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Q2

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## Q7

Insert any general comments that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.\*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording. If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

We understand the need for more housing (which should include affordable housing) however we have objections to the recommended site for over 1000 houses. We have lived in Valley Park since 1996 and over the years the roads have become more seriously flooded year on year. This has knock on effects with the various streams and brooks being unable to cope with the excess water which occurs due to the inability to absorb the amounts of rainfall we have due to much of the land being made up of clay. A few days ago as I starting writing, I received a flood warning for Valley Park and with climate change, this issue is not going to disappear. We are very concerned about the choice of what appears to be only one access onto the site from the roundabout which is constantly under water. If this development is going to go ahead, the planning department need to ensure that the developers provide sufficient resources and funding to enable excellent access to the development and no risk of flooding as is happening in other local developments in the Test Valley and Hampshire in general. Abbotswood and Colden Common come to mind immediately.

Traffic is already a major issue at specific times of day at present and our concern is that there is no meaningful upgrade to road infrastructure. Additional traffic from the estate will have a major knock on effect on many roads including the Asda roundabout. and roads leading to the motorway. Chandlers Ford and Eastleigh already have significant traffic issues and will have a detrimental effect on the air quality.

Public transport is more or less non existent in the area and therefore this is another consideration that needs to be addressed as do cycle routes.

There is also going to be an impact on the countryside and the 'local gap' between Valley Park and Chilworth is more or less going to disappear. Previously there was far more importance and emphasis placed on the strategic gaps.

Looking at the plan overall, there should be smaller areas of development throughout the Test Valley. There are many village schools that need to be supported as numbers are fluctuating due to the lack of affordable or less expensive family homes and in many villages the average age of home owners is we feel, older in general.

## Q8

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