry of the consultation period on **Friday 5th September**.

Immediate comments from our Parish Council and our TVBC ward councillors include not only is this rural countryside, but the allocation of housing to this area would more than double the population of the Parishes and completely change the character of Weyhill. The road system along the A342 is not designed for the volume of traffic that would be generated; nor are the lanes and paths in our area suitable for significant increases in traffic. This will have major road safety implications. The Parish Council will be making a strong representation to improve the infrastructure through the parish including the A342.

YOU CAN COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS ONLINE: at <https://testvalley.govocal.com/en-GB/>

If you wish to make comments via email contact planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk, or in writing to: Planning Policy, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ. (TVBC do require your name and either a postal or email address.)

CLlr Mrs Pauline Foster.

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