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To whom it may concern

As local residents on Valley Park (Taw Drive), we are writing to voice our objection to the proposed plans for 1070 on the site of Velmore Farm. This is not a case of 'not in my backyard': we believe there are genuine reasons why this development should not take place.

1. There is already a problem with flooding in the area. Whenever there is significant rainfall the roundabout at the junction of School Lane and Templars Way is flooded with water running off the fields where the development is proposed. The council seems unable to solve this problem. Building houses on the clay soil of Velmore Farm can only make this problem worse.
2. The roads in the area are already at, or beyond capacity at peak times. The traffic from School Lane along Templars Way is often at a standstill. So many more homes will clearly mean even more vehicles on these roads: realistically we can expect 1-2 vehicles for each new house - 1000-2000 more. This is too many!
3. The proposed development closes the green gap between Chilworth and Valley Park. This is not just a technical issue: it's a genuine loss of green fields, which support wildlife. Every part of the local natural environment is precious, contributing to the biodiversity of the area. The more we cover with concrete and tarmac, the less space there is for our wonderful natural world.
4. It is inevitable that the new development would cause extra pressure on our local health services.

Please be open to alternatives for housing elsewhere in Test Valley. It seems unfair that Valley Park, at the very edge of Test Valley as it borders Eastleigh, should have to bear such a large development, rather than the new homes, which are of course needed, being spread around in smaller clusters, elsewhere in Test Valley.

Thank you for your time in reading these comments.

Kind regards

Sue & Richard Stannard