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As a local resident of Test Valley for the last 15 years I would like to comment on the proposed development of 1070 homes at Velmore Farm.

Firstly there would be a big impact on the traffic in the local area and the roads are already rammed at peak times and there are still significant issues with localised flooding around the roads. If you look at the impact the new builds at Stoneham, Eastleigh have had on the traffic at peak times, this would be a similar situation to the number of cars that would be heading through Valley Park and Chandlers Ford and without significant improvements to the roads it would be even more of a nightmare at rush hours.

There would also be an increase demand on all of the local services such as doctors, dentists (which it is already impossible to get an NHS dentist around here) and schools. With Ampfield school in the process of being closed down due to low numbers and most local schools operating waiting lists across the majority of their year groups it will increase pressure on schools.

From an environmental perspective I think it is also imperative to consider the loss of green spaces as well as run off for flooding. This area is mostly clay and we have so many issues with localised flooding already - to be removing even more of our local gaps and taking away these valuable nature areas we are in danger of removing one of the main reasons a lot of people want to move to this area - the fantastic balance between a lovely area to live, close to cities such as Southampton and Winchester but still having lots of natural areas that you can enjoy.

The size of the site and the proposed development would, I believe have a detrimental effect in a number of ways on the local area and therefore I don't think it should go ahead in its current form.

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