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good morning,

I am writing to you to share my concerns and opposition regarding your proposal to develop in the Velmore Farm land.

Myself and my family have lived here for fifteen years and are very connected to our local area. We are disappointed and saddened that you have these plans to destroy the local area to develop just over 1000 houses!!

Templars Way is an incredibly busy route each day, which is always made worse when there is high traffic and congestion on the neighbouring motorways. Having an additional housing estate on the other side of this road will add to potentially a further 2000 cars each day, causing further congestion int be roads, not to mention additional risk of accidents and fatalities on these junctions.

Our local healthcare provision is already stretched and with additional people in these houses will mean an influx of around 2000 new patients, if not more when you factor in children etc. This will have a detrimental effect on the local Doctors, Dentists and pharmacists, already working tremendously hard to provide care to this area.

This area is prone to high flooding, particularly when we experience heavy downpours. The main roundabout on this estate can be flooded around the school lane junction and risky as it is, ima he the additional flooding and risks with another junction of this roundabout with additional cars trying to use that roundabout when it is flooded.

A housing estate there will breach the agreed location gap which will destroy the character and attraction of the area. Also, there will be a huge loss of green space, causing irreversible damage to the local wildlife and will harm local biodiversity.

Your plans also do not consider the effect new housing will have on our local secondary schools! In your plans you propose to build an additional primary school which is barbaric as our local one has recently had to shut down a class room and lose staff due to a decline in admissions numbers.

I hope you consider these important points and put a stop to this proposal and seek housing developments elsewhere.

Yours

Gemma Forder.