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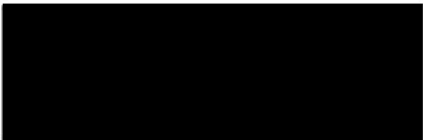
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to state my objection to the proposed development at Velmore Farm, to the south of Valley Park, outlined in the Local Plan 2040. Valley Park has already undergone large scale development over the last thirty years and has borne the brunt of successive Governments pressure on Test Valley Borough Council to meet their housing requirement.

- This proposed development is located in the ONLY green space between central Southampton and northern Chandlers Ford, and on through villages through to Shawford. This development will have a massive impact on our countryside in Valley Park, where green spaces are key to maintaining and enhancing our natural environment.
- This scheme will put adverse pressure on our local health services in Valley Park. They are already stretched before an influx of population, estimated at least 2000 more residents.
- This development will have a massive detrimental impact on local roads which are currently highly-congested at peak times. Daily queues form on Templars Way, Castle Lane and School Lane. The proposal indicates domestic traffic feeding into Templars Way from a single road into the existing roundabout, adding further to the congestion and creating traffic chaos. The proposed Employment site will also add massively to traffic volumes. This route is also already impacted quite frequently when accidents happen on M3 & M27 and it becomes a diversion route.
- Velmore Farm is a site standing on clay. Surface water drains down and floods Templars Way and School Lane. This has become an increasingly common event over the last 2 to 3 years, as our climate changes. Building on the proposed site will almost certainly add to this already serious problem.
- Having noted that the Plan fulfils the requirement for Biodiversity provision, being a Valley Park resident for 30 years, I find the location of the planting area offensive. It appears that the council feels that the owners of very large properties in Chilworth should benefit from an enhanced environment while the rest of us have been compromised!

Yours faithfully



Mrs. Jenny Smith

Valley Park resident