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I object to the Local Draft Plan 2040

In particular the site proposed for housing 1040 new homes at Velmore Farm for the following reasons

Traffic problems and congestion occur now in this area. At times journey times from Valley Park to Eastleigh and Stoneham Lane taking twice as long since there has been new a development of over 1000 housing in Chestnut Avenue and Stoneham Lane which will worsen with this new site. The proposed access to the site means traffic will lead to bottlenecks at the Asda roundabout which is already busy and backed up at times. The roads leading to motorway junctions will all become busier as traffic filters through Chandlers Ford leading to vehicle noise and traffic pollution as traffic is idling.

Flooding

The area around access to the site suffers extreme flooding which has not been addressed. Chandlers Ford has received several flood alerts which would increase with this development. The impact of this on existing residents should be considered. The Monksbrook is also liable to flooding and the land around the sawmill site in Flexford Road floods often so much so that ducks have made it their habitat at times .

Over development

Valley Park's population has doubled in the last 30 years with the addition of Knightwood and the area is becoming very congested and crowded. I see no possibility of this improving with more housing and little amenities. At the northern end of Valley Park there is little public transport. Two buses in the daytime to Winchester nothing evening or weekends and no shops. Bus transport nearest the Velmore Farm site is hourly and every two hours Saturday so car use is essential. The centre of Chandlers Ford is small, few shops and car parking insufficient now at times for residents. There is a lack of infrastructure to support this development and an increased pressure on the doctors/dentists/hospitals to see to people's needs. The employment units proposed may not be needed as apparently there are many left empty on Chandlers Ford Industrial Estate, public transport issues and lack of parking being an issue.

Loss of separation of the green gap between communities

It seems this will have to be amended to accommodate this and other developments proposed which will lead to a greater sprawl of housing from the Southampton area. In particular Valley Park is not a town like Andover or Romsey with all they offer and will become one big housing estate with little to offer. The effect of all this will fall on other councils who have no say on it at all or the inconvenience. A fairer solution to housing provision would be to look at the many small villages in Test Valley which could take a smaller number of new houses and spread housing out rather than making another big site in Valley Park.

These are our objections
Sylvia and Neil Hendricks.

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