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Dear Planning Dept,

I write to you with deep concerns about the proposed building work that is scheduled for Velmore Farm. I am not in the direct locality of the area and will not see it from where I live in Castle Lane.

I have lived here for 43 years and have seen the building of Valley Park and experienced the negative issues that arose from that.

The area appears to be clay based and that has resulted in flooding of the roads, especially School Lane and Templars Way, for prolonged periods of time.

More building work will surely increase the problem of run off from the higher ground of the proposed site.

I also have concerns of the environmental impact to the area. The new proposal is on agricultural and wildlife friendly land and any building will impact on the leisure use of the adjoining woodland, already heavily used to exercise dogs and off road activities. It will also encroach on the green area between Chandlers Ford and the north of Southampton.

The building of over 1000 houses suggests at least 2000 occupants who will all need a surgery. Some time ago one local doctor closed and the patients had to be absorbed in the remaining available surgeries. I now have difficulty obtaining an appointment in a reasonable length of time, the last time was over 3 weeks.

Also in respect of numbers I wonder how many children will require school placements and the traffic generated by so many houses will surely bring the area to a standstill at peak times.

The issue of these more domestic concerns is that the proximity of the development to the borough boundary will mean that the responsibility to address them will fall on EBC and not Test Valley.

I am sure many others will have flagged these concerns to you but I feel in the circumstances that I should voice my concerns and objections to the proposal and not accept it on the belief that the proposed mitigation agenda will be acceptable.

Yours sincerely
Glenn Settrington