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To Test Valley Borough Council.

I would like to register my opposition to the draft local
Plan to build 1070 houses at Velmore Farm and would highlight the following as being issues of real concern:-

A) affect on air quality and pollution from an already overcrowded road system particularly at peak times. The road network would not cope with any further traffic particularly the volume of cars needing to access the ASDA roundabout which is situated on the main Southampton to Winchester route which also feeds Eastleigh and the increasingly busy main route to Romsey via Castle Lane. This road along with Templers Way is already congested and is grid locked at peak hours already. It is not feasible to add significant additional traffic to an already overburdened route. Additionally it is the only diversionary route that is used when inevitable issues occur in the M3 and M27 which leads already to traffic chaos in the radius of Valley Park and Chandlers Ford. This overcrowding would significantly affect noise and traffic pollution in our area and attract yet more drivers that seem to thrive on have exhaust mechanisms that are designed to make maximum noise for which there is no deterrent.

B) for the last 3 years the exact area of the proposed development which runs into Templers Way has caused major flooding to the road system both at the roundabout and the road leading to the industrial estate. The lack of grassland replaced by concrete would increase the flooding issues which at present remain unresolved even without a huge development. Additionally there have been recently flooding issues in Castle Lane indicating that there are significant drainage problems emanating from the proposed site which the Council are already failing to address. Climate change has already had a significant impact which will only get worse and increase the flooding issues outlined above.

C) A Doctor's surgery would not solve the issue of the infrastructure because there are simply not enough doctors to fill the existing surgeries which are already failing to cope. 2000 additional people would exasperate a issue which is already at crisis point in terms of waiting times. Additionally the same issue arises for dentist provision and other providers of essential services which are already at breaking point.

D) yet more greenfield space will disappear and impact upon the wildlife and biodiversity of the immediate area. The local gap would be significantly impacted and the general well being of the residents within the local plan adversely affected.

To sum up, the plan has not covered the impact upon the existing infrastructure of the area; a busy industrial estate, large businesses including B and Q already in situ in the vicinity of the proposed site, a new hotel , further warehouses and business in Chestnut Avenue, a huge new residential estate at Stoneham, and effectively one road to serve all can only lead to horrendous traffic congestion at all hours of the day and impact upon the well being of all residents and users alike. We are slowly inching our way into North Baddesley and Chilworth without thought for the impact upon destruction of wild life habitat and loss of a significant amount of green space.

More consideration should be given to development of existing brown field sites where the development does not have to be so huge which would provide affordable housing which would not line the pockets of private landlords.

Thank you for considering the points that have been raised

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