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Ref: Test Valley Local Plan 2040

Please receive my comments on the Local Plan which specifically refer to pages 110/111, Land at Upton Lane.

As a resident of Upton Crescent for 25 years and having seen major residential and industrial development in Nursling during this time, the proposal in the Plan for further development of both types off Upton Lane is totally unacceptable for the following reasons:

- Loss of agriculture space and woodland. Both areas provide a balance to the area in providing a rural environment for us, our children and grandchildren to enjoy and learn from. To destroy a woodland area which is a haven for wildlife and a site which is ripe in flora during the year, would be a tragedy. The loss of agriculture and the experience of seeing crops grow and animals develop is an important aspect of life and wellbeing. The loss of this natural environment will have a major negative impact in the quality of lives of the whole population of Nursling and Upton.
- The addition of 80 dwellings. This level of development will result in an addition of approximately 160 vehicles. Upton Lane is not built to manage this additional volume of traffic This also applies to the junction with Romsey Road.
- Infrastructure impact. How will the infrastructure of schools cope with an additional 160 children and the currently overloaded health care sources cope with an increase in population of 300+ people?
- Siting industrial units. The siting of industrial units adjacent to existing residential areas and the proposed new development is wholly unacceptable. The impact on existing housing in Upton Lane will be catastrophic. The effect of additional traffic from the industrial site will also have a significant on Upton Lane and Romsey Road, which coupled with the impact of additional traffic from the residential development will create chaos and.
- Romsey Road traffic. Traffic at outside of peak times flows well but at peak time is heavy, the additional residential and industrial traffic will cause serious problems with traffic flow. Even now it is common to see traffic queuing from the traffic lights at the Nursling Street/Romsey Road back to the bridge over the M27

The residential and industrial/employment proposals will have a significant detrimental effect on not just the neighbouring residents but also local residents who use the current road network to get to and from work.

While recognizing the responsibilities of TVBC to meet the future housing and employment needs of its area of responsibility, it also has a responsibility to consider, maintain and develop the existing services, living conditions and environment of its residents and tax payers. This Draft Plan significantly fails in all these respects for "Land at Upton Lane."

Yours faithfully

Mr. C R Drake

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