

## Response to Local Plan 2040 re Velmore Farm

1. Local Gap Breaches local gap adjacent to Valley Park residents which will impact tremendously on them in view of the large number of houses planned. A more modest 200/300 houses might just have been acceptable, but not over 1000 plus commercial premises. Disproportionate to the area. Mid Test areas should have had an equivalent allocation, spread into a number of separate areas and infrastructure could have been provided, in the same way as Valley Park was originally provided for.
2. Traffic Impact Whoever drew up this plan obviously has no idea of the existing congestion particularly at peak morning & evenings. Traffic is very slow moving from the Asda roundabout with traffic from/to Southampton and Bournemouth Road, together with Chestnut Avenue travelling down Templars Way, with a further bottleneck adjoining School Lane (which it is proposed is the main entry/exit to the new development). This continues to the traffic lights opposite Raglan Close. The slow moving traffic then backs up from the traffic lights at North Baddesley and often tails back halfway to the Raglan Close lights. Not to mention heavy congestion in the centre of North Baddesley and surrounding roads with its lights. This route is also a detour route for M3 traffic which seems to occur more frequently. Existing traffic fumes and noise pollution will be magnified.
3. Surface Water Flooding This is already a major problem at the School Lane roundabout and into areas of School lane itself. This has been going on to my knowledge for at least 15/20 years and has never been resolved. Now physically higher agricultural land will be built on and the runoff water will be increased, exacerbating an already serious problem
4. Local Health Services Local GP Surgeries in both North Baddesley and Valley Park are already over stretched (with great difficulty in obtaining timely appointments etc.) These surgeries seem to have difficulties in recruiting Doctors & Nurses already, even without the prospect of a 25% increase in local populations. The same applies to Dentists. Even if you hope a new surgery will be built, who is going to commit to and staff it?
5. Infrastructure There are already a good number of empty shops and commercial units in the wider local area which should be filled before giving consideration to building further units creating potentially additional unused ones.
6. Overhead Electric Pylons These cross Velmore Farm land and Government recommends houses should not be built under or near them
7. Wild Life Building on green agricultural land will adversely impact on the birds, bats, hares, hedgehogs, rabbits etc., together with the large number of deer which can be seen regularly in those fields

All in all I consider this to be an ill thought out plan detrimental for the local area and residents, seemingly considered solely because on a map it looks to be a large chunk of land

which could be theoretically allocated for building (and possibly with the owners offering it up to earn a huge amount of money for development, regardless of their neighbours' welfare?) Please go back to the drawing board and consider other more valid options

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<http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

## Part B: Your Comments

Please use the boxes below to state your comments. This includes one box for general comments and another for specific comments related to an area of the Local Plan.

Insert any general comments you may have 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.

### General

*Please see attached*

For specific comments, please make it clear which paragraph, policy or matter your comments relate to where possible. Please use the box below.

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Paragraph Ref	Specific Comments

### **What happens next?**

All valid responses received within the consultation period will be acknowledged and you will be given a reference number. Please quote this reference number when contacting the Council about the Local Plan 2040. If you have an agent acting on your behalf, correspondence will be sent directly to your agent.

All responses received will be taken into account as part of the preparation of the Local Plan 2040.

# Test Valley Borough Council Consultation for Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2

## COMMENTS FORM

Test Valley Borough Council has published its Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 document for public consultation. This consultation document sets out a vision for Test Valley up to 2040, objectives for achieving this vision, our development needs alongside allocations for residential and employment development and theme-based policies.

The consultation period runs from Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February to noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024. Please respond before the close of the consultation period so that your comments may be taken into account.

You can respond to our consultation by filling out the form below. This form has two parts:

Part A: Your Details

Part B: Your Comments (please fill in a separate sheet for each comment you wish to make)

Further information can be found on our website at:  
[www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040)

Once the form has been completed, please send to  
[planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk) below by **noon on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024**.

Following receipt of your comments from, we will keep you informed of future consultation stages unless you advise us that you want to opt out of such communication.

If you are unable to send via email, please send a postal copy to our address below.

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## Part A: Your Details

Please fill in all boxes marked with an \*

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If you are an agent or responding on behalf of another party, please give the name/ company/ organisation you are representing:

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All representations and related documents will be held by the Council until the Local Plan 2040 is adopted and the Judicial Review period has closed and will then be securely destroyed.

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