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## Good Afternoon

The proposal to build 1,070 houses and an 'employment site' on this land is not a sensible option for a number of reasons.

Traffic - as well as the mmediate impact of vehicle movements to/from houses by residents, the proposed closure of HWRC Bunny Lane, Romsey will mean even more vehicles from the Romsey area using Templars Way to access the nearby Eastleigh HWRC.

Local Health Services - already under pressure due to temporary relocation of those under threat from war in Eastern Europe, without these extra residents.

Flooding - not resolved in 3 decades, and the roads feeding School Lane Industrial Estate consistently flooded 'kerb to kerb' without paving paradise and adding to scenario! CLAY SOIL.

Hut Woods - badgers, deer, smaller mammals, birds, and birds of prey can be seen. They will be hemmed in on all sides by the Motorway, houses, and Chilworth existing residential homes.

Water & Waste Water Services - take note that the new Abbotswood development has required water tanker supplies on numerous occasions. Supply problems. Also note that waste water treatment plant upgrade is pending, after all the houses built. Fail to plan = plan to fail. Large developments impact all services in the area.

Employment Site - seriously?! Have you walked the local industrial estates where a large number of units lay empty - you are way off track thinking this is required particularly since Covid / wfh part of normal contracts of employment now.

Princess Anne approach - 50 houses in each village throughout Test Valley should cover the required building and feed local requirements without mass impact. Particularly villages where council houses were sold and not replaced. Short sighted selling of social housing stock a poor decision by government which has, and will, impact for years to come.

Schools - there is a shortage of teachers even if schools are built/extended. The impact for generations to come is in your hands - the larger the establishment, the greater the impact for those youngsters lost in the system.

Welcome to Greater Southampton - not a positive outcome for anyone.

Regards A & D Tubby