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**Q1**

Title Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other(please state)\*

Mr

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**Q2**

First Name\*

Peter

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**Q3**

Surname\*

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**Q4**

Respondent skipped this question

Organisation\*(If responding on behalf of an organisation)

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**Q6**

Postal address\*

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**Q7**

Insert any general comments that do not relate to a specific paragraph number or policy in the general comments box below.\*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording. If you are commenting on a document supporting the draft Local Plan (such as a topic paper, or the Sustainability Appraisal), please indicate so.

Having reviewed the local plan for the Test Valley development, I would like to submit my concerns as to the proposed development at the Velmore Farm site for the following reasons:

The development concerns me with respect to the continued degradation and urbanisation into the surrounding countryside with loss of habit, biodiversity and encroachment upon the surrounding local green spaces, particularly proximity of the development to Hut Wood.

Additionally, the development will exacerbate pressure on the existing amenities including health services, schools and respective catchment areas and the local shops and supermarkets which are over populated and overcrowded as it is. The additional traffic will concentrate further noise and air pollution to this area.

The development also negates the much needed smaller scale development of, sustainable, affordable accommodation spread across rural communities which would afford the opportunity of those growing up in rural areas to stay close to family rather than being priced out of the market in these areas. Improved distribution of developments would place a far lesser strain on existing infrastructure and services than the proposed large development concentrated at Velmore Farm.

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Insert any specific comments in the general comments box below, indicating which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible.\*If you are suggesting a change is needed to the draft Local Plan or supporting document, it would be helpful if you could include suggested revised wording.

[4.191/4.199] At the slightest spell of rain, Templars way and adjoining roads already suffer on a regular basis from extensive surface water flooding. Developing the adjacent land, will further impair the ability of the land to handle rain water, exacerbating this already fragile situation. The additional traffic will only add to this problem. The proposed entrance to the site at the Templars way/School road roundabout is frequently close to impassable from flooding following any rain and frankly is barely suitable in its current state without the tremendous pressure the development will place upon this infrastructure. The flooding risk extends beyond the highways with potential to impact upon existing and proposed dwellings given the geology of the area.

[4.194] The breach of the local gap with Chilworth which is proposed to be redrawn to accommodate the development just highlights the lack of respect and consideration the proposal has for the existing residents and communities within both Valley Park and Chilworth.

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