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Velmore Farm is not a suitable site for 1000 homes. The roundabout on Templars Way/School Lane has been subject to flooding for many years, as has School Lane itself. Building homes on land which currently already struggles to absorb the excess water due to the predominantly clay soil will lead to flooding elsewhere. In the heavy rain in January, areas of Valley Park flooded that have not done so before, for example Wicklow drive, which in the 19 years I have lived here has never happened. This is clearly an impact of Climate change and I am sure that this will be even worse in another 15 years, by 2040.

The roads around Velmore Farm are already busy. The "Asda" roundabout often suffers from gridlock already, especially if there is an issue on the motorways, as Boumemouth Road and Chestnut Avenue back all the way up to the roundabout. The addition of possibly 2000 extra cars using that route would be chaos and extremely bad for air quality. Public transport from Castle Lane is poor, which would mean more cars on the roads.

It is almost impossible to get a dentist or GP appointment already, the additional 2-3000 more patients is simply unsustainable. The additional pressure on the already over-subscribed local schools would also be impossible to deal with.

Finally, the proposed area is a green space, which provides better air quality as well as a better quality of life for local residents. The fields and woods are full of wildlife, including deer, and their habitat would be destroyed. This area would breach the local gap and would merge Valley Park and North Baddesley.

## Q8

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