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Insert any specific comments in the general comments box below, indicating which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible.*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.

I would like to comment regarding Policy 6 (SS6) and specifically the proposal for the Land at Velmore Farm Valley Park being identified as suitable for 1070 new homes. This area of Chandlers Ford has already undergone substantial development with Valley Park and Knightwood Park creating pressure on local amenities and infrastructure. There is already pressure on local health services such as doctors and dentists and the impact of 2000 plus new patients would be unsustainable.

The development would also have significant traffic implications and the roundabout at the junction of Templars Way and School Lane (which I believe would be suggested as the entrance to any new development) is already constantly busy taking traffic not only from Baddesley, Valley Park and Knightwood Park but also from the Industrial Estate which is very often used as a cut through. This road is often crossed by families and children going to and from the Mulberry Corner Nursery or St Francis Primary School very often crossing at Mulberry Corner of Castle Lane where cars sweep round the bend from the roundabout at considerable speed. This would become even more dangerous with more traffic. Castle Lane and Templars Way also form an alternative route when the M27/M3 are busy and very often they are at a standstill now let alone when another 2000 vehicles are using the roads.

Flooding is another major issue. Anyone who uses the roundabout at Templars Way/School Lane will know that there is a puddle stretching most of the way across the road as soon as it rains and a little further up School Lane another puddle forms (again covering most of the road) with running water between the two. It reached a point this year where School Lane had to be closed since it was impassable. The land at Velmore Farm naturally slopes down towards this roundabout being the lowest point and since there is a predominance of clay in the area, the development of houses on the land will only exacerbate the situation. Can you imagine the impact of an accident on the M27 in heavy rain and traffic trying to divert along Castle Lane and Templars way only to find this roundabout flooded and impassable?

This development would also be a breach of a local gap causing a loss of green space and biodiversity in an area that is already over developed with housing, industrial Estate and a Business Park to the point where the roads and the local amenities are bursting at the seams.
