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Dear Sirs,

I would like to strongly oppose the proposed allocation of 1,070 new homes at the site of Velmore Farm in Chandlers Ford. The area simply cannot cope with any more development for many reasons.

In recent years, flooding has been getting progressively worse in Valley Park, especially around the area of the entrance to the proposed development. With Velmore Farm being higher ground than Valley Park, if this area were to be developed, this would further increase flooding in Valley Park to detrimental levels, potentially reaching homes.

Developing Velmore Farm will significantly reduce the gap between the local communities of Valley Park and Chilworth. The loss of this green space will impact on local wildlife which is currently home to deer, birds of prey, bats and hedgehogs, many of which are protected species. Removing the natural habitats of wildlife results in some species being forced out so their numbers are in severe decline and others such as foxes and rats adapting to an urban way of life causing problems in and around people's homes. Green space needs to be protected around local communities.

Health services such as doctors and dentists in and around the Valley Park/Chandlers Ford area are already at bursting point and struggle to accommodate all the local residents. The addition of potentially 2000 more residents will only add to this problem. Likewise, secondary schools in and around Chandlers Ford would struggle to accommodate more pupils.

The additional traffic created by 1,070 more homes in the area will also have a severe negative impact on Templars Way, School Lane and Castle Lane which is already very heavy during peak times and even more so when there has been an accident on the M3 or M27.

Historic features should be preserved and as a Roman Road runs across the proposed site, this should not be destroyed by development.

In conclusion, this area can not cope with the addition of yet more development. It is not fair to enlarge this urbanised area which has already had nearly 4,000 homes allocated to it for development over the last 40 years when other areas of Test Valley have not been allocated any development at all. All areas need to maintain a reasonable amount of green space. Brownfield sites should be proposed for development over greenfield ones.

I hope you take all these points into consideration and REJECT the proposed development of Velmore Farm, protecting our green space and all the benefits that it provides.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Tricia King
Valley Park Resident