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Dear sir,

The proposed development of Velmore Farm appears to be an attempt, by the Council, to satisfy national needs by siting a significant development in a far corner of the Borough. In short, the Council seems to be taking an easy option to avoid spreading the load across other parts of the Borough, where, in some cases, no proposals have been made at all. Could it be that some Borough residents and, perhaps, other vested interests have much greater influence in such decision making than others? No thought appears to have been given to this development's impact upon nearby residents, either within or outside the Borough.

I would like to express my deep concern and opposition to the proposal to build over 1000 homes and business units at Velmore Farm.

Firstly, the development would close an extremely important green gap between Valley Park and neighbouring Eastleigh and Southampton. Such spaces are truly important both as wildlife habitats and for the well-being of local residents.

Secondly, run-off from this site, which is higher than its surroundings, already contributes to frequent and significant flooding in Templars Way and School Lane. Building on the land will have a serious impact on local drainage.

Thirdly, the local infrastructure is already extremely stretched with too few doctors, dentists and schools and extensive traffic build-up at peak periods.

All in all, I very much hope that the Velmore Farm proposal will be over-turned.

Yours faithfully

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