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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to raise an objection to the possible Velmore Farm development detailed in the Test Valley Draft Local Plan 2040. The key points of my objection are detailed below:

- Traffic on local roads - I live in Nursery Gardens in Chandlers Ford, just off the ASDA roundabout. I have lived here since 1990 and have seen the local roads get very much busier over the years. Templars Way, in particular, is extremely busy at peak times, as are the other local roads leading to and from the ASDA roundabout. The ASDA roundabout is clogged up with traffic every day nowadays at peak times. The roundabout and these local roads simply would not be able to cope with up to approximately 2000 additional cars as a result of the possible development at Velmore Farm. It really is quite ridiculous to even consider such a development on this site from the traffic perspective alone.
- Local Health Services, i.e. Doctors and Dentists - the current local services are already stretched to capacity. Therefore, again they would not be able to cope with up to approximately 2000 more people from a new housing development needing these services.
- Flooding - Templars Way in particular, and other local roads, as well the fields on the Velmore Farm site, are frequently flooded. This land is simply not suitable for the development being considered.
- Breach of Local Gap and Loss of Green Space - the area being considered for the Velmore Farm development is currently a protected Local Gap between Chandlers Ford, Chilworth, Valley Park and North Baddesley. It allows for a physical break between the built up environment of these places. It provides very important recreational and landscape benefits to the local communities, and it is absolutely vital that this Local Gap is maintained. Local people value being able to walk or run in the beautiful countryside of the proposed site, which has significant benefits for the physical and mental health, and wellbeing, of the local communities. It is so important that this open space continues to be protected and maintained.
- Loss of important areas of conservation and biodiversity - the proposed site includes sites of importance of nature conservation (SINCs), and forms a vital component in the biodiversity of the area, and indeed, Hampshire. It is also important for the designated New Forest SPA zone. Such areas should not be built on except in exceptional circumstances. These are most definitely not exceptional circumstances, and therefore this area's valuable conservation and biodiversity benefits and characteristics, must continue to be protected.

In summary, the Velmore Farm development would have an immensely negative and destructive impact on the local area from all perspectives. Therefore, it definitely should not be progressed any further.

Please would you acknowledge this objection.

Yours faithfully,

Nicolette Lock.