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I have serious concerns about the proposed development on the Velmore Farm land. The increased volume of housing in the area will lead to significant problems for an area that is already under some stress.

The first is about traffic; at key times Templars Way and the part of Castle Lane leading to North Baddesley become quite congested, as does the Templars Way approach to the Asda roundabout. Adding what is likely to be another two thousand cars or so will make this worse, in turn leading to further local pollution and the risk of accidents.

The second is around flooding. Increased building on this land will cause greater run-off with less area for water to soak away; the current trend for heavily paved gardens will only make this even worse than will the houses and roadways themselves. This area already floods and this will make it worse, as well as creating a negative environmental impact.

The third is around local services. We already struggle to find appointments with doctors, for example, and this development will add pressure on community and hospital services, as well as pharmacies, schools, etc.

In these days of heightened environmental awareness, we also cannot ignore the loss of local green space and the attendant wildlife and biodiversity.

Whilst the country does need more housing, especially affordable starter homes, to do so in an area that is already stressed and to take up green land does not seem the best option. The council should seek to investigate other options, starting with brownfield sites and others that have fewer negative impacts.

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