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#### **Baddesley Division County Councillor's response to Test Valley Borough Draft Local Plan 2040**

As the County Councillor for the Baddesley Division I welcome the opportunity to comment on the new Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Stage 2

#### **Key Issues.**

I concur with the Valley Park Council's Planning Committee that the site allocated for 1070 homes and 2.2 hectares of employment use, breaches a Local Gap that presently exists within the current Local Plan. Local Gaps were previously the most supported policy by the residents of Test Valley. The allocation, although situated in the parish of Chilworth, will have significant impacts and consequences for Valley Park residents and other residents within my Baddesley Division and beyond.

#### **Traffic Impact Issues**

The impact of up to 2000 more vehicles onto local roads at peak times will have a significant detrimental impact on many already overstretched local roads. I, as the County Councillor for the Baddesley Division would request that Traffic Impact Assessments are carried out on all local highways, considering the extra vehicles that will be generated from this proposal. These Traffic Impact Assessments would need to consider the additional traffic that will be generated from the Hoe Lane development in North Baddesley, currently under construction, and the future development of 1100 homes at Whitenap, Romsey. They must also include the existing impact from the Chestnut Avenue developments within Eastleigh and the development at the Ampfield Meadows Care Complex on Baddesley Road, Ampfield.

#### **My particular concerns would be:**

Templars Way, Asda roundabout, and Chestnut Avenue down to the M27 motorway.

School Lane, Valley Park - employees, business and deliveries traffic travelling to and from the School Lane industrial estate.

Castle Lane to North Baddesley.

Knightwood Road, leading to Baddesley Road - This road has two primary schools and two Nursery pre-schools on each side West and East of Knightwood Road. It also has a major BrendonCare care complex

and the Knightwood Leisure Centre east of Knightwood Road. This represents major amounts of pedestrians constantly crossing the road. The road by its design encourages speeding and there is little or no enforcement of speeding.

On Baddesley Road -The Flexford Railway Bridge is historic and not built for the size and weight and number of vehicles using it presently, without adding to this problem,

Hiltingbury Road leading to the M3.

Bournemouth Road and Chilworth Road up to Southampton.

Valley Park, through to North Baddesley is also the Diversion route from the M27 and M3 motorway. When there are accidents, traffic is diverted onto Templars Way, Castle Lane , School Lane. This causes chaos and total gridlock. This proposal can only exacerbate the situation.

The Velmore Farm location is a higher landscape location to Valley Park and the soil, like Valley Park, is of different clay-based textures.

The surface water from this site already accumulates and flows down onto Templars Way, School Lane roundabout and further down School Lane causing deep flooded areas across the highways. School Lane has to be closed off and the water taken away in huge water tanker vehicles to prevent flooding of homes. Pavements and the roadways have been damaged needing costly repairs. Flooding also happens on Castle Lane across to Great Covert woodland. This has been going on for over ten years. But since 2019 it has increased, with higher water levels due to the weather conditions caused by climate change. Concreting over a very large area of this farmland will undoubtedly make matters much worse.

#### **Health Issues**

I have deep concerns over the lack of Primary Health Care in the Chandlers Ford area. GP and NHS dentistry services are already totally overstretched, and NHS dentist services are impossible to access in the whole of the Chandlers Ford area.

#### **Archaeology**

As a Roman Road runs across this farmland it is essential a full archaeological assessment is completed on this farmland before this Local Plan proposal is adopted. If development were to take place the electricity pylon power lines should be removed and relocated underground for public safety reasons .

HCC Cllr Alan Dowden

Baddesley Division