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I am submitting my comments/responses to the proposed major housing development of 1070 new homes and the employment use of a further 2.2 hectares on Velmore Farm Chandlers Ford.

These are in no particular order.

Currently with rain water run off coming off of the Velmore Farm land, the roundabout at Templars Way and School Lane and School Lane itself suffers from major flooding thus creating issues for vehicles using these roads even when a small amount of rain has fallen. Indeed during a recent downpour in a School Lane flood a car was abandoned in the flooded road. Cars were mounting the pavements in order to drive through which naturally was very dangerous for any pedestrians. Additionally driving through the Templars Way and School Lane roundabout when flooded this area is dangerous with vehicles aqua planning. In some cases vehicles are forced to drive on the far right of the left hand lane causing possible accidents with on coming traffic. If 1070 houses are built on Velmore Farm even more flood water will be washed onto these roads causing even more dangerous flooding at these sites and indeed the flooding will spread/extend to other areas. At worse this would mean it would be impossible for resident who drive to use Templars Way and School Lane effectively isolating them from using these routes to access Chandlers Ford, Asda, Southampton, Eastleigh, the M27 and beyond.

We have already seen major residential land development on Stoneham Land and development of Velmore Farm will lose even more green belt between Southampton, Chandlers Ford and Valley Park. The spacious open land between Southampton and Valley Park/Chandlers Ford was a key point when we moved to Valley Park as these green areas separated Valley Park from Southampton and are now being eroded by more housing.

The road infrastructure cannot currently cope at peak times with the current levels of traffic leaving and entering Valley Park. Long queues are experienced in Chestnut Avenue and Stoneham Lane and these will be exasperated even more with the additional Velmore Farm vehicles using this road to access and leave the Velmore Farm new houses. The Asda roundabout already suffers from long queues in all directions with additional cars trying the access the Asda Car Park and again additional vehicles will greatly impact the roundabout and add additional travel time to journeys and greater CO2 pollution.

Current doctor, school and dental services are already stretched and at breaking point in Valley Park and the additional new residents will only make these services even worse.

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