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To: Planning Policy

**Subject:** Objection of development on land at Velmore Farm.

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Dear SIr/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed development on land at Velmore Farm, (Local plan 2040), on the following grounds:

- 1. **Increased flooding risk**: Valley Park is already subject to significant flooding whenever there is heavy rain, particularly on the main roads/roundabouts. This in turn exacerbates the traffic problems that already exist at peak times. Building on higher land on the side of the valley, in an area of heavy clay, will increase run-off downhill and further impact the bottom of the valley.
- 2. **Increased Traffic:** Templars Way/Castle Lane are already extremely busy in both directions at peak times. Any issues with the M27 or M3 can bring these roads to a complete standstill. These roads cannot cope with a further 2000 cars being added.
- 3. **Pressure on Local Services**: An additional 1000 houses will have a significant impact on local services, such as schools, doctors and dentists, that are already under significant pressure. I cannot see that any additional local services are being planned for this development to mitigate this large influx of people.
- 4. Breach of the local gap and loss of green space.

Yours sincerely, Paul and Jan Fairbairn