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Dear Sirs,

Having reviewed the Draft Local Plan (2040) relating to Valley Park, we have the following comments/concerns:

1. The original plan for Valley Park which was admirable, has already been considerably extended to the West and will be to the North (Ampfield Meadows retirement village). The single feeder road (Knighthood Road) has become very busy, taking all of the residential traffic and, depending on other factors, a considerable amount of commercial traffic, as well as overflow traffic when there are problems on the motorways and other main roads in the vicinity. This means there are times when it is very difficult to get in and out of the existing houses. Further development at Velmore Park will massively increase this problem. And as if this in itself was not an issue, the failure to maintain drainage at the School Lane roundabout has led to floods (and mud all over the road) whenever it rains. Furthermore School Lane, Flexford Road (in both directions from Knighthood Road), Baddesley road towards North Baddesley and the junction with Hursley Road all flood, making Valley Park virtually an island at times.
2. Since the closure of the GP service in the centre of Chandlers Ford, other local surgeries have already had to absorb more patients - how will the population from a further 1,070 dwellings be catered for?
3. The same can be said for other health related services: dental, pharmacy and of course hospital facilities.
4. There's any number of infrastructure issues which make these proposals detrimental to the existing developments. Examples include lack of public transport, risk to archaeological remains, ancient woodland, biodiversity and the already targeted local gaps - making further inroads into green spaces in the area.

We are very much against these proposals which seem short-sighted and ill conceived.

Yours faithfully,

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