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Dear Test Valley Borough Council

We live at [REDACTED]. It's on the edge of Valley Park, near the traffic lights which form the junction of Templars Way, Castle Lane and Knightwood Road.

We were horrified to hear of the plans for the farmland around Velmore Farm, to develop it for 1000 homes and some commercial use! We greatly value the area: it's our lungs in the sense that it offers us some respite from the air quality issues brought about by the huge volume of the traffic that passes through this area; it also provides a sense of openness, of countryside in such an already developed residential setting. We understood that Velmore Farm was designated a Green Space. What has changed?!

In terms of traffic, it's only at a few times of the day and during the week where the volumes are at a bearable level. We can't imagine having to put up with an increase in what we already experience of the regular lingering smell of diesel, the rumble and hiss of traffic, the revving of engines, and excessive noise from the over-blown exhaust pipes of so many boy racers and expensive performance cars, all funnelling through this junction. The Valley Park area already has 3,000+ homes, with most of the 1000s of journeys into and out of the development coming through into Templars Way and Castle Lane. There is only one other gateway to Valley Park, at the top end of Knightwood Road, however the vast majority comes onto Templars Way, being the most convenient access to Eastleigh. An extra 2000 or more vehicles coming onto Templars Way (and possibly School Lane) during the day can't be sustainable!

There is already substantial flooding at the roundabout at the junction of School Lane and Templars Way that the local council seems incapable of dealing with. A lot of this run-off also flows down School Lane and the flooding there only recently seems to have been dealt with. The proposed development will only add to the run-off of rain water.

With the increase in the overall total of residences, how will local facilities cope? Schools, health provisions (GP/dental), shops - with those being targeted by residents from the new development, and accessibility to them from across Templars Way?

In terms of the proposed residences on Velmore, what will happen about the pylons? People can't be expected to live under or near them. They are a health hazard, both physical and mental.

This proposed development is mad. It seems as though it has been designed from a great distance by people in Ivory Towers!

Please reconsider this, and spread the housing needs further around Test Valley. Velmore Farm appears to be too easy a target for you.

Your sincerely,

Vince & Helen Giles.

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