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To whom it may concern,  
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I wish to object to the approximate 800 dwellings at Manor Farm. The draft is so vague with nothing sustainable about it.

We already have mass flooding in fields and rivers around the Charlton area and building on more green space will create even further problems.

You refer to 'small scale retail provision', and 'technical evidence of market demand for commercially led facilities' in case you hadn't noticed we have more retail and office provision than we can shake a stick at.

Andover Town Centre is dying on it's feet with much of the town centre empty or low end retailers..... Further news this week of three High Street Banks closing.

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'opportunity for a small-scale employment land allocation.... 'light industrial floorspace' . There are numerous units on West and East Portway and Walworth Industrial Estate that could provide both office and manufacturing space. North Way for example has unit that have been closed for years.

The town centre also offers ample office space and small retail spaces.... Marks and Spencers left in 2018. We have seen Sainsburys, Wilkinsons and Pound Stretcher all leave the area recently. How much more retail and office space do we really need?

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Off-site financial contributions will be required towards local schools..... what does this mean?

Additional schools being built in the area or the development of existing schools. Knights Enham Nursery, Infant and Junior Schools are hardly a short walk away from Manor Farm.

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With an estimated 800 dwellings.....Saxon Way is already a rat run from the new developments on Augusta Park and Saxon Heights avoiding the town centre to get to East and West Portway Industrial Estates, and to Harrow Way Secondary School. What traffic calming measures are you going to put in place to reduce the speed at which traffic travels up and down the road. It's currently a 40mph road, but traffic passes behind our property at such high speed that sitting in our garden almost becomes impossible to enjoy when entertaining friends and family.

Motor bikes race from one end of Saxon Way to the other at speeds of 90-100 mph in the summer.

An estimated 800 dwellings on average create an extra 1200 vehicles along Saxon Way making it even more difficult to get out of the Saxon Fields Estate. During the closure of Enham Arch due to a burst water main the traffic queues along Saxon Way were horrendous.

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The Charlton Neighbourhood Plan and the development of this site will render Charlton Village non-existent. The development of Manor Farm and Charlton will create major traffic problems in and around the area. Many of the rounds currently being travelled on along are not of sufficient standard to cater for such additional volumes of traffic. The road surfaces are so bad due to poor maintenance and adverse weather conditions, additional usage will make them impossible to use for vehicles and cyclists.

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North Wessex Downs National Landscape should never be impacted on by the development of either proposed sites. These area's should be protected.

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The proposed Green Space to provide access to the country side really makes me laugh. If you had any due consideration for Green Space you wouldn't consider building on the land in the first instance. Providing a 'defensible boundary' is irrelevant. The next draft plan you propose will have you developing further out at a later date.

You have given no consideration to developing Green Space along Saxon Way providing a noise boundary from the road and ensuring the privacy of properties in Saxon Fields. being overlooked by high rise flats or three storey town houses; or a screening buffer (4.67)

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The 'Public Rights of Way' through the land should remain in place and not every be built upon. the consideration to link sites with Andover Diamond Wood and Harmony Wood would need to seriously considered. The increase in traffic along Saxon Way and through Enham Alamein would potentially make crossing these rounds without improved pathways and pedestrian crossings rather dangerous.

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You have highlighted an area on the plan to protect the designated heritage assets within the hamlet of Knights Enham and the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, The Old Rectory and the Manor Farm House. Will additional extension of the Church yard be taken into consideration for increased visitors to the Church and those in the area wishing to be buried in the grounds of the church. Potential development of the site needs to be taken into consideration.

The site at Charlton Cemetery is rather open.... However the development of the Charlton Neighbourhood Plan will soon surround the sacred hallowed grounds.

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Screening landscape buffer in and around Charlton Crematorium is not the only consideration. Increased parking space at the Crematorium should also be considered. Therefore further consideration to the proposed development of retail and light industrial space should not be approved.

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Proposed site access via Saxon Way roundabout. Potential improvements would have to become mandatory..... access onto Enham Lane would have to considered one way only. Due to the increase in traffic volumes along Saxon Way from the Saxon Way roundabout would cause considerable grid lock from both the proposed site and Saxon Fields.... and then futher congestion into Charlton with the development of the Charlton Neighbourhood Plan.

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Small corridor of surface water flooding on the site which would run through the development.... already cause for concern....the amount of surface water from rivers into fields because we continue to build on Green Space is a real issue that local council and government do not seem to be taking seriously. The number of tankers in Penton, Charlton, Appleshaw and Kingsomborne means increased costs through our water rates..... STOP BUILDING ON OUR GREEN SPACE. There are so many light industrial units and office space that with proposed change of use could be converted into low cost housing for first time buyers, social housing etc.

Charlton Place and HSA/Simply Health buildings converted would provide suitable accommodation. Buildings already centrally placed, close to facilities within the Town centre and transport links such as the Bus Station and Railway Station.

We are grossly lacking in access to GP's and Dentists. Our local hospital only caters for minor injuries.... 9-5 Monday to Friday!!!

The proposed development at Ladies Walk of approximately 1400 dwellings would be a great location to build a new hospital, hospice, health centres, ambulance station etc. The site is suitably close to the A303 for direct access to Winchester or Basingstoke Hospitals

for A&E.

We are going to need a new and bigger hospital to support the increased community based on the proposed draft plans of TVBC for 2040 and beyond.

The existing site of Andover War Memorial Hospital could be knocked down and redeveloped.... again already on a site with direct access to schools and public services.

This would be a fantastic development for our ageing community; sites similar to Ashlawn Gardens and Carters Meadow.

There is so much more we can do to make better use of our empty abandoned buildings rather than watch them fall in such states of dis-repair. You have to seriously listen to the local communities who are going to be effected by you continual development of our Green Spaces.

PLEASE, PLEASE think now of the long term requirements of our community before you just keep building on Green Space and I have a replace my car with a canoe to get to work.....

Thank you

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