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Sirs,

I fully support the response of Valley Park Parish Council to the Local Plan 2040 and like them I am disappointed that my democratically elected councillors had no input on the preferred sites for housing allocation prior to them being presented by TVBC officers.

<https://valleyparkparish.org/issues/dlp2040response.aspx>

I thought I'd highlight my specific concerns below.

The infrastructure is already woefully inadequate for the current situation where key roads become blocked whenever there are even minor roadworks as evidenced recently by the works carried out by the Central Precinct. Furthermore, it only takes an incident on the M3/M27 for the traffic to divert through Winchester Road and Bournemouth and the road system to come to a complete standstill, such incidents are rather regular.

As we have seen of late, too, with the higher than normal rainfall that School Lane, Templars Way and Castle Lane are often under water due to run off from the elevated land of Velmore Farm. The existing surface drainage can barely cope as it is.

Bringing another road onto the roundabout there is a recipe for even further congestion, particularly during the morning and evening peaks.

The discussions around the development of Velmore Farm have highlighted something of historic importance, that of Roman Road crossing the area, the existence of which appears to have been ignored previously.

It seems to me that TVBC has chosen to site extra housing development on it's outer boundaries with little concern for local gaps e.g. to Chilworth. There are many areas which already benefit from good existing main road such as the A30 and A303 as well as proximity to fast and regular rail routes that could/should be considered ahead of this proposal.

The plan needs to be revisited to take into account the needs of the existing communities and not to add extra problems.

Kind regards

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