From: Planning Policy

**Subject:** Concerns over Velmore Farm proposal

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Dear Planning team,

I am a resident of Hornbeam Road in the Knightwood estate and have received a copy of the proposed site boundaries for the Velmore farm development.

I have multiple concerns which I would expect to see fully mitigated in any plan.

- the infrastructure on templars road, which connects to school lane and further down
  to castle lane is already failing and under invested. Every time we have rain fall, that
  area floods and no pervasive action has been taken to resolve it. Taking away
  additional wet lands, creating further concreted/metalled areas and the significant
  extra traffic will add to the issues already in existence creating material risks for
  residents and potentially pedestrians.
- 2. the same road infrastructure already has peak hour congestion issues with long queues on both castle lane and on templars road. Adding several 1000 extra cars will be unsustainable, especially with the dangerous approach to ASDA which already creates queues around that road about at key times.
- 3. Large chunks of the area described have limited/no cycle paths and I'm concerned about the potential risk of additional planned traffic on cyclists specially. Having lost a family member on the local roads, I'm naturally very concerned about this and for all the reassurance, no material measures are under taken.
- 4. Local services are already under strain in this area having been unable to get a dentist in over three years, adding upwards of 3000 new residents to an already over population area requires significant investment in those services
- 5. I'm naturally concerned that your plans seem to be targeted the limited green space in urban areas but no consideration is being made to areas further afield in test valley which should be given proper consideration to balance bio diversity across the borough.

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