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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to register our objections to the planning of 1070 houses+ on the Velmore Farm site. We have lived in the Knightwood area since 2003 and therefore have realistic predictions of the impact this development would have.

- Castle Lane and Templars Way runs from North Baddesley to the Asda roundabout in Chandlers Ford and is a busy road with tailbacks in the rush hours. When there is problems on the M27 or M3 this road becomes a diversion for traffic to avoid the closures/ disruptions on the motorways. This was illustrated only last week when the M27 was shut due to an accident (22/02/24) and the whole stretch of road was blocked. Another 2000+ cars will cause this road to be unusable.
- It has become increasingly difficult to get an appointment at our local surgery (St Francis) and another 2000+ patients will be impossible to manage effectively. And it is already very unlikely to get an NHS dentist locally.
- We have a lot of local flooding in Valley Park and Knightwood as the development was built on marshy clay land. We were warned of flooding in the recent winter and on standby. Further building on clay soil will exacerbate this problem.
- This area is full of a range of flora and fauna which will be lost if the farm land is developed.
- The government has recommended the use of brown field sites and we have a plentiful supply of unused office buildings and shops in the borough of Eastleigh which could be re purposed for a variety of housing needs spread through out the borough. This would have less impact on health services, roads, schools etc.

Please consider our objections carefully and keep us informed of any decisions.

Kind regards,

Claire and Mark Cooper
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