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Dear Sirs

Having read Valley Park Parish Council Newsletter and learning about the large housing development with the potential of an extra 2000 cars on the road, I would like to express my concerns.

I live in Valley Park and work at Merton School, a journey which normally takes 10/15 minutes during peak times. A couple of weeks ago, Flexford Road was closed at 8.40am, so I had to turn round and travel along Knighthood Road. Here I was caught up in traffic to Knighthood School (which is quite often a bottle-neck), and then met further traffic associated with St Francis School. Traffic was at a slow crawling pace and made worse with a rainy morning. More parents taking their children to school in cars. Next, I joined School Lane and had to wait over 20 minutes to get out onto Bournemouth Road. I think the road in Flexford Road was closed due to the on-going development of a retirement village. I do not know why, the developers close the road during peak times?

I did not arrive at School until 9.10am. My first lesson had to be cancelled because it took me over 40 minutes to get to school. I have to drive because I have a second job as a self-employed gardener, and a third job as a play worker in an after school club.

My point is that if these houses are built on Velmore Farm, how will the road infrastructure be developed to cope with traffic at peak times and how commuters will manage when Templars Road might be shut during the development? There are not many ways out of Valley Park.

I look forward to hearing your solutions to this problem.

Yours faithfully

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