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Response to Draft Local Plan

We object to the proposals to allocate 1070 houses to Velmore Farm for the following reasons:

This large number of households would have a huge negative impact on the local community:

Traffic: the area is already struggling to cope with rush hour traffic and the proposal to have just one access off Templars Way to the new development will cause chaos. It will clash with the traffic in and out of the industrial estate and going to and from the Asda roundabout, linking with the M3 and M27. Those motorways regularly have accidents which mean the traffic backs up in Chandler's Ford, so there would regularly be gridlock around the roundabout to the industrial estate.

Flooding: this area is already prone to flooding after short spells of heavy rain. We were not reassured at the exhibition and meeting with TVBC that there was any forward thinking about the problems the additional houses would cause to the area.

Services: the local area is already struggling with accessing GP appointments and dentists. Again there was no reassurance that the Council had contingency plans to support the additional households.

Schools: we understand that a primary school MAY be built on the site, but the knock on effect of the additional number of pupils requiring primary and secondary school places will be enormous. Many official reviews take figures of total possible capacity. In reality the documented capacity is often small pockets within a wider area and do not look at actual capacity in the area required.

Public transport: the local bus services are already woefully inadequate. There will be little choice for new householders other than using cars, adding to the traffic problems mentioned above.

Past and present developments: The area has in recent years seen enormous housing development, with both Knightwood and Valley Park adding thousands of houses in what was a very rural area, The proposal would dramatically change the village community of Chandler's Ford towards an Urban area and is in danger of pulling the area into the realms of a suburb of Southampton . When also taking into account the massive and continuing housing developments on its doorstep to Eastleigh Borough, we

can see no consideration for the impact this has made on Chandlers Ford and surrounding area in the consideration of this development.

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