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To: Planning Policy

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Hello, I should like to submit our objections as local residents to the above plan, and in particular the plans for Velmore Farm, as follows:-

- 1. The plan makes provision for 1070 houses on the site. This is far too large a concept for the area. Why have Chandlers Ford and Romsey had a disproportionate volume of housing apportioned whereas central Test Valley has practically no additional development allocated? A quick look at the map reveals that this is a proposal for development in the wrong place, and outweighs the infrastructure planned to support it.
- 2. The proposal for one main entrance to the site, off an existing roundabout with an already overloaded road, ie Templars Way. We live within earshot of this road and the traffic barely ceases between 7.00am and 8.00 pm now. An additional (say), 2000 vehicles generated by the development will entail a massively overcrowed single lane road. Thus, without changing the access, or widening the carriageway, will result in large traffic problems.
- 3. We would endorse the comments made about flooding on the roundabout on Templars Way and along School Lane. Unless this is addressed, this development will only exacerbate the problem.
- 4. We understand that there are only 2 or 3 doctors surgeries in Chandlers Ford. Where are an additional 2000 (and more), people to go?

A similar problem arises with local pharmacies. Asda has recently lost its pharmacy, leaving 3 in Chandlers Ford.

A lack of NHS dentists nationally is reflected in Chandlers Ford too.

5. Last but not least, the negative wholesale environmental impact on the area is not measurable, but substantial.Loss of green space amenity is to be avoided especially where it impacts on a spee between Chandlers Ford and Southampton.In short, we both fear the long term damage this plan will engender.

We trust you will take account of these objections when delivering the final plan.

Yours faithfully, Raymond & Irene Pratt,