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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed development of Velmore Farm, located off Templars Way in the Parish of Chilworth. Several pressing concerns regarding this development, and it is my sincere belief that proceeding with it would be detrimental to the well-being of the existing community.

I wish to draw your attention to several key issues:

- **Flooding Concerns:** There are significant concerns regarding flooding along Templars Way and its adjacent areas. The primary access point for the proposed development is particularly susceptible to flooding, exacerbating the issue downstream towards School Lane. This poses a safety risk to pedestrians, especially school children who frequently use the pedestrian crossing which regularly floods.
- **Traffic Congestion and Safety:** The anticipated increase in vehicular traffic stemming from the new development will undoubtedly compound the already congested conditions along Templars Way, particularly during peak hours. This escalation in traffic volume not only heightens pollution levels but also raises safety concerns, as evidenced by previous incidents of speeding vehicles damaging safety barriers near the pedestrian crossing on School Lane.
- **Strain on Local Services:** Our community already grapples with heightened demand on essential services such as healthcare facilities. Introducing over 1000 new dwellings to the area will undoubtedly strain these services further, leading to prolonged waiting times for patients seeking medical attention. While efforts have been made to address the increased commuter traffic, notably through considerations for the number 5 bus service, it appears that other critical bus routes, such as the number 2 service, have not received adequate attention. The current unreliability and overcrowding of the number 2 route exacerbate concerns about transportation accessibility for both existing residents and newcomers to the area.

- **Environmental Impact:** The proposed development threatens to encroach upon valuable green spaces, which serve as vital havens for local biodiversity. Additionally, the anticipated increase in noise, air and light pollution levels poses significant concerns for the well-being of residents in the vicinity. Presently, the area enjoys minimal light pollution.

In light of these compelling concerns, I urge you to reconsider the implications of proceeding with the development of Velmore Farm. It is imperative that the safety, well-being, and sustainability of the existing community over the potential gains of this development.

Sincerely,

Mr. Hensford